

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

EMILY ECHOLS , a minor child, by and through)	Civil Action No.
her next friends, TIM AND WINDY ECHOLS ,)	02-cv-633-KLH-CKK-RJL
<i>et al.</i> ,))
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<i>Plaintiffs</i> ,)	<i>consolidated with</i>
)	02-cv-582-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	(lead case)
)	<i>and</i>
-vs-)	02-cv-581-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	02-cv-751-KLH-CKK-RJL
FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION ,)	02-cv-753-KLH-CKK-RJL
<i>et al.</i> ,)	02-cv-754-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	02-cv-781-KLH-CKK-RJL
<i>Defendants</i> .)	02-cv-874-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	02-cv-875-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	02-cv-877-KLH-CKK-RJL
)	02-cv-881-KLH-CKK-RJL

DECLARATION OF EMILY ECHOLS

I, Emily Echols, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Georgia:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Georgia.
2. I am a minor, 13 years of age, and was born on December 25, 1988.
3. Although I am not an adult, I understand that it is important to speak truthfully about the facts that I know, and admit honestly when I do not know something; I understand that not telling the truth in this statement would be a wrongful thing, and that I have the duty under the law to tell the truth.
4. Although I am not an adult, I understand the difference between facts and fantasy, and that my duty in making this statement is to testify to facts, and to avoid making up things that I cannot remember or do not know.
5. My parents are Tim and Windy Echols.

6. I am their oldest child, and I have six brothers and sisters.
7. We live in Commerce, Georgia.
8. I have attended Christian Schools, including Athens Christian, but this coming year I am returning to home-schooling. I will be starting into the ninth grade this year.
9. In addition to my studies at home and in Christian school about civics, government and history, I have learned about legislation and politics, by attending training programs sponsored by Teen Pact.
10. Teen Pact is an organization that my dad started to teach Christian students about the work of legislators and lawmakers, and about the basic operation of the political process in our country and our states:
 1. Teen Pact teaches kids about state legislation and political activities.
 2. We listen to speakers, study materials, and have activities that allow us to look close up at legislative and political activities on the state level.
 3. Also, we interviewed lobbyists at the legislature, and we heard from some legislators, and had the opportunity to ask them questions.
 4. Participating in the Teen Pact programs has given me an understanding of how state legislatures work, including the process in the legislature and the outside activities of lobbyists and others who influence legislation.
 5. I have become interested in government, politics and legislation, and the training at Teen Pact has increased my interest in these subjects, as well as my understanding.
 6. In addition, I have gained experience in basic web page design and maintenance by designing the Teen Pact web site on the Internet.

7. I also learned about the process of writing legislation in Teen Pact, and had several opportunities to craft legislative proposals.

11. As a result of my learning about legislation, government and politics, I have been involved in helping certain candidates for election in their campaigns.

12. For example, I have worked on Mike Bailey's campaign. I worked at his headquarters making campaign signs, stamping and folding envelopes, and doing other needed work.

13. I have also worked at a polling place on election day to support candidates of my choosing.

14. The candidates that I have supported by volunteering, and by other activities, are ones that I have chosen after careful thought and research.

15. I am a Christian.

16. By that, I mean that I have accepted the gift of salvation that comes through Jesus Christ and His death on the cross.

17. My family and I attend Grove Level Baptist Church.

18. As a Christian I would like to spread the faith inside the legislative process, and hope that the result of that will be to affect our country, change its direction, and hopefully, cause it to end legalized abortion.

19. I also believe, as a principal of my faith, that it is important for persons who are followers of Christ to be involved in politics and in governing our Nation.

20. Because of my Christian faith, I will only support a candidate that is pro-life.

21. Also, I think that our government has gotten too big, and that too many people

have gotten used to relying on it, so I can only support candidates that agree with me about reducing the size of government.

22. Becoming a state senator or representative one day is a goal that I have, but not for a very long time. Meanwhile, I enjoy going to the Capitol so that I can meet with the senators and representatives, and occasionally lobbying directed at a legislative aide.

23. As I understand the new campaign reform law, after November 5, 2002, until I reach my eighteenth birthday, I will not be allowed to give my money to candidates for elective federal office, including candidates for the Presidency, for the Senate and for the House.

24. In addition, as I understand it, after November 5, 2002, until I reach my eighteenth birthday, I will not be allowed to give money to any committees of political parties.

25. Being barred from supporting candidates who share my beliefs, opinions, and views, deprives me of the ability that I currently have to give money to such candidates, and takes away a means I have of expressing two different things: my support for the candidate, and my association with the candidate toward common goals.

26. As things stand now, when I attend a campaign rally or event, I am free to be able to donate money if a collection is being taken up for the candidate; but once the new law takes effect, I will lose that right.

27. Although I am young, I do have my own money, that is under my direction and control.

28. I earn money several different ways:

1. I do ironing for my family, and earn twenty-five cents per item of clothing;

2. I also earn money by cleaning houses.

3. I also earn money by setting up and operating a snack stand at different

Teen Pact events;

4. I also earn money by teaching horse riding; I give lessons during the week, and in the summertime, I ran a week-long day camp for girls up to age 13.

29. The first thing I do with money I have earned is to pay my tithe to the church.

30. I also use the money I earn to pay for all expenses related to keeping and caring for my horse.

31. I also am able, from time to time, to deposit some money into my savings account.

32. Nevertheless, I usually have a small amount of cash on hand that I can use as I wish, and would be able to make a donation to a candidate that fits my requirements for office because of his beliefs and opinions.

33. My parents have encouraged me to save money, and also to give the tithe of my earnings to God, but they have never forced me to spend my money in one way or another.

34. Because of my interest in government, legislation, and politics, and because of my Christian faith, I plan and intend to continue seeking out candidates for federal elective office who represent my views and beliefs on important questions like the right to life of children before birth, and on the size of our government, and other issues.

35. When I find such candidates, I plan and intend to make donations to them.

36. If I wanted to do so, I could spend it in many ways; but when the new law goes into effect, one way I will not be free to spend my own money is to support federal candidates

with whom I agree.

Further your declarant sayeth not.

I hereby declare that the foregoing statement is true and correct under the penalty of perjury of the State of Georgia. Done this ____ day of _____, 2002.

Emily Echols