

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

Laura Boustani, Mutsuyo Okumura Unger,)
Chia-Min T. Chen, Mary Savas, Efty)
Simakis, Sophia Loizos, Paramjit Singh,)
Joseph Hajjar, Catherine Ma, Sagarika)
Nayak, Eduardo A. Romero, Karil)
Bialostosky, Dagmar Celeste, Ali AlHaddad)
MD, Sawsan Alhaddad MD, Gia Hoa Ryan,)
Margaret Wong, P.S. Murthy, Asian)
American Bar Association of Ohio, The)
Federation of India Community Association,)
Service Employees International Union)
District 1199, American-Arab Anti-) Civil Action No. 06-2065
Discrimination Committee, Greater Toledo)
Association of Arab Americans, Council on)
American-Islamic Relations Ohio,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.)
)
J. Kenneth Blackwell,)
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Defendant.)

DECLARATION OF MUTSUYO OKUMURA UNGER

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I, Mutsuyo Okumura Unger, being of sound mind, do hereby declare and state:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and reside in Franklin County, Ohio, at 221 Cooke Road in Columbus.

2. I am 62 years old and was born in Japan in 1944. I have lived in the United States with my husband, who is a United States citizen, since 1976. We have lived in Columbus since 1996. I became a citizen of the United States on March 08, 2006.

3. I am a registered voter, and voted for the first time in a United States election this year, in the May 2006 primary election. I plan to vote in the November 2006 general election and in elections that follow. I take my right to vote seriously and believe that it is one of my responsibilities as a citizen to vote.

4. My certificate of naturalization is kept in a safe deposit box at a bank in Columbus. I have made copies of my certificate of naturalization, to be used in case I need it.

5. It is my understanding that, if my eligibility to vote were challenged at the polls for being a noncitizen, I would be required to present my original certificate of naturalization. This would present a significant inconvenience for me. As a practical matter, it would mean that I would have to go to the bank to obtain my certificate of naturalization every time I vote, in case my eligibility to vote were challenged. It would also mean that I would have to return my

certificate to the bank safe deposit box after every time I vote.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 13th day of August 2006 in Franklin County, Ohio.

Mitsuy D. Unger