

**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.)
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J. Kenneth Blackwell,)
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Defendant.)

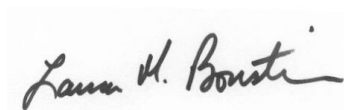
DECLARATION OF LAURA BOUSTANI

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I, Laura Boustani, being of sound mind, declare and state as follows:

- (1) I am a citizen of the United States and reside in Cuyahoga County, Ohio at 16701 Southland Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111.
- (2) I am 35 years old and was born in Lebanon. I moved to the United States in 1984 when I was 13. I became a citizen of the United States in 1990, as soon as I was eligible.
- (3) I have lived in Ohio the entire time I have lived in the United States.
- (4) I registered to vote the day I became a citizen. I believe that I have voted in every primary and general election since then. I even believe that I have voted in every municipal election, although it's possible that I missed one in the early 1990s. I plan to vote in the November 2006 general election and the elections that follow. My right to vote is precious to me, and I believe it is one of my responsibilities to vote.
- (5) I have also been active in encouraging others to participate in the political process.
- (6) 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. I became a citizen so long ago that I am unsure exactly where my certificate of naturalization is. I've never had to present it anywhere else, with the possible exception of obtaining my passport, so it's never been an issue for me to have to look for it.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 25th day of August 2006 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.



Laura Boustani