

JOANNE MCCALL; SENATOR GERALDIN E
THOMPSON; BOB JONES;
RABBI MERRILL SHAPIRO; REV. HARRY
PARROTT, JR.; REV. DR. HAROLD BROCKUS;
FLORIDA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION; FLORIDA
SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, INC.;
FLORIDA CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND
TEACHERS, INC.; FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, INC.; LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA, INC.; and FLORIDA
STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES OF NAACP,

Plaintiffs,

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Case No. 2014 CA 002282

RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, in his official capacity as the head of the Florida Department of Revenue; PAM BONDI, Attorney General of Florida, in her official capacity as a member of the Cabinet and head of the Florida Department of Revenue; JEFF ATWATER, Chief Financial Officer, in his official capacity as a member of the Cabinet and head of the Florida Department of Revenue; ADAM PUTNAM, Commissioner of Agriculture, in his official capacity as a member of the Cabinet and head of the Florida Department of Revenue: and PAM STEWART, Commissioner of Education, in her official capacity as Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; and FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF UMENE PROPHETE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Umene Prophete, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Miami, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
 - 2. I am the mother of four children and a full-time community college student.
- 3. My children are JK, tenth grade, JP, seventh grade, JP, ninth grade, and JP, sixth grade.
- 4. All four children are currently attending Miami Union Academy in Miami-Dade County and have been on Tax Credit Scholarship since my eldest was in the first grade.
- 5. I volunteer at Miami Union Academy to cover the costs exceeding the Tax Credit Scholarship amount.
- 6. I was one of ten children in my family in Haiti, and it was very difficult for my siblings to attend any type of school. Because of my experiences in Haiti where families did not have meaningful educational access, I am eternally grateful for Tax Credit Scholarships.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this _____ day of October, 2014.

Umente Prophete

EXHIBIT B

JOANNE MCCALL; SENATOR GERALDINE THOMPSON; BOB JONES; RABBI MERRILL SHAPIRO; REV. HARRY PARROTT, JR.; REV. DR. HAROLD BROCKUS; FLORIDA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION; FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FLORIDA CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS, INC.; FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, INC.; LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA, INC.; and FLORIDA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES OF NAACP,

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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF CHERYL JOSEPH IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Cheryl Joseph, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Tampa, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
- 2. I am the mother of three children using Tax Credit Scholarships to attend schools in Hillsborough County.
 - 3. My children are AF, fifth grade, AF, eighth grade, and AF, ninth grade.
- 4. All three children are using Tax Credit Scholarships to attend Academy Prep in Hillsborough County, and Tampa Catholic High School.
- 5. I work full-time as a case manager for the Tampa Housing Authority and hope to complete a Master's in Hospital Administration, so that one day I can afford to send my children to private school without scholarships.
- 6. All three children are excelling academically and socially in their respective schools under the scholarships.
- 7. While the scholarship covers most academic costs, I am on a payment plan for uniforms, sport participation and reduced fees for meals.
- 8. If the scholarship was not available, I would find a way by any means to keep my children in private school.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this 3 day of October, 2014.

Chervl Joseph

EXHIBIT C

JOANNE MCCALL; SENATOR GERALDINE THOMPSON; BOB JONES; RABBI MERRILL SHAPIRO; REV. HARRY PARROTT, JR.; REV. DR. HAROLD BROCKUS; FLORIDA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION; FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FLORIDA CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS, INC.; FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, INC.; LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA, INC.; and FLORIDA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES OF NAACP,

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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF RABBI BOAZ LEVY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Rabbi Boaz Levy, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Miami, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
- My wife and I have nine children, including three sons and two daughters who 2. attend schools in Miami-Dade County using Tax Credit Scholarships.
- My daughter RL, tenth grade, attends Sha'Arei Bina Torah Academy for Girls and SL, fifth grade, attends Landow Yeshiva Center.
- 4. My son ML, ninth grade, attends Yeshiva Toras Chaim, SL, seventh grade, attends Toras Emes Academy of Miami and SL, third grade, attends Landow Yeshiva Center.
 - We have had children using the Tax Credit Scholarship for seven years. 5.
- We have had children using the Tax Credit Scholarship for seven years. (** pprox. I would have to verify exact date.)

 The Tax Credit Scholarship does not cover all the costs, so we have to come up 6. with \$3000-\$4000 more per child to keep them in school.
- 7. We have remortaged our house for tuition. We do not buy expensive cars. We just bought a van for \$500. It does not look great, but it is safe and it gets my family from Point A to Point B and that is all that matters.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this 13 day of October, 2014.

EXHIBIT D

JOANNE MCCALL; SENATOR GERALDIN E
THOMPSON; BOB JONES;
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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF WENDY FIORILO IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Wendy Fiorilo, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of Orlando, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.

2. My husband and I have four children, including two sons using the Tax Credit Scholarship and a daughter using the McKay Scholarship to attend schools in Orange County, Florida.

3. My sons ES, tenth grade, MF, fifth grade, and my daughter KF, third grade, all attend Potter's House Academy.

4. My eldest son, ES, first attended public school. He struggled academically, never earning A's or B's. His teachers seemed anything but sympathetic to his struggles and instead of helping him, kind of bullied him, saying that he just was not getting it.

5. Everything changed for the better when ES started attending Potter's House Academy.

6. ES became an honor student and his social life changed dramatically. ES has made long-lasting friends and has grown into a more confident young man who enjoys going to school.

7. Without the scholarships there is no way we could have afforded to send our three children to private school.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this <u>03</u> day of October, 2014.

/s/ Wendy Fiorilo Wendy Fiorilo

EXHIBIT E

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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF FEBE RODRIGUEZ IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

- I, Febe Rodriguez, declare as follows:
- 1. I am a resident of Fort Pierce, Florida, and make this statement based on my

personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.

- My husband and I have four children, three of whom attend St. James Christian
 Academy in St. Lucie County.
- Our eldest son, AR, seventh grade, attends St. James Christian Academy on a McKay Scholarship.
- 4. Our daughters NR, fourth grade, and DR, kindergarten, are both on Tax Credit Scholarships.
- 5. AR had been getting D's and F's in public school, but that turned around when he started attending St. James Christian Academy.
- 6. When I saw how well he was doing, I wanted to send our daughter NR there as well, because she was struggling in public school. I did not even know that my daughter was not doing well until the end of the year when the teachers told me that she would need to attend summer school. Why would they wait until the end of the year to tell me that she was struggling?
- 7. While the Tax Credit Scholarships cover tuition, the family still has to pay for uniforms, lunch and transportation.
- 8. If it was not for the Tax Credit Scholarships, we would choose to homeschool the children, rather than send them back to public school.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this _____ day of October, 2014.

Febe Rodriguez

EXHIBIT F

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY STATE OF FLORIDA

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Demandantes,

V. 002282

Case No. 2014 CA

RICK SCOTT, Gobernador de la Florida, en su capacidad oficial como líder del Departamento de Hacienda de la Florida; PAM BONDI, Abogado general de la Florida, en su capacidad oficial como miembro del gabinete y líder del Departamento de Hacienda de la Florida; JEFF ATWATER, Director Financiero, en su capacidad oficial como miembro del gabinete y líder del departamento de Hacienda de la Florida; ADAM PUTNAM, Comisionado de Agricultura, en su capacidad oficial como miembro del gabinete y líder del departamento de Hacienda de la Florida; and PAM STEWART, Comisionado de Educación, en su capacidad oficial como Comisionado del Departamento de Educación de la Florida, DEPARTAMENTO DE HACIENDA DE LA FLORIDA; y DEPARTAMENTO DE EDUCACIÓN DE LA FLORIDA,

Defendid os.

DECLARACIÓN DE NORAIDA RIVERA EN APOYO AL MOVIMIENTO DE INTERVENCIÓN

Yo, Noraida Rivera, declaro lo siguiente:

- Yo soy residente de Jacksonville Florida y hago esta declaración basada en mi conocimiento personal de los hechos como explico a continuación.
- Mi esposo y yo tenemos dos niños que asisten a la escuela Father's Harbor Academy en el condado de Duval.
- Nuestra hija GM, en sexto grado ha sido diagnosticada con Apraxia y está actualmente recibiendo la beca McKay.
- 4. Nuestro hijo, LM, en cuarto grado está asistiendo a una escuela del programa de

Tax Credit.

- Antes de recibir las becas de McKay y Tax Credit, nuestros hijos atendían a la escuela pública del vecindario.
- 6. GM asistió a la escuela Morning Start School bajo la beca de McKay para el grado primero. Yo no estaba muy contenta con la escuela Morning Star porque GM fue asignada a un salón con niños que tenían discapacidades más severas, entonces para el segundo grado, nosotros la enviamos para Father's Harbor Academy.
 - LM asistió a la escuela pública para kinder, pero después comenzó en Father's Harbor

Academy para primer grado bajo la beca Tax Credit.

8. Mi esposo y yo vinimos de Puerto Rico siete años atrás. Nosotros decidimos movernos a

Jacksonville porque nuestra hija no estaba recibiendo la terapia que ella necesitaba.

 En Puerto Rico, nuestra hija comenzó a recibir terapia a la edad de dos años y cuando ella cumplió cuatro años su terapeuta nos dijo que nuestra hija nunca alcanzaría a ser

"completamente funcional". Nosotros estábamos frustrados de escuchar eso sobre nuestra

hija de cuatro años, como si fuera básicamente tiempo de damos por vencidos.

10. Si las becas no existieran, nosotros tendríamos que educar nuestros hijos en casa, porque nosotros sabemos que nuestra hija no prosperaría en la estructura de la escuela pública.

En cumplimiento a la sección 92.525(b), del Estatuto de la Florida, bajo pena de perjurio, Yo declaro que he leído las declaraciones anteriores y lo que ahí se dice es la verdad. Ejecutado el día 8 de Octubre, 2014

Noraida Rivera

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JOANNE MCCALL; SENATOR GERALDIN E
THOMPSON; BOB JONES;
RABBI MERRILL SHAPIRO; REV. HARRY
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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF NORAIDA RIVERA IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Noraida Rivera, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Jacksonville, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
- 2. My husband and I have two children who attend Father's Harbor Academy in Duval County.
- 3. Our daughter, GM, sixth grade, has been diagnosed with Apraxia and is currently on the McKay Scholarship.
- 4. Our son, LM, fourth grade, currently attends school on the Tax Credit Scholarship.
- 5. Prior to receiving McKay and Tax Credit Scholarships, our children attended their neighborhood public school.
- 6. GM attended Morning Star School on a McKay Scholarship for first grade. I was not happy with Morning Star because GM was placed in a class with children who had much more severe disabilities, so for second grade, we sent her to Father's Harbor Academy.
- 7. LM attended the local public school for kindergarten but then started at Father's Harbor Academy for first grade on the Tax Credit Scholarship.
- 8. My husband and I came from Puerto Rico seven years ago. We decided to move to Jacksonville because our daughter was not getting the therapy that she needed.
- 9. In Puerto Rico, our daughter started therapy at the age of two and at four years old, her therapist told us that she would never be "fully-functioning." We were frustrated to hear the therapist say that about a four-year-old, as if it was basically time to give up.
- 10. If the scholarships did not exist, we would have to homeschool our children because we know that our daughter would not thrive in a public school setting.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that
have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this day
of October, 2014.
Noraida Rivera

EXHIBIT G

JOANNE MCCALL; SENATOR GERALDIN E
THOMPSON; BOB JONES;
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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF LINZI MORRIS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Linzi Morris, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Riverview, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
- 2. I am a medical assistant and the single mom of two children using Tax Credit Scholarships to attend school in Hillsborough County.
- 3. My daughter SV, sixth grade, attends Academy Prep and my daughter HV, tenth grade, attends Tampa Catholic High School.
- 4. I get up at 5 a.m. every morning to drive from Riverview to Ybor City, so my daughter can attend Academy Prep.
- 5. I want my children to receive a top-notch education that propels them into strong high school and college programs.
- 6. I first sent them to the local public elementary school, Summerfield Elementary. It was a good school, but we were deathly afraid of sending them to the public middle school or high school.
- 7. Academy Prep has a fantastic reputation. It has been such a good experience for them. It has exposed them to so many different things -- museums, organic gardens -- even a rodeo last weekend!
- 8. Without the scholarship, my children would not be able to attend Academy Prep and Tampa Catholic High School, where they both have fabulous teachers.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this _____ day of October, 2014.

/s/Linzi S. Morris

Linzi Morris

EXHIBIT H

JOANNE MCCALL; SENATOR GERALDIN E
THOMPSON; BOB JONES;
RABBI MERRILL SHAPIRO; REV. HARRY
PARROTT, JR.; REV. DR. HAROLD BROCKUS;
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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF OLIVIA SCHAEFFER IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Olivia Schaeffer, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Melbourne, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
- 2. My husband and I have four children attending Wade Christian Academy in Brevard County, Florida.
- 3. Three of four children attend school on Tax Credit Scholarships and one attends school on a McKay Scholarship, and was approved for a PLSA Scholarship, but he is not using the PLSA Scholarship because we could not afford the up-front fees this year.
- 4. Our two daughters, AS and AS, eighth and fifth grades respectively, and our son DS, first grade, attend Wade Christian Academy on Tax Credit Scholarships.
- 5. Our son, DS, third grade, attends Wade Christian Academy on a McKay Scholarship.
- 6. DS, who has autism and epilepsy, failed kindergarten in public school. There, he was in a large class with severely disabled children. He was not doing well because of the classroom size. Being in a classroom with severe special needs children caused him to pick up bad behaviors. He did not receive personalized attention either.
- 7. Now, DS is in private school with his siblings, receives additional tutoring and is getting mostly A's and B's in a class of only seven students.
- 8. The teacher challenges DS to succeed and does not put him in a box because of his special needs.
 - 9. Our other son, DS, is a top reader in his first-grade class.
- 10. Our girls, AS and AS, are learning piano, participating in spelling bees and playing volleyball.

11. We would homeschool our children before we would ever consider placing them back in public schools because of how well they are doing in private school.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this ____ day of October, 2014.

/S/ Olivia Schaeffer
Olivia Schaeffer

EXHIBIT I

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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF ONEKIA GARNER IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Onekia Garner, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Miami, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
 - 2. I am the single mom of three children.
- 3. My daughter MW is in sixth grade on a McKay Scholarship at St. Mary's Cathedral School.
- 4. My son DC is attending kindergarten on a Tax Credit Scholarship at St. Mary's Cathedral School.
- 5. I like my children's private school because it offers a more intimate environment. Class sizes are smaller and the education is more personal. If I need to meet with a teacher, I can just call them. They are very responsive.
- 6. I am definitely in favor of school choice because all children learn differently. In private schools, it is up to the parents and teacher regarding what the child needs.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this <u>3</u> day of October, 2014.

Onekia Garner

EXHIBIT J

JOANNE MCCALL; SENATOR GERALDIN E
THOMPSON; BOB JONES;
RABBI MERRILL SHAPIRO; REV. HARRY
PARROTT, JR.; REV. DR. HAROLD BROCKUS;
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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF MARLENE DESDUNES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Marlene Desdunes, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Miami, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
 - 2. I am the single mother of three school-age children.
 - 3. I am a teacher, member of FEA, and a former union organizer.
- My daughter, ZG, attends fifth grade at St. Mary's Cathedral in Miami-Dade
 County on a Tax Credit Scholarship.
- My other daughter, ZG, attends sixth grade at St. Mary's Cathedral on a McKay
 Scholarship.
 - 6. My son is in eleventh grade at Miami Northwestern High School.
- I have been teaching since 1991. I taught in private schools in North Carolina and public schools in Florida starting in 1998.
- 8. The power of choice is amazing because when parents make a choice of how they want to educate their children, they are more engaged with their children.
- 9. My eldest son used to be on the Tax Credit Scholarship and attended St. Mary's, but he could not take the dual enrollment classes he needed to get his AA while in high school and he really needed that challenge. So I put him back in public school at Miami Northwestern High School, a medical magnet school, where they offer that option through Florida International University.
- 10. I would prefer to have him in the same private school as his sisters because I really do feel the education is stronger in the private school.
- 11. My daughter ZG is getting everything she needs in her private school. She is identified as gifted. ZG started school in a traditional public elementary school, but there were

about 27 other kids in her kindergarten class. Her reading suffered, and she was not getting the attention she needed.

- 12. At St. Mary's, ZG has flourished. She received intensive instruction in reading and math over the summer. She never would have gotten that in a public school.
- 13. My older daughter, ZG, was diagnosed with Phenylketonuria (PKU). She has an IEP and struggles with speech/language processing. ZG would be lost at a public school, but at St. Mary's she has done well.
 - 14. I could not afford to send my children to private school without the scholarships.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this _____ day of October, 2014.

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EXHIBIT K

JOANNE MCCALL; SENATOR GERALDIN E
THOMPSON; BOB JONES;
RABBI MERRILL SHAPIRO; REV. HARRY
PARROTT, JR.; REV. DR. HAROLD BROCKUS;
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SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, INC.;
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TEACHERS, INC.; FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, INC.; LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA, INC.; and FLORIDA
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Plaintiffs,

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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF ANDREA WIGGINS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Andrea Wiggins, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Lakeland, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
 - 2. I am the mother of five children attending schools in Polk County.
- 3. I have one daughter, AW, attending kindergarten at Resurrection Catholic School on a McKay Scholarship.
- 4. I have a second daughter, OW, third grade, and a son, JW, eighth grade, also attending Resurrection Catholic School on Tax Credit Scholarships.
- 5. I have a third daughter, EW, attending sixth grade also at Resurrection Catholic School on a PLSA scholarship.
- 6. When the housing crash happened in 2008-2009, my husband, from whom I have since separated, had just been discharged from the Navy and we found ourselves "under water" with the home mortgage and otherwise struggling financially.
- 7. We went through a foreclosure; we went through a whole financial mess. We didn't know if we were going to have to pull the kids from Resurrection and that was more of a stressor for me than anything else financially.
- 8. When my husband and I were trying to have children, we were told it would never happen, so we decided to adopt. We adopted through the foster care system (a brother and sister) and one child through private adoption.
- 9. One of our adopted daughters was a "crack baby" and has a severe learning delay, severe anxiety, ADHD, and mood disorder, and she struggles with short-term memory issues. She now receives the PLSA Scholarship used for tuition and extra tutoring.
- 10. I know services for her are limited in the private school setting, but the public system wasn't for her. She needs the smaller schools. She has been with these kids since she

was three-years-old. That was important to me, was important to her and I really think that helps her every day.

- 11. My biological daughter AW is on a McKay Scholarship for a severe language delay and speech deficit. She was a full-term baby, but weighed only four pounds at birth.
- 12. I could not afford to send my children to the private schools without the scholarships.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this 3rd day of October, 2014.

/s/ Andrea L. Wiggins

Andrea Wiggins

EXHIBIT L

JOANNE MCCALL; SENATOR GERALDINE THOMPSON; BOB JONES; RABBI MERRILL SHAPIRO; REV. HARRY PARROTT, JR.; REV. DR. HAROLD BROCKUS; FLORIDA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION; FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FLORIDA CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS, INC.; FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, INC.; LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA, INC.; and FLORIDA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES OF NAACP,

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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF KEYLA PINEDA IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Keyla Pineda, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
 - 2. My husband, Jose Lopez, and I are the parents of PL.
- 3. PL is attending sixth grade at Sha'Arei Bina Torah Academy for Girls on a Tax Credit Scholarship in Miami-Dade County.
- 4. My husband and I fled Venezuela in 1999 when Hugo Chavez became president in our homeland, searching for a better life.
- 5. I have my green card and work 15 hours per week as a behavior assistant for a doctor.
- 6. Our daughter PL attended public school for kindergarten through the beginning of third grade. When the family became more devout Jews, we enrolled her in Hebrew Academy Day School in Margate.
- 7. It was hard for PL in the public schools. Some of the children made fun of her for eating Kosher food, and we had to keep her home when the school was celebrating non-Jewish holidays.
- 8. We pay \$300 a month to Sha'Arei Bina Torah Academy for Girls, in addition to the scholarship amount, and have a tight budget. The priority is bills and school. We don't go out to eat often or buy a lot of clothes or shoes. We handle the basics.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this 3 day of October, 2014.

Keyla Pineda

EXHIBIT M

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THOMPSON; BOB JONES;
RABBI MERRILL SHAPIRO; REV. HARRY
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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF HELEAN CURRY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Helean Curry, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a resident of Havana, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
- 2. I am the parent of a daughter who previously used a Tax Credit Scholarship but is now a high school graduate.
- 3. My son, JM, third grade, is currently on a Tax Credit Scholarship while attending school at Metropolitan Christian Academy of the Arts in Gadsden County.
- 4. I grew up with 12 siblings in a four-bedroom "shotgun house" on a farm in Havana.
- 5. While I learned a lot of life skills like how to be resourceful, I wanted more for my two children. I made a promise to myself never to return to the farm lifestyle once I left, and I have kept that promise to this day.
- 6. Once I graduated from high school, I studied business at Lively Community College in Tallahassee and worked for a few different companies, including a retail store and an assisted living facility. I always found myself rising to the top and managing others, but my career was put on hold when I was diagnosed with aplastic anemia after the birth of my daughter and I had to stop working.
- 7. As a single mother on disability, I was thankful to find out that the Tax Credit Scholarship could help me send my children to a school where they could receive one-on-one attention from their teachers and benefit from a smaller school environment.
- 8. Without the scholarship my son would not be able to attend Metropolitan Christian Academy of the Arts, where he benefits from the smaller classrooms and close relationships with the teachers.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this 3 day of October, 2014.

/s/Helean	Curry	
Helean Curry		

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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF MARIA TORRESI IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Maria Torresi, declare as follows:

EXHIBIT N

- 1. I am a resident of Miami, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
- 2. I am a single mom of five children. ST attends first grade at Gladeview Christian School in Miami on a Tax Credit Scholarship. MG is a senior at Doral Academy Charter High School. I have a three-year old not yet in school. Two other children are grown up and out of the house.
- 3. When I first learned of the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, I thought it was too good to be true. I enrolled ST at Gladeview in kindergarten on a Tax Credit Scholarship. She is now in the honors program as a first-grader on a Tax Credit Scholarship. I am thrilled with her academic performance there.
- 4. Safety is a big concern of mine. I was assaulted in public school when I was a student. The public school had lots of lockdowns. Although I was in the gifted program, I dropped out and got my GED, then attended community college. Gladeview is a much safer environment for ST.
- 5. My oldest daughter, now 23, had trouble in public middle school after being diagnosed with ADHD. The school forced her to attend summer school without warning and was prepared to pass her to the next grade with all D's. I refinanced my house to send her to private school for a couple of years, where she repeated one grade, but thereafter succeeded academically.
- 6. I like the differences at a private school. The private school welcomes my involvement, whereas in public school they didn't want me there much. The private school fosters more open communication. ST's private school teachers are more invested in her life than my own public school teachers and those of my older children were. She is happy and loves

going to school now.

7. MG is also doing well at Doral Academy Charter High School. He attended public school through middle school, but the public high schools are overpopulated. I had a bad experience with my older children there. But MG is doing well and applying to college.

8. I wish my older children had school choice. I don't know what I would do without the Tax Credit Scholarship Program. I would not be able to afford private school, but I would not send them to public school if I could avoid it. I would probably have to look for another charter school, but it would be traumatic for ST.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this 6 day of October, 2014.

Maria Torresi

EXHIBIT O

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THOMPSON; BOB JONES;
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Defendants.

DECLARATION OF ALYSON HOCHSTEDLER IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

I, Alyson Hochstedler, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of Tallahassee, Florida, and make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.

2. I am the mother of two children using Tax Credit Scholarships.

3. I work as a certified nursing assistant at the Westminster Oaks Retirement Community, and also clean houses.

4. My son GL is in sixth grade at Christ Classical Academy in Leon County.

5. My son JL is now attending fourth grade at Christ Classical Academy, because I wanted him to attend the same school as his brother.

6. I was able to rescue GL from three years of relentless bullying and place him in a learning environment where he is no longer afraid, because of the Tax Credit Scholarship.

7. I repeatedly brought the bullying to the attention of school authorities. In some cases, the bullies were suspended and/or put into other classes, but the bullying continued for almost three years in the regular public schools.

8. There have been no bullying incidents with GL at his new school. He knows the adults will listen to him and do something and the other students will be held accountable.

9. I am incredibly thankful for the scholarship. We were running out of options for my son GL, and the scholarship was a life preserver.

Pursuant to section 92.525(b), Florida Statutes, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true. Executed this <u>10</u> day of October, 2014.

Alyson Hochstedler