

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

SHELBI HINDEL, *et al.*,

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Plaintiffs,

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v.

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Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-3061

JON A. HUSTED,

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Defendant.

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DECLARATION OF SHELBI HINDEL

I, Shelbi Hindel, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years of age and am competent to make this declaration.
2. I reside in Columbus, Ohio.
3. I am blind and a member of the National Federation of the Blind (“NFB”). I serve as Secretary of the NFB of Ohio and President of the NFB of Ohio’s Capital Chapter.
4. I am registered to vote in Ohio.
5. I use Job Access With Speech (“JAWS”) to access text on my computer. JAWS is a type of screen reader that converts the text on my computer screen into speech. I regularly use JAWS to surf the internet and fill out online forms.
6. I would like the option of voting absentee for two reasons. First, voting absentee from my own home is much more convenient than voting in person at the polls. Second, in recent years, my assigned voting location has moved increasingly farther away from my home. It is very difficult for me to get to my current poll site. While I used to be able to walk to my poll, I now must either rely on my son to drive me there or take the public bus. The problem with

taking the bus is that once I get off, there are not many pedestrians available to help guide me to the poll if I need assistance. Although my son lives with me now, he will not live with me forever and I therefore do not want to depend on him for transportation to the poll.

7. I cannot fill out a paper absentee ballot privately and independently. Because I am blind, I require sighted assistance to read printed text and to mark my selections on a paper ballot.

8. It is very important to me that I be able to vote privately and independently, whether in person or by absentee ballot

9. I plan to vote in the March 15, 2016 presidential primary and want the option of voting absentee privately and independently in that election. I also want to be able to access the Secretary of State's voter services website in advance of the March election in case I have questions about the election or how to vote.

10. I would be able to vote absentee privately and independently if I could use JAWS to review and fill out my absentee ballot on my computer.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 12/4/15

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