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Declaration of Esther Leal

I, Esther Leal, hereby declare:

1. I am in the twelfth grade at Fremont High School in Oakland, California. If called to testify, I would and could do so competently as follows:

2. I do not have textbooks for all my assigned classes. I am currently taking two English classes at Fremont High School. For second period, I am taking a regular English class that teaches me vocabulary and writing skills. In this class, we have a class set that we use, but we are not allowed to take the book home because the teacher needs it for the other classes. For third period, I am taking English 4 which is a more advanced class. In this class, we have a class set that we use, but we are not allowed to take the book home because there are not enough books for each student for all periods. When I have homework for these classes, the teachers either gives us photocopies of what they want us to do or study. Sometimes we have to actually copy the information from the board. During my first semester of this senior year, I was taking Advanced Algebra. The book that I had for this class was very outdated. I also noticed that other Advanced Algebra classes had newer books with more updated information. I thought that was not fair to the students who had the older books. I believe that everyone should have newer books. For six period, I have a computer class. We have only a class set and we cannot take the books home because there are not enough books for all the students taking the computer class. It makes me angry that the school districts do not buy books for each student.

3. There are only three restrooms at Fremont High School that the boys and girls can use. Most of the time only one or two restrooms are open. I think they should keep the restrooms open all the time because there are a lot of students at Fremont High and sometimes we have to wait in long lines to use them. Sometimes I am late to my classes because I have to wait in line to use the restroom. Sometimes when I ask the teachers to allow me to use the restroom they only give me two minutes. When I get to the closest restroom it is closed and I have to run to another restroom that is open. It makes me angry to have to run to another restroom because the one I go to is closed. The school should keep all the restrooms open.

4. The heaters at the school sometimes do not work. In my first and third periods my

1 teachers bring their own portable heaters. They do not keep the room warm because they are
2 small. Only the students who sit near the heaters stay warm. In my other classes, the teachers do
3 not bring their own heaters, so sometimes I have to wear my jacket during the whole period
4 because it is cold in the class. I feel that the teachers should not have to take their own heaters to
5 school because that is something the school should provide.

6 I swear under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United
7 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed by me this 27 day of
8 X March, 2001 in Oakland, California.

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