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**Declaration of Myra Monje Ruiz**

I, Myra Monje Ruiz, hereby declare:

1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if called to testify I could and would do so competently as follows:

2. I just finished third grade at Cesar Chavez Academy in East Palo Alto, and I will return to Cesar Chavez in the fall.

3. In my class last year, there were students who were learning English, and one boy who did not speak English at all, but only spoke Spanish. The teacher did not speak any Spanish, so in order to have that student understand what was going on, the teacher had to have another student translate. The teacher would talk and then the other student would say everything again in Spanish. It took a long time. I think we would have wasted less time if the teacher could have just talked to that student in Spanish.

4. The bathrooms in my school are dirty. There are three bathrooms, and each of them have two or three toilet stalls. Two of the toilet stalls don't have doors that lock.

5. Sometimes they do construction work on the school during class time. Last year, there were a couple of days when the construction people installed lights outside the classroom. It was very noisy and hard to hear the teacher through all of the noise.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 11 day of July, 2001 in East Palo Alto, California.

Myra Monje  
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