

1 **Declaration of Jessica Gutierrez**

2 I, Jessica Gutierrez, hereby declare:

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

5 2. I am eleven years old and in the fifth grade at Gulf Avenue Elementary School in  
6 Wilmington, California.

7 3. For social studies, we do not have enough books for each student so we have to  
8 share books in class.

9 4. The restrooms at Gulf are very dirty and stink. Sometimes there is no toilet paper,  
10 paper towels, or soap. I try not to use the restroom because it's dirty and doesn't smell good. It  
11 seems like there is always water and paper towels on the floor. Sometimes I have to walk  
12 carefully inside the restroom because I am afraid to slip in the water and fall. There is writing on  
13 the mirrors and the walls.

14 5. Last year during the winter, there was no heat in my classroom. Sometimes the  
15 other students and I would have to wear our jackets in class because it would get so cold. My  
16 teacher Mr. Ibarra had to bring his own heater to keep the classroom warm.

17 6. Last year when I was in the fourth grade, one day my teacher was absent and our  
18 class was split up between two teachers. I was sent to Mr. Ibarra's class and while I was in his  
19 class I saw a lot of rat droppings. One time during this school year, Mr. Ibarra told our class that  
20 last year he would always see rats in his class.

21 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United  
22 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

23 July 9, 2001 in Wilmington, California.

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