

DECLARATION OF JOHN ROMO

1 I, John Romo, hereby declare:

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3 1. I am 17 years old and in the 12th grade at Watsonville High School located
4 in Watsonville, California. I have attended this school since 9th grade. I
5 make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if called
6 to testify I could and would do so competently as follows:


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8 2. A problem at my high school has been textbooks. For instance, last year
9 the books we used in my History, Algebra, and Trigonometry classes were
10 very old and outdated. The United States History textbook, for instance,
11 only covered up until 1992 when Bill Clinton began his presidency. This
12 book also had graffiti on it. In my United States History class we were not
13 given our own book to take home for homework, rather we had to check
14 one out if we wanted to use it overnight.

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16 3. Another problem is that some bathrooms are closed because the school is
17 afraid of vandalism and other physical damage to the property. Last year I
18 remember that during sixth period, when I would try to use the restroom,
19 some would be locked. I then had to walk further to another bathroom.
20 One of the boy's bathrooms had a broken light so it was always dark
21 inside and people would avoid using this bathroom. In addition, there
22 were always used paper towels scattered over its floor.

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25 4. Another problem at my high school is overcrowding. There are too many
26 students for the school to hold and last year students attended classes in
27 the school library because there were not enough classrooms. This was a
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distracting work environment because there were a lot of other students
doing library research while class was held there and it was often hard to
listen.

5. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California
that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on September 4, 2001 at
Watsonville, California.



John Romo

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