SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

DAVID T. MCDONALD, RONALD TARO SUYEMATSU ET AL., Petitioners, v. SECRETARY OF STATE SAM REED, ET AL, Respondents.	NO. 76321-6 DECLARATION OF JEFFREY TINNEA IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

I, Jeffrey Tinnea, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, am competent to be a witness herein, and make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge.

2. I registered to vote in King County when I turned 18 and became eligible. However, I am currently attending Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington.

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Because I am located at a temporary address, I applied for and received an absentee ballot from King County.

3. I filled out, sealed, signed, and mailed my absentee ballot approximately one week before the November 2, 2004 general election.

4. A letter from the King County Elections office was mailed to my permanent address in Redmond. The postmark on the letter was dated November 2, 2004. The letter was forwarded from my permanent address on November 3, 2004. I am able to recall the exact postmark dates, because of their close proximity in time. The letter indicated that King County was updating its records and asked me to print and sign my name by November 16, 2004.

5. The letter was forwarded on November 3, 2004; however, it did not arrive at my temporary address until November 16, 2004. Further, I did not physically see the letter until I arrived home the evening of November 16, 2004. Because the letter arrived on November 16, 2004, I believed it was too late to get my signature back to King County by the deadline to have my vote counted. Thus, I have not yet sent back the letter. However, had I received the letter earlier, I would have returned it and corrected my signature.

6. It is very important to me that my vote be counted in this year's election. Had I been notified earlier, I would have corrected my signature.

7. I am the one who signed my absentee ballot and sent it to King County.

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I declare subject to penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNED and DATED at Cheney, Washington, this 10th day of December, 2004 by JEFFREY TINNEA .

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