IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE DIVISION

DREAM DEFENDERS, NEW FLORIDA MAJORITY, ORGANIZE FLORIDA, TERRIAYNA SPILLMAN, ACACIA WILLIAMS, RAY WINTERS, KATHLEEN WINTERS, and BIANCA MARIA BAEZ

Plaintiffs,

v.

RON DESANTIS, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Florida, LAUREL M. LEE, in her official capacity as Florida Secretary of State, and FLORIDA ELECTIONS CANVASSING COMMISSION,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:20-cv-00067-RH-GRJ

Declaration of Jessica Alcocer

I, Jessica Alcocer, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare the following based on my personal knowledge.
1. I am an adult United States citizen. I am an eligible, registered voter, residing in Kissimmee, Florida.

2. I am employed as a coordinator for a non-profit organization dedicated to civic engagement. I take my civic responsibilities seriously and encourage my relatives to exercise their right to vote.

3. Every election for nearly five years, I have picked up my 78-year-old grandmother from her home and driven her to her polling precinct. My grandmother loves to vote. Her participation in the electoral process makes her feel that her voice matters.

4. On March 17, 2020, the date for in-person vote in the Presidential Preference Primary, I drove to my grandmother’s home to pick her up so that she could go vote at her polling precinct.

5. When I arrived, my grandmother told me she was scared to leave the house. She said she would not be voting in this election because she was scared of contracting the COVID-19 virus. A worker at a senior center advised her to stay home to avoid being infected by the coronavirus.

6. I was distraught that my grandmother had been dissuaded from voting. I called a community based election protection organization which informed me of the process that I had to follow to help my grandmother cast a ballot.

7. As I was advised, I went to the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections where I was provided a Declaration to Receive Ballot by Mail, which I brought to my grandmother to complete and sign. When I returned the declaration to the Supervisor of Elections, I was given another form—an affidavit—to also have my grandmother complete and sign, which I did.

8. All told, it took more than four hours driving back and forth from my grandmother’s home to the County Supervisor of Elections to help my grandmother exercise her right to vote.

9. My grandmother did not vote at her polling precinct in this election because she was scared of being infected by the COVID-19 virus had she gone to her polling precinct.
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: March 17, 2020
Kissimmee, Florida

Jessica Alcocer