

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

**DECLARATION OF
GARY BISCHOFF**

v

Case No. 06-CV-0263
(GLS)

NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS;
PETER KOSINSKI and STANLEY L. ZALEN,
Co-Executive Directors of the New York State
Board of Elections, in their official capacities; and,
STATE OF NEW YORK,
Defendants

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sec 1746, **Gary Bischoff**, declares as follows:

1. I am an Ulster County Legislator, District 4, Representing the Towns of Saugerties, Ulster and Kingston, in Ulster County, NY
2. As a Legislator, I chair the Efficiency, Reform and Intergovernmental Relations Committee which has direct responsibility for the Ulster County Board of Elections. I have devoted a great deal of time and effort learning about election systems and voting machines.

3. It is critical that voters have complete confidence in the voting and counting process. Our democracy depends on citizens to express their will and choices in a repeatable, fair and reliable election.
4. Many countries particularly in Europe count ballots by hand. They enlist the help of interested citizens. It is very reliable, manageable process
5. I will assist in organizing citizens in Ulster County to be trained and available to hand count elections in my county should the Court order same.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/ _____

Executed on December 10, 2007

Gary Bischoff