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

| UNITED STATES | OF AMERICA, |  |
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Plaintiff

**DECLARATION OF**Richard Stinson

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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, Richard Stinson, declares as follows:

- 1. I am Co-Chairman of Del4Change
- 2. Del4Change is a nonpartisan progressive group in Delaware County dedicated to preserving and defending the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We have members in 16 of the 19 towns in our county. For the past 2+ years we have had a presence at every town and county event in Delaware County with a booth, banners and literature on voting machines, health care and many other issues of importance to the citizens of the county.

- 3. Del4Change is opposed to the use of Direct Recording Electronic voting machines and their potential use as Ballot Marking Devices. These machines have proven themselves, world wide, to be unreliable due to their record of breakdowns and malfunctions and untrustworthy due to their vulnerability to hacking, improper programming and rigging of the votes. DREs do not provide for a truly auditable paper trail since the paper printout may show the voter which candidates he or she voted for but there is no guarantee that the computer will actually record his vote accurately. Once the votes are cast there is no way to get an accurate audit. It is imperative that every voter has the assurance that their vote will be accurately counted as cast. The only truly transparent, honest and auditable voting system requires a paper ballot filled out by the voter and available for an audit or recount as needed.
- 4. Del4Change has pledged to assist in organizing citizens in our county to be trained and available to hand count elections in our county should the Court order same.

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

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| Executed on December 9th, 2007 | Richard Stinson |  |