

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION**

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Governor Robert Bentley, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 5:11-cv-02484-SLB

**Exhibits in Support of  
Plaintiffs' Motion For  
Preliminary Injunction  
And Memorandum In  
Support**

# Exhibit 29

**Declaration of Jane Doe #5**

DECLARATION OF [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED] hereby make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and if called to testify I could and would do so competently as follows.

1. I currently live in Wetumpka, Alabama. I have lived in Alabama for the past six years. I have a thirteen year old son.
2. I came to the United States from my native country in 2005. I do not have valid immigration status in the United States. I came out of economic necessity, because I wanted to work hard and make a better life for my family. I do not have a driver's license or any kind of government-issued photo identification from the United States. I do not have a passport with a valid visa either. Being undocumented, I cannot get these kinds of documents.
3. I have tried to work hard and contribute to the United States. I have never been in trouble in the United States. I do not have and cannot get a federal alien registration document. I understand that Alabama's HB 56 immigration law makes it a crime for an undocumented person like me just to be in the state of Alabama. That is sad and insulting.
4. I am afraid that HB 56 will have a detrimental impact on my ability to provide for myself and my son. I do not have work authorization to work in the United States, but I must feed my family. So, I work, seek jobs and

apply for work in Alabama. I understand that HB 56 would make it a crime for me to do that, but I must continue to work to survive and to take care of my son.

5. I rent my house and I pay for many things little by little over time. I am afraid that HB 56 will make these contracts I enter into for basic daily living unenforceable. If I am unable to enter into contracts, for example to rent a house, buy a car, or pay for cell phone service, I will be unable to have a place to live or a means of travel or communication or a way to reach my son in an emergency.
6. I worry that HB 56 will interrupt my son's education. I understand that HB 56 would require my son's school to determine my immigration status when I enroll him. I understand that these school officials may report me to the police, who would be required to arrest me under HB 56. As a result, I will not be able to enroll my child in school if HB 56 goes into effect and his education will be interrupted. For this reason, I fear HB 56 will seriously hurt my son's future: I believe strongly in education and I don't want anything to get in my son's way of educating himself.
7. I believe HB 56 is going to target and humiliate immigrants. Yet, immigrants are very hard working people. We work for little pay. We work jobs Americans don't want. We pay taxes. We're also at a general

disadvantage in this country. Because of our darker skin color, we are easily targeted by those who don't like us being here. A lot of people already suspect we are undocumented based only on what we look like or the language we speak. We are particularly vulnerable at our work places. We are routinely threatened with losing our jobs if we complain about working conditions.

8. I am afraid I will be subject to discriminatory treatment because of my race and suspected immigration status in Alabama if HB 56 is implemented. I have had incidents in the past in which I suffered from racial profiling and discrimination. For example, once, I had problems trying to exchange an item at Wal Mart. The woman at the counter was hostile towards me. I had the receipt for the item with me, yet was unable to exchange my product. She kept asking me for an identity document, which I refused to give because I know it isn't necessary to present any form of identification to the person at the counter in order to exchange a product at a store. That day, I simply walked away.
9. If HB 56 goes into effect, I worry that immigrants will also be less likely to interact with the police because of the fear that they might be questioned about their immigration status. Personally, I will try to avoid any possible interaction with law enforcement if HB 56 goes into effect. I will be very

unlikely to report a crime whether I was a victim or just happened to witness it because I wouldn't want to be questioned about my immigration status. I worry that HB 56 will have a big impact on crime rates and on people's lives because criminals would go unpunished if immigrants are too afraid to report crimes.

10.If HB 56 goes into effect, I am afraid that I will be stopped and detained by the police because I cannot produce the kinds of documents specified in that law. I will be afraid to travel or be in public and I am afraid that my friends and family that are documented will also be unable to transport or help my family because the law would make it a state crime to do so. I will only go out of the house for the most essential reasons if HB 56 is implemented. I will stop attending events or going places that I would normally go.

11.Additionally, I worry my participation in this lawsuit will endanger me, causing me to be subject to discriminatory or retaliatory treatment by the police and members of the general public.

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

EXECUTED this 24 day of 06, 2011 in Wetumpka, AL.

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