

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES STUDENT ASSOCIATION, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TERRI LYNN LAND, et al.

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.

2:08-CV-14019-SJM-RSW

**DECLARATION OF LISA A. BLEHM**

I, LISA A. BLEHM, being of legal age and sound mind, do hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I have been a lifelong resident of Standish, Michigan, located in Arenac County. Since August 2006, my husband and I have resided at [REDACTED] Standish, Michigan 48658.

2. In or around September 2006, I registered to vote, using my home address in Standish. Shortly thereafter, I received my voter identification card in the mail.

3. In 2007, my husband, who was in the U.S. Marine Corps, received orders to go to Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Georgia. We decided that I would temporarily relocate there, to be with him during his assignment. We kept the home that we owned in Standish, Michigan, and rented an apartment in Marietta, Georgia.

4. Shortly after I arrived in Georgia, I obtained a Georgia driver's license. My understanding was that I needed a local license for the job I had there. However, I specifically

declined to register to vote in Georgia, because I fully intended to maintain my permanent residency and voting status in Standish, Michigan. We were only in Georgia because of my husband's military orders.

5. We returned to Standish in or around June 2008, after my husband's assignment in Georgia was complete.

6. On November 4, 2008, I went to my assigned polling place at Standish City Hall to vote in the general presidential election. After completing the application to vote, the poll worker told me that I was not registered to vote and that I would not be able to vote in the election. I showed the poll worker my voter registration card and explained to her that I should, in fact, be on the rolls; however, she stated that there was nothing that she could do, since I was not on the precinct list.

7. I was not offered the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot and was unaware, at the time, of my right to vote a provisional ballot under such circumstances.

8. I returned home, extremely disappointed and upset to learn that I was apparently not on the voter rolls, knowing that I had previously registered to vote in 2006. After speaking with someone at the Election Protection hotline, I learned about the possibility of casting a provisional ballot. I called City Clerk Rebecca Lakin's office to inquire about possibly casting a provisional ballot, but the representative told me that it would be of no use to cast a provisional ballot because I was not registered to vote and, therefore, my provisional ballot would not count.

9. On November 4, 2008, I had in my possession and at my disposal a valid United States passport, my voter registration card, and a current utility bill bearing my name and home address at [REDACTED] Standish, Michigan 48658.

10. At no time did I ever authorize, orally or in writing, the cancellation of my Michigan voter registration.

11. At no time after applying for my out-of-state driver's license in Georgia do I ever recall receiving any notice from any Michigan election official requesting confirmation of my Michigan voter registration or notifying me of the cancellation of my Michigan voter registration.

12. On or about November 19, 2008, I visited a Secretary of State Branch Office and obtained a replacement Michigan driver's license. At that time, I also re-registered to vote and was issued a registration receipt.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to the laws of the United States, that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

This 18 day of December, 2008.

  
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LISA A. BLEHM