

EXHIBIT “18”

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

HISPANIC INTEREST COALITION)
OF ALABAMA; et al.,)
)
Plaintiffs,)

v.)

CASE NO. 5:11-CV-2484-SLB

ROBERT BENTLEY, in his official)
capacity as Governor of the State of)
Alabama; et al.,)
)
Defendants.)

RT. REV. HENRY N. PARSLEY, JR., in)
his official capacity as Bishop of the)
Episcopal Church in the Diocese of)
Alabama, et al.,)
)
Plaintiffs,)

v.)

Case Number: 5:11-CV-2736-CLS

ROBERT BENTLEY, in his official)
capacity as Governor of the State of)
Alabama; et al.,)
)
Defendants.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,)

v.)

Case Number: 2:11-CV-2746-LSC

STATE OF ALABAMA;)
GOVERNOR ROBERT J. BENTLEY,)
)
Defendants.)

**DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY OF FRANK
ROMANOWICZ**

I, Frank Romanowicz, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the matters contained in this declaration are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

I am over the age of 19 years and otherwise competent to testify under oath. Unless otherwise indicated, I have personal knowledge of the matters contained in this statement.

1 I have been an active member of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama for the past 37 years. Currently, I am a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Woodlawn, Alabama. In addition, I have served as President, Vice President, Treasurer and many other leadership roles to the 55th Place Thrift Store, which our church founded over 20 years ago. Most recently, I am on the leadership team of Grace Food Pantry and work with our church's Clothes Closet. These organizations serve the hungry, poor, homeless, working poor, unemployed regardless of race, color, and creed or citizenship status.

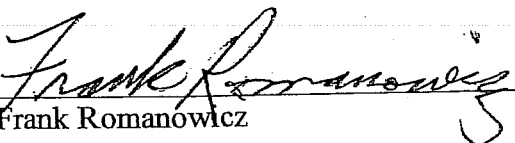
2. Grace Episcopal Church is also home to one of the two Community Kitchen locations in the Birmingham metro area of Alabama. Community Kitchen is open 365 days a year in order to provide food to the hungry. In addition, the Thrift Store is open four days a week and works on a voucher system for those persons who cannot pay. Therefore, the Episcopal community alone or in collaboration with other faith-based organizations provides various services within the community such as transportation, health fairs, free feeding programs, and fellowship to hundreds of people.

3. In providing or supporting these ministries, I do not – and would not – refuse to assist any person in need because he or she lacked legal immigration status. If the Anti-

Immigration law is permitted to be enforced, myself and other members of the Episcopal Church will be subject to arrest if we practice our religion by doing Biblically mandated good works by serving undocumented individuals.

4. This law does not respect the freedom of religion to minister to our neighbors, as the Bible unequivocally states we must do. Matthew 25:40 says "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Isaiah 58:7-8 says: "Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard." These are laws that our Christian faith teaches to us. The Anti-Immigration law prohibits members of Alabama's church communities from exercising their right to freely practice their Christian faith because we will face criminal prosecution if they do so.

I declare the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief
Further the declarant sayeth not.


Frank Romanowicz

8/15/11
Date