

**EXHIBIT “7”**

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 ANDREA F.  
BLACKERT**

I, Andrea F. Blackert, 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:

1. 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.

2. I am the Executive Director of the Community Kitchens of Birmingham. The Community Kitchens was founded as an Episcopal Mission and is now an independent ecumenical service organization that offers free midday meals from two locations in Birmingham. We are affiliated with and supported by the wider faith community including St. Stephen's Episcopal, St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands, St. Luke's, Cathedral of the Advent, All Saints, Baptist Church of the Covenant, Galilee Baptist, Faith Lutheran, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Prince of Peace, Our Lady of Fatima, the Presbytery of Shepherds and Lapsley, Temple Beth-El, Temple Emmau-El, Shambhala Center, and many others.

3. The mission of the Community Kitchens of Birmingham is to offer a warm meal, hope and reassurance to those in need in our community regardless of situation or condition. Our mission is biblically based on Matthew 25:35 and Luke 14:13-14.

4. Although the Community Kitchens primarily offers a free meal to our guests, we partner with other agencies to offer health care screenings and housing assistance. We provide meals to anyone who is hungry at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on the

Southside of Birmingham and at Grace Episcopal in the Woodlawn neighborhood of Birmingham.

5. We serve anyone and our guest demographic is as broad and varied as the community we serve: there are old, young, male, female, black, white, Hispanic and Native American.

6. When we serve our guests, we do not ask for any identification or documentation to be provided a meal. One only need to be hungry. We do not plan to start checking immigration documents before providing hungry people food. It is against our mission to deny anyone a warm meal, hope and reassurance. We also would never deny anyone food if they were undocumented.

7. If the Anti-Immigration Law is enforced, I will be at risk for criminal prosecution as well as my staff and the approximately 2,500 volunteers who help feed the hungry through our program. The Law will criminalize the activities of the Community Kitchens because we harbor our guests in our facilities and we work with other agencies to fill their needs, be it housing, transportation or medical care.

8. Despite the Law, we intend to continue feeding the hungry, the homeless and working poor of our community. We will continue to provide anyone a warm meal without regard to his or her situation or condition. This will subject myself, my staff and the 2,500 volunteers who serve at Community Kitchens to criminal prosecution.

9. We are specifically told in Exodus not to oppress the foreign-born. In Leviticus, we are instructed to love them as we love ourselves. I think it is evident that God demands that we are treat them well.

10. If I am threatened with possible prosecution for living out the Gospel in my work and daily life, then I am not exactly free to practice my belief; I am operating under fear and oppression.

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

*Andrea F Blackert*

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Andrea F. Blackert

August 15, 2011

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Date