

EXHIBIT "8"

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

HISPANIC INTEREST COALITION)
OF ALABAMA; et al.,)
)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
)
ROBERT BENTLEY, in his official)
capacity as Governor of the State of)
Alabama; et al.,)
)
Defendants.)

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

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

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
)
STATE OF ALABAMA;)
GOVERNOR ROBERT J. BENTLEY,)
)
Defendants.)

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

**DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY OF REVEREND JOHN
FLETCHER COMER, JR.**

I, John Fletcher Comer, Jr., 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 have been a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama for the past 36 years. Currently, I serve at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Fort Payne, Alabama.

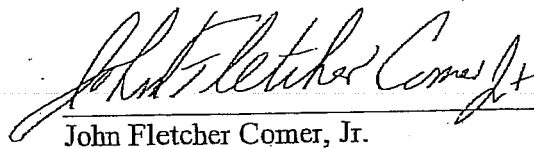
3. I spend a great deal of time working in several ministries in our local community and also throughout Alabama. I was a founding board member of The Bread of Life Ministries. Three days a week our parish joins other local churches and organizations and provides a feeding ministry to the poor. We have never asked for identification from the people we feed nor do we intend to begin doing so. Additionally, I work with the Beans and Rice Ministry of St. Philip's. Once a month we provide food to anyone who comes in need and we never ask for identification nor do we intend to begin doing so. I have reason to believe that many of the people who we feed either through the Bread of Life Ministries or the Beans and Rice Ministry are undocumented residents.

4. 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 prohibited from practicing our religion or, at the very least impeded in doing Biblically-mandated good works because we are subject to being arrested for serving an undocumented individual.

5. This law does not respect the freedom of religion to minister to our neighbors, as the Bible unequivocally states we must do. Isaiah 56:6-7, says: "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." This law prohibits members of Alabama's church communities from exercising their right to freely practice their Christian faith under threat of criminal prosecution if we do so.

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


John Fletcher Comer, Jr.

8/15/11
Date