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 13 Asia Economic Institute,  
 14 Raymond Mobrez, and  
 15 Iliana Llaneras

16 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 17 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

18 ASIA ECONOMIC INSTITUTE, a  
 19 California LLC; RAYMOND  
 20 MOBREZ an individual; and ILIANA  
 21 LLANERAS, an individual,

22 Plaintiffs,

23 vs.

24 XCENTRIC VENTURES, LLC, an  
 25 Arizona LLC, d/b/a as BADBUSINESS  
 26 BUREAU and/or  
 27 BADBUSINESSBUREAU.COM  
 28 and/or RIP OFF REPORT and/or  
 RIPOFFREPORT.COM; BAD  
 BUSINESS BUREAU, LLC, organized  
 and existing under the laws of St.  
 Kitts/Nevis, West Indies; EDWARD  
 MAGEDSON an individual, and DOES  
 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2:10-cv-01360-SVW-PJW

**DECLARATION OF ISRAEL  
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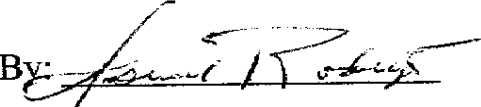
I, Israel Rodriguez, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. My name is Israel Rodriguez. I am a resident of the State of California, not a party to this action, am over the age of 18 years, and if called to testify before this Honorable Court or other proceeding I could and would give the following testimony which is based on my own personal knowledge unless otherwise stated.
2. I am the Student Aid Commissioner for the State of California. I have been with Pepperdine University for 34 years as Director of Financial Aid and Assistant Dean for Hispanic Affairs. During the time the events described below transpired, I was the Executive Director of the Foundation for Mission College, located in California.
3. I have known Dr. Mobrez for almost ten years and Dr. Mobrez was introduced to Pepperdine University by one of the founding members, Chancellor Norvel Young.
4. I intended to introduce Dr. Mobrez to the Board of Mission College with the hope that he would help attract foreign students, which is vital to the school's revenue in these challenging economic times. I subsequently learned derogatory posts about Mr. Mobrez and Asia Economic Institute appeared on RipoffReport.com. I conducted a search and found these derogatory comments appeared at the top of the search engine.
5. After learning of these negative comments, I declined to introduce Dr. Mobrez to the Board. If I had not seen these derogatory comments on RipoffReport, I would have introduced and recommended Dr. Mobrez.
6. Dr. Mobrez is an honorable man and I am saddened to see his Asia Economic Institute to have been shut down.

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

Executed June 13, 2010 at AGOURA<sup>14113</sup> [city], CA [state].

By:   
Israel Rodriguez