

# **EXHIBIT 17**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

VOTE FORWARD,  
611 Pennsylvania Ave. SE #192  
Washington, DC 20003;

AARON CARREL,  
2 N Roby Rd.  
Madison, WI 53726;

VOCES UNIDAS DE LAS MONTAÑAS,  
1001 Grand Ave., Suite 107  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601;

COLORADO ORGANIZATION FOR  
LATINA OPPORTUNITY AND  
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS,  
P.O. Box 40991  
Denver, CO 80204;

and

PADRES & JÓVENES UNIDOS,  
4130 Tejon St., Suite C  
Denver, CO 80211,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

LOUIS DEJOY, in his official  
capacity as the Postmaster General,  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW,  
Washington, D.C. 20260-0546;

and

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE,  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW  
Washington, DC 20260-0546,

*Defendants.*

Civil Case No. 1:20-cv-02405-EGS

## **DECLARATION OF MARTHA THOMPSON**

I, Martha Thompson, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of Portland, Maine. The matters set forth herein are true and correct of my own personal knowledge. If called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. I am a registered voter of Maine and have been registered since I turned 18. I am currently an undergraduate student at Mount Holyoke College.

3. I sent in my application requesting my absentee ballot on August 18, 2020. However, my ballot did not arrive at my home address in Maine before I left on August 28th, 2020 to resume my studies. I may need to request a new ballot to be mailed to me because I will be in various different states over the next two months.

4. I intend to vote by mail in the November 2020 general election because I do not know what state I will be in at the end of October. I am currently participating in a program run by WorldWide Opportunities on Organic Farms, where I will work at organic farms in different states throughout the Fall semester. I do not know the exact locations of where I will be working yet, but I could potentially find myself in Arizona, South Carolina, or elsewhere.

5. It is also possible I will be back in Maine prior to the general election given the uncertainties that COVID-19 has caused. If I return to Maine, I still intend to vote by mail because I am afraid of putting my family members at risk of getting sick if I were to vote in person. In Maine, I live with my parents who are in their late 50s and early 60s. Due to their age, my parents would be at greater risk if they were to get sick with COVID-19. Thus, all my family would be cautious and would not want to vote in person.

6. Whether I am in Maine or in another state as part of my program, I intend to mail my ballot close to election day. I do not know where I will be, and this makes it very difficult to obtain my absentee ballot early and to return my completed ballot early.

7. In Maine, a completed ballot must be received by Election Day in order to be counted. Because I intend to mail my ballot close to election day, I fear that the delays caused by USPS will cause my ballot to not arrive on time and therefore not be counted.

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

Executed on September \_\_, 2020, in Portland, Maine.

*Martha Thompson*

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