

**DECLARATION OF ANNE HANNAFORD**

I, Anne C. Hannaford , declare and state as follows:

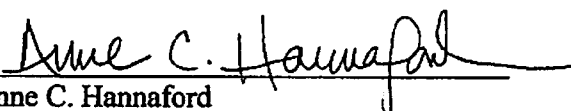
1. I am the mother of LCpl Thomas Hannaford, USMC. He is a combat engineer and is deployed in Western Anbar Province, Iraq. Although I do not have full details regarding my son's current location for security reasons, it is my understanding that he is frequently conducting field operations in Western Anbar and has little access to many modern conveniences during these operations. Thus, he has intermittent access to internet and does not have any access to telephones.

2. LCpl Hannaford is and has been a registered voter in Arlington County, Virginia. It is my understanding that he requested an absentee ballot in August, 2008.

3. On October 30, 2008, I spoke with a person in the Arlington County General Registrar's Office. The person confirmed that my son was properly registered in Arlington County, and had requested an absentee ballot. The person further confirmed that Arlington County did not send my son's absentee ballot until September 29, 2008. The address to which the absentee ballot was sent is my son's current mailing address.

4. My son did not receive his ballot until October 29, 2008. Although he immediately cast that ballot and placed it in the mail, he does not believe that the ballot will arrive to the Arlington County General Registrar's Office by the November 4, 2008 deadline.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 31st day of October, 2008.

  
Anne C. Hannaford