

**DECLARATION OF MIGUEL PEREZ VARGAS**

I, Miguel A. Pérez Vargas, do hereby make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge. The facts stated in this declaration are within my personal knowledge.

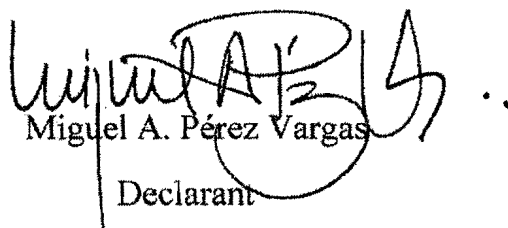
1. I am Senior Staff Attorney at Multicultural Education, Training & Advocacy (META) Inc. META is a public interest law firm that specializes in issues pertaining to the education and civil rights of limited English proficient and immigrant schoolchildren. I have been a practicing attorney for 20 years.
2. In late June, our office was contacted by the family friends of several Latino families who live in the Boaz , Alabama area. These families, and their neighbors, requested that an attorney from META come to Boaz to hear personally the concerns of Latino residents with H.B. 56.
3. On Saturday, July 9, I met with approximately 60 families at a church in Albertville. These parents expressed to me, and other attorneys present, their intense fears of what would happen to them as a result of the new law. Of specific concern to me, parents of K-12 schoolchildren stated that they felt they would be risking deportation if they registered their

children for school because under the new law, the immigration status of the parents and their children would become known to school officials.

4. I have read the Jane Doe and John Doe affidavits on file in this case. The fears expressed by the Doe plaintiffs were closely reflected in what the parents told me on July 9 at the church in Albertville.

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

Executed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2011 at Somerville, MA

  
Miguel A. Pérez Vargas  
Declarant