

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

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Governor Robert Bentley, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 5:11-cv-02484-SLB

**Exhibit in Support of
Notice Of Supplemental
Evidence Regarding
Emergency Motion to
Enjoin Portions of HB 56
Pending Appeal**

Exhibit 6

Evangeline Limón Declaration

DECLARATION OF EVANGELINE LIMÓN

I, Evangeline Limón, declare the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a United States citizen. I was born in Texas and identify as Mexican-American. I am over the age of eighteen. I have been a resident and a business owner in the Hoover area for approximately 12 years.

2. I speak both English and Spanish fluently. Since moving to Hoover, I have served as an advocate and interpreter for my Latino and Latina friends.

3. Since HB 56 passed in June, I have received many phone calls from Latino community members who are afraid and do not understand the law or their rights. In fact, I have received at least 20 calls since September 28, 2011 after the court allowed some of the law to go into effect. Many of these community members have questions about their property rights, custody rights and other basic questions about how the law will impact them and their families.

4. Some of the community members who I have assisted live in the Carrousel Apartments in Hoover, Alabama.

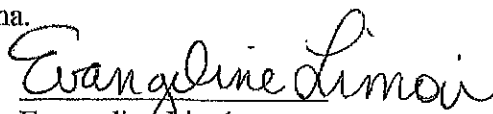
5. After HB 56 passed in June 2011, several of my friends told me that the rental company at Carrousel Apartments notified them and other apartment residents that they would have to provide proof of lawful residence when their leases expired in order to renew their lease agreements. The residents received this letter before the September 28, 2011 ruling. On Thursday, September 29, 2011, after part of the law was permitted to go into effect by the courts, one of my friends who had received the letter asked the rental company to renew his lease, and was told that they could not unless he provided proof of lawful residence because of the contracting provision in the law.

6. Another family contacted me and informed me that the electricity to their rental home was discontinued by Alabama Power. When they attempted to have their power re-connected on Thursday, September 29, 2011, Alabama Power informed them that they would have to provide proof of lawful residence, specifically a social security number, in order to get it turned back on. I spoke to this family after the services were disconnected—they told me that they were leaving the state because they couldn't live without this basic necessity. After this incident, I received a phone call from them confirming that they left the state of Alabama on Friday, September 30th.

7. I have also been personally impacted by the implementation of HB 56. By 7:30am Thursday, September 29th, I received two phone calls from companies that I subcontract with calling to verify whether the contracts that they had with my business would be negatively impacted by HB 56. I asked one of the companies why they were inquiring. The company representative who I spoke with asked me whether I was going to be personally impacted by HB 56. I understood from his question that he was inquiring into my immigration status. I believe that these companies questioned me about my status and were concerned about our business contracts because they assumed that I am undocumented because I am Latina.

I declare under penalty of perjury on this 1st day of October of 2011 that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Hoover, Alabama.


Evangelina Limón