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To whom it may concern

On 15 October 2004 the Associated Students of the University of Arizona hosted a debate between two of the three candidates in Arizona for U S Senate, John McCain and Stuart Starky, excluding the third ballot-qualified candidate, Ernest Hancock

The debate was well-promoted, and facilities and security were provided at public/University expense. Hancock's exclusion had the effect of giving the many U of A students and others who watched the debate either in the Gallagher Theater where it was held or by closed-circuit television the impression that there were only two candidates in the race, causing irreparable harm to his campaign and benefiting at public expense the Starky and McCain campaigns

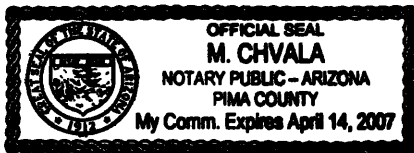
Fernando Ascencio, then the head of the ASUA speakers board, asserted that day to myself and witnesses Craig Stritar and Barry Hess that Hancock was excluded at the request of the John McCain campaign. Separately, ASUA president Alastair Chapman stated, again to myself, Hess, and Stritar (and possibly others) that Hancock was excluded at the request of both Starky and McCain.

I allege that, because this event was a debate and not separate stump speeches and hence there was no way to provide candidate Hancock with equal access, that the Associated Students of the University of Arizona under the direction of Ascencio and Chapman made on 15 October 2004 an illegal contribution of gifts-in-kind, paid for by public resources and public funds, to the Senate campaigns of John McCain and Stu Starky, and used such resources and funds to cause irreparable harm to the campaign of Ernest Hancock

Sincerely

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Signed and Sworn to me on the 2nd day
of March 2005.

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