Affidavit of Sharon Phillips

State of Alaska)
) ss.
City and Borough of Juneau)

Sharon K. Phillips, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states as follows under penalty of perjury:

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen years, of sound mind, and competent to testify to the following facts based on personal knowledge.
- 2. I am an Alaska resident (28 years), registered voter and have never worked for any political campaign. I volunteered (post election) to participate in the write-in observation process to assure the accuracy and integrity of the write-in counting process applying ALL required federal and state voter laws or statutes.
- 3. My observation on Friday, November 12, 2010 (between 1:00 2:30 PM) has greatly disturbed me, so I have tried to cover in detail all events as they transpired below. I wish to challenge the possible sanctity or integrity of the Independence Park # 1 (29-825) precinct ballot package to be reviewed by a handwriting specialist and compared to the log register, listing all voters on November 2, 2010.
- 4. Election Workers Phillip Gray and Jerry Smelzer (both from Juneau) were working Table 8 (the entire day) and are witnesses to what transpired.
- 5. I, Sharon K. Phillips, represented the Miller Campaign (from Anchorage).
- 6. Eleanor Davenport represented the Murkowski Campaign (from Skagway).
- 7. We had worked through four precincts, as a team without any problems.
- 8. We were working our 5th precinct of the day, 29-825 Independence Park #1.
- 9. The two packages appeared to be sealed, having 4 signatures on both envelopes. The signer's first names appeared to be Marshall, Mary, Bernie and Anne (with difficulties reading last names). This package had more signatures than any other I observed.
- 10. Election worker, Mr. Smelzer, opened both packages, drew out all contents of package one and the new sort process began to take place.
- 11. All remaining ballots in the entire package (except for one for another candidate and 24 that I had challenged) added up to a total of 303 for Lisa Murkowski. All hand printed ones were on top of the stack and the ones I challenged were on the bottom of the stack.

- 12. <u>EACH</u> of the ballots involved appropriate spelling of "<u>Lisa Murkowski"</u>, with none just <u>Murkowski or Murkowski</u>, <u>Lisa</u>. Other batches were sprinkled with various options. <u>EACH</u> appeared to have been written by one of two to four individuals with handwriting styles appearing the same (i.e. print of same size, style, capitalizations, ink impressions and ink type, print height and spacing between letters and first / last name).
- 13. During this sort, both Mr. Gray and Mr. Smelzer made a variety of comments, which included: They had never seen anything like this, that poll workers were not supposed to pre-sort, review or handle the ballots in such a manner, that this needed to be looked into, noting the handwriting similarities and that they felt I needed to check with DOE management staff as they (as poll workers) were concerned too.
- 14. I began to show visible frustration with the integrity of this precinct, which was noticeable by all parties. I commented on the fact that I had never seen anything like this in the 2 days that I had been sorting and had never heard of such circumstances. I even stated, at least twice that I had serious concerns about the validity of the ballots being sorted in front of me. Ms. Davenport stated "Can I quote you on that?" in a highly sarcastic fashion. Mr. Gray and Mr. Smelzer can validate.
- 15. I informed the team that I was working with the premise that "I was holding out my judgment, until I could see the remaining ballots in the second envelope".
- 16. I contacted Chip a volunteer team supervisor for Miller Campaign on my concerns, not once, but twice and he requested that I maintain good notes.
- 17. Ms. Davenport sensed the matter was looking very problematic for the Murkowski campaign and contacted Mr. Ginsberg. Later, one of the other Murkowski attorneys came by and spoke with her but did not ask to review the ballots.
- 18. I believe it was Ms. Lauri Wilson or Kristi Dicostanzo, DOE staff members, whom I asked about the unusualness of the packet in question (can be verified with Mr. Gray and Smelzer). She said that it had happened with one other precinct. I asked her which one and she informed me that it was 1150. Mr. Gray and Mr. Smelzer can validate.
- 19. Mr. Smelzer removed the contents of the second envelope. All ballots proved to be ALL other candidates with ovals filled in, including 3 ovals not filled in, and 4 other write-in candidates, with NO Murkowski votes inside.
- 20. Ms. Davenport became sarcastic and told Mr. Smelzer to slow down right after he started sorting the second envelope (as she saw they were regular candidates) and stated

"you need to slow down as I need to verify whether all of the ovals are filled in exactly alike, as they might be invalid." in a very sarcastic fashion. The tally for the ballot count was 728 on the DOE records; yet we never balanced the ballots (off by four votes – still unclear on exact difference). I believe it was DOE employee Lauri Wilson, but could have been Kristi Dicostanzo (district tallying), who inquired about my concerns and asked if I wanted to challenge the difference. I told her that I had other concerns and that I would be including the number variance as part of my notes.

- 21. After this precinct tally was closed, I spoke again with Chip (campaign volunteer) and continued to work the same table/same team, until 3:30 PM. I informed him and one of our younger campaign members that I wished to speak with Floyd when he arrived.
- 22. I had just started my 8th precinct of the day, when Floyd Brown (volunteer strategist) arrived. I was relieved by Barbara (campaign volunteer) and waited to speak with him after the news conference that he had immediately started after his arrival.
- 23. I was greatly surprised when Floyd described other precincts during the news conference (i.e. Cordova and Ketchikan) that had observers take note of serious concerns. One of the affidavits (from the prior day) even sounded like an exact replica of what I had observed earlier that today with precinct 29-825.
- 24. I hereby swear to the authenticity of the above two page statement and standby my beliefs that the 29-825 Precinct (Independence Park #1) integrity has been breached, with potential manipulation by unknown person or persons.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

Dated this 17th day of November 2010 in Juneau, Alaska.

Sharon Phillips

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the State of Alaska this by day of November 2010.

R. Buzard, Notary Public

My Commission Expires