

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

**DECLARATION OF
KAREN CHARMAN**

v

Case No. 06-CV-0263
(GLS)

NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS;
PETER KOSINSKI and STANLEY L. ZALEN,
Co-Executive Directors of the New York State
Board of Elections, in their official capacities; and,
STATE OF NEW YORK,
Defendants

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sec 1746, **KAREN CHARMAN**, declares as follows:

1. I am an officer and member of the executive committee of the Shandaken Democrat Club, <http://shandakendemocrat.org/index.html>, located in Ulster County New York. Our mission is to protect and further the progressive reforms of the past century and ensure the preservation of our Constitutional Rights.
2. We are very concerned with protecting our constitutional right to vote and to know that our votes are being counted as cast. We have held screenings of documentaries exposing the manipulation and corruption of the vote tallies made possible for the first

time on a massive scale by computerized voting systems.

3. If the people lose control over the election process, they lose the right to govern themselves. The inalienable right of self-governance rests squarely on the integrity of our elections.
4. We believe that only an observable transparent count of the votes can protect our elections and our sovereignty.
5. I respectfully urge the Court to prevent the miscarriage of justice of forcing New Yorkers to vote on insecure, unreliable computerized voting systems.
6. I understand that pursuant to HAVA we could continue voting on our lever machines or we could hand count the two federal races and not be in violation of the federal law.
7. Our organization will volunteer to assist our county in finding as many volunteers as we need to help hand count the elections should the Court order same.

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

/s/

Executed on December 6 , 2007

KAREN CHARMAN

