STATE OF Florida )
COUNTY OF Collier ) ss:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized in the State of Florida, County of Collier to take acknowledgments and administer oaths, personally appeared Deirdre Clemons who, after being duly sworn on oath, according to law, deposes and says as follows:

1. My name is Deirdre Clemons.

2. I make all statements contained in this Affidavit based upon my personal knowledge.

3. I am of sound mind and body, over the age of 18, and understand the obligation of an oath.


5. The two main theories on the origin of man are the theory of evolution and creationism. My 6th grade daughter told me that the History teacher exclaimed, "Isn't it interesting that we came from apes!?"

6. I responded that the teacher was talking about the 'theory of evolution'. My daughter disagreed. So, I asked the teacher, who replied that she had not mentioned the theory. She emailed me the pages she was teaching from, which described 4 hominids.
7. They were presented, matter-of-factly, as our predecessors. One of the hominids was ‘Lucy’. I informed the teacher that the current fact on Lucy is that the ‘discovery’ has been discredited, which is reflected by disclaimers on 'Lucy' exhibits at most museums. Neither the book, nor the teacher, is teaching the ‘theory of evolution’, which means she is teaching information that is not actually current, precise, nor complete- contrary to the goal of education.

8. It would be a travesty to be teaching kids what to think, rather than how, depending on someone’s agenda. I asked the teacher to clarify her statement to the kids, i.e. that her comment about apes was referencing the theory of evolution, but she declined.

9. In 6th grade Science, everyone was required to watch a movie on global warming. The teacher did mention briefly that this is still a theory, but what impression are children left with when they watch a whole movie promoting this idea as fact?

10. The latest information is that about 4 years ago, the scientists at East Anglican University in England (who were responsible for coming up with the theory and the 'hockey stick' graph), admitted to lying, to further an agenda. It was a major story on the BBC.

11. John Casey, a NASA scientist, claims that recent unusual weather patterns seem to be correlated to increasing ‘sun spots’ unrelated to human activity. The current facts are that there is no incontrovertible evidence on man-made global warming. In fact, the Earth has been in a cooling phase the last 15 years. Those are the facts, and isn’t that what Science is about? Facts? Belief systems fit in the realm of religion. The 6th grade
Science course seems to be mostly concentrated on environmentalism, pollution, and climate change. I did not see much on basic science, great scientists, nor the great discoveries.

12. School should be a place of learning facts that are up-to-date along with the key terms that describe them, such as, what distinguishes a theory from a proven fact. To be considered well-educated, our children should be precise in their terms and their understanding of concepts. When we have building blocks of facts to work with, then one can begin to put logic and thinking skills to use, and come up with deductions and hypotheses. This is where discoveries are made, theories tested, and where advancements in science and technology are born.

13. Good learning institutions must be open to facts, even if they are inconvenient, or seen as politically incorrect. One must be willing to look at new information, and incorporate it in a logical and non-prejudicial way. Preconceived ideas and agendas stunt learning, growth of knowledge, and end up being a form of propaganda which confuses and dumbs down our kids.
FURTHER THIS AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Print Name: Dorade C. Clemens

SWORN TO under oath and subscribed before me this 9th day of February 2017, by Dorade Clemens, who ( ) is personally known to me, or ( ) has produced FL D.L. as identification.

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NOTARY PUBLIC
Name: Stephen Rodriguez
(Type or Print)
My Commission Expires: 09/10/2017