

AFFIDAVIT OF BAILEY WOOD FREI

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 COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

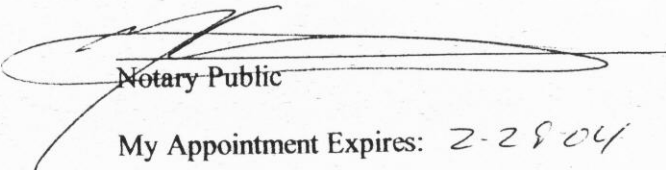
I, Bailey Wood Frei, do declare as follows:

1. I am a ten-year-old girl and a fourth grade student at Sunflower Elementary, a public school in Lawrence, Kansas. In my class, we say the Pledge of Allegiance every day. During The Pledge, I don't say "under God" because I don't think God is real or true. I don't have the nerve to sit down and not say The Pledge at all. I used to be silent just during this part, but now I say "under the government" instead. Still, this has made me feel different and allowed the other kids in my class to find out that I am an atheist without me telling them.
2. Once, during recess in third grade, a girl in my class named Grace pushed me hard up against a portable classroom building, made the sign of the cross on me, and said, "everyone has to believe in God." It hurt my back and she almost made me cry. It upset me that she was making fun of me and teasing me. I also was afraid that she would do it again or that other people might start treating me that way too. Later that day she started calling me "Monkey" and said, "If you think we evolved from monkeys then you're a monkey." She kept calling me this for a few days. Also, one time she came up to me while I was in line at the drinking fountain and said, "people who don't believe in God are stupid." Even though I know this isn't true, since I get straight A's, it still hurt my feelings that she was treating me this way.
3. When I was in Kindergarten, my teacher had us do a project about who is the boss of whom. She talked about how the principal was her boss, and the school board was the principal's boss. She also said that parents were the kid's bosses, the government was the parent's bosses, and the president was the boss of the government. Then one kid asked her who was the president's boss and she said "God." I don't really remember how that made me feel, but I remember thinking that she was wrong and she shouldn't be saying that in a public school.
4. Once, while working quietly at our desks in third grade, my teacher called me up to her desk and asked me if I went to church. I said that I didn't. She then just said, "OK" and I walked back to my desk. I don't know why she asked me this – it made me feel uncomfortable – I was worried that she might stop liking me because of my not going to church.

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

Executed on this 5th day of December, 2003 at Lawrence, Kansas

Bailey Wood Frei
 Bailey Wood Frei


 Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: 2-28-04



EXHIBIT C

December 11, 2003

To Whom it May Concern,

"I, Abigail Marie Schweter, do declare as follows: Throughout my years in public schooling, my parents religiously prevented me from partaking in the Pledge of Allegiance. Their issue with the Pledge was the fact that it included the words, "under God". As a nervous and shy elementary school student, I dreaded the first day of school each and every year. Mostly I was concerned with my confrontation with the teacher. Sometimes teachers took my stand very personally, and I was so scared of this reaction. Children were definitely not the only ones that ostracized me. At least once or twice my teacher would feel the need to involve the Principle in this matter. I was an intelligent and well behaved child, but was often made to feel like I was doing something wrong. It did get a bit better with time, but even in high school I faced similar treatment from certain teachers and peers.

Now, as a parent myself, it is extremely important to me that our first amendment is upheld ("...no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise there of..."). My son's learning environment should be a neutral grounds for communication, equality, and understanding. Taking the words "under God" back out of our Pledge (restoring it to it's original pre-1954 form) would put the emphasis back on support for one's country, rather than someone else's religion.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New York that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on December the 11th of the year 2003 at Earlton, New York."

Signed,



Abigail M. Schweter



ELLEN V. CROUN
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 0107400070

On this 11th day of December, 2003
at Earlton, New York.

EXHIBIT D