

Exhibit No. 4

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee I am George Waring. I reside at 518 West Granite Street in Butte.

Bill No. HB 306

I am here today to explain to you why I believe you should vote against HB 306

I volunteered to be a signature gatherer in Butte last spring for one of the Initiative campaigns to place a measure on the November 2010 ballot. I attended a notary training workshop conducted by the Secretary of State's office. I learned how to keep a notary journal and the importance of that notary journal should any of my notarial acts be called in to question at a later date.

I concluded my volunteer work with that Initiative campaign by testifying in District Court in Polson in a law suit brought against the Montana Secretary of State. In the course of my testimony I was questioned as to whether two individuals, unknown to me, had gathered signatures as part of the team I led for my initiative at the Butte civic center on primary day. I did not recognize either name or description of the two individuals cited. Allegations were made that these two people had acted illegally by refusing to show our document containing the complete Attorney General approved wording of the proposed law. The two supposed signature gatherers were described as not even carrying with them a copy of the proposed law. The allegation by plaintiffs was that my signature gatherers had violated the law and the signatures they gathered should be disqualified.

However, I was able to produce my Notary Journal with the signatures and addresses of each individual who had gathered signatures for the campaign on primary day in Butte. On page two, I had a written record of the type of document I had notarized ---affidavits---the type of notarization---jurats. I recorded my witnessing to the oaths that all seven volunteers had sworn. I had done this for each individual who had gathered signatures on primary election day at the Butte civic center.

The two individuals identified in the depositions were not among the volunteers who appeared before me to have their affidavits notarized. I submitted no signatures that I had not notarized. I was able to give both my oral testimony and produce my Notary Journal in that important legal challenge. None of our signatures had been gathered illegally.

I believe that it is only rational to ensure that each Notary keep a Notary Journal. Such documentation protects both the Notary and the individual who desires legal standing for his or her action.

Thank you for your kind attention.