IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI JACKSON DIVISION

PLAINTIFFS

DR. ORLY TAITZ, ESQ., BRIAN FEDORKA, LAURIE ROTH, LEAH LAX, and TOM MacLERAN

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:12-cv-280 HTW-LRA

DEFENDANTS

DEMOCRAT PARTY OF MISSISSIPPI, SECRETARY OF STATE MISSISSIPPI, BARAK HUSSEIN OBAMA, OBAMA FOR AMERICA, NANCI PELOSI, DR. ALVIN ONAKA, LORETTA FUDDY, MICHAEL ASTRUE, JOHN DOES, JOHN DOES 1-100

MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT COUNSEL FOR MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSE [ECF No. 30] IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF TAITZ'S MOTION FOR SANCTIONS [ECF No. 25]

The undersigned counsel for the Mississippi Democratic Party, through its governing entity, the Mississippi Democratic Party Executive Committee ("MDEC"), hereby moves to supplement their response in opposition to Plaintiff Orly Taitz's ("Taitz") motion for sanctions [ECF No. 25] and states:

1. On May 8, 2012, the MDEC filed a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings [ECF No. 15] ("JOP Motion"). The MDEC attached as an exhibit to the motion, a copy of the "Certificate of Live Birth" ("LFBC") posted at <u>http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/04/27/president-obamas-long-form-birth-certificate</u> ("whitehouse.gov") [ECF No. 15-1]. As stated in its Amended Memorandum in Support of Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings [ECF No. 18] ("MDEC JOP Memo"), undersigned counsel ("MDEC Counsel") attached the LFBC as an exhibit because the version submitted by Taitz was barely readable. *See* MDEC JOP Memo at 17, n.10.

 On May 16, 2012, Taitz filed a motion for sanctions against MDEC Counsel [ECF No. 25] ("Taitz Motion"). Taitz alleged in the motion that MDEC Counsel should be sanctioned for "uttering forged documents and attempting to incriminate this court and making Honorable Judge Wingate and Honorable

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Magistrate Anderson complicit in aiding and abetting forgery by seeking a judicial notice of forged documents." *See* Taitz Motion at 2. According to Taitz, MDEC Counsel submitted the LFBC "in order to defraud honorable US District Judge Henry Travillion Wingate and Honorable Magistrate Judge Linda R. Anderson and in order to defraud the public at large." *See id.* at 3.

3. On May 21, 2012, MDEC Counsel filed a Response in Opposition to the Taitz Motion [ECF No. 30] ("Response") in which counsel explained that they did not, in the MDEC JOP Memo [ECF No. 18], ask the Court to take judicial notice of the LFBC. Rather, MDEC Counsel asked the Court to take judicial notice of statements made by Hawaii Department of Health officials regarding President Obama's Hawaiian birth. *See* Response at ¶ 4.

4. With this motion, MDEC Counsel seeks to supplement the record by providing the Court with recently obtained official verification from the Hawaii Department of Health, which substantiates the veracity of the LFBC attached to the JOP Motion [ECF No. 15].

5. The Hawaii Department of Health is prohibited by law from permitting any person to inspect the original birth record or obtain a certified copy of any such record, unless the person has as a "direct and tangible" interest in the record.¹ Haw. Rev. Stat. § 338-18; *Martin v. Lingle*, No. 29414, 2008 WL 4684786 (Haw. Oct. 22, 2008) (citizen did not have "direct and tangible interest" in President Obama's birth certificate justifying disclosure to him); *Justice v. Fuddy*, 253 P.3d 665, 673 (Haw. Ct. App. 2011) (plaintiff's desire to confirm whether President Obama is eligible for his office does not constitute "compelling circumstances affecting the health or safety of any individual" as required for application of statutory exception to restrictions on disclosure set forth in Section 338-18).²

¹ The Department of Health has the statutory obligation to create and maintain public health statistics and all official records relating to such statistics. Haw. Rev. Stat. §§338-1, 338-2. The Department of Health has established the Office of Health Status Monitoring (OSHM) as the administrative office that carries out such duties. *See* <u>http://hawaii.gov/health/about/admin/</u> <u>deputy.html#OHSM</u> (last visited June 5, 2012).

² See also Taitz v. Fuddy, No. 1CC11-1-001731, slip. op. at 3 (Haw. 1st Cir. Ct. Nov. 10, 2011) (ECF No. 30-3) (order dismissing "Petition for a Writ of Mandamus Request for Inspection of Records under United (sic) Information Practices Act

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6. While only those with a "direct and tangible interest" may inspect or obtain copies of birth records, certain qualified applicants may obtain from the Hawaii Department of Health verification of (a) "the existence of a certificate" and (b) any other information that the applicant seeks to have verified "relating to the vital event that pertains to the certificate." Haw. Rev. Stat. § 338-14.3 (a). Such verification "shall be considered *for all purposes* certification that [a] the vital event did occur and [b] that the facts of the event are as stated by the applicant." Haw. Rev. Stat. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 338-14.3 (b) (emphasis added). A "private . . . attorney who seeks to confirm information about a vital event relating to any such record that was acquired during the course of or for purposes of legal proceedings" is a qualified applicant under the statute. *See* Haw. Rev. Stat. § 338-18 (g) (4).

7. Pursuant to Sections 338-14.3 and 338-18 (g)(4), MDEC Counsel recently submitted a written request to the Hawaii Department of Health, seeking verification of the following:

"1. The original Certificate of Live Birth for Barack Hussein Obama, II, is on file with the Hawaii State Department of Health.

2. The information contained in the "Certificate of Live Birth" published at <u>http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/04/27/president-obamas-long-form-birth-</u> <u>certificate</u>, a copy of which is attached to this request, matches the information contained in the original Certificate of Live [B]irth for Barack Hussein Obama, II on file with the Hawaii State Department of Health."

See Exhibit 1 (MDEC Counsel Request to HI DOH for Verification of President Obama's Hawaiian Birth (May 26, 2012)).

Statute 92F"), *recons. denied* (Jan. 17, 2012) (ECF No. 30-4) (order denying "Ex Parte Amended Motion for Reconsideration under 60B"), *recons. denied* (Feb. 7, 2012) (ECF No. 30-5) (order denying Taitz's "Amended Emergency Motion for Rehearing Motion to Stay Final Order Pending Rehearing"); *subsequent order* (Feb. 7, 2012) (ECF No. 30-6) (order denying Taitz's Motion Reciprocal Subpoena Enforcement *[sic]* and stating that "nothing in the Hawaii Rules of Civil Procedure or any other authority referenced by Plaintiff affords Plaintiff the relief she seeks"); *Taitz v. Nishimura*, No. SPCW-12-000014, 2012 WL 120367 (Haw. Jan. 12, 2012) (ECF No. 30-7) (denying petition for writ of mandamus to direct circuit court judge to issue order forcing Department. of Health to grant access to documents allegedly related to President Obama's eligibility).

8. On May 31, 2012, Alvin T. Onaka, Hawaii State Registrar, provided a Verification of Birth pursuant to §338-14.3, in which the following facts were officially verified:

"1. The original Certificate of Live Birth for Barack Hussein Obama, II, is on file with the Hawaii State Department of Health.

2. The information contained in the "Certificate of Live Birth" published at <u>http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/04/27/president-obamas-long-form-birth-certificate</u> and reviewed by me on the date of this verification, a copy of which is attached to your request, matches the information contained in the original Certificate of Live Birth for Barack Hussein Obama, II on file with the Hawaii State Department of Health."

See Exhibit 2 (Hawaii DOH Verification of President Obama's Hawaiian Birth, issued May 31, 2012 ("Hawaii Verification")).³ The Hawaii Verification of President Obama's Hawaiian birth, which is signed (and initialed) by State Registrar Onaka, includes a certification by Hawaii State Register Onaka that "the information contained in the vital record on file with the Department of Health was used to verify the facts of the vital event." *See id.*⁴

9. The Hawaii Verification provides official confirmation that the "information" – *i.e.*, each and every vital fact of President Obama's birth stated in the LFBC posted at whitehouse.gov – is the same information contained in his original LFBC on file with the department. As such, the Hawaii Verification – which under Haw. Rev. Stat. § 338-14.3 (b) "shall be considered for all purposes certification that the vital event did occur and that the facts of the event are as stated by the applicant" – clearly establishes the veracity of the LFBC posted at whitehouse.gov and confirms that no fraud occurred either in the posting of

³ The Hawaii Verification, which (a) contains the seal of the Hawaii State Department of Health (an agency of a state of the United States), and (b) was executed via signature and initials by Dr. Onaka, is self-authenticating pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 902. Moreover, the Hawaii DOH Verification is not subject to the hearsay rule pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 803 (9). That Dr. Onaka is the Hawaii State Register with authority to provide information regarding vital records on file with the Hawaii Department of Health is an undisputed fact. *See, e.g.*, First Amended Complaint [ECF No. 1-1] at pages 4 ¶10, 13 ¶ 2, 32, 38; *see also id.* at 4 ¶ 5 (complaining that State Register Onaka "refused to produce the original birth certificate for Barack Obama, refused to produce a microfilm of the original document and refused to testify in the court of law and refused to authenticate under the penalty of penalty of perjury that the long form birth certificate posted by Obama on Whitehouse.gov is indeed a true and correct copy of the 1961 long form birth certificate, which was created in 1961 and kept in records from 1961.")

⁴ MDEC Counsel has delivered the original verification, containing the official seal of the Hawaii Department of Health, to the chambers of Magistrate Judge Anderson and respectfully requests that she order that it be kept in the custody of the Court for the duration of the proceedings.

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the document on whitehouse.gov or in MDEC Counsel's submission of a copy of the LFBC as an exhibit in these proceedings. *See, e.g., In re Doe,* 981 P.2d 723 (Haw. Ct. App. 1999) ("To verify includes to confirm or establish the truth or truthfulness of; to confirm or establish the authenticity of; to authenticate.") (internal quotations omitted); *Amfac, Inc. v. Waikiki Beachcomber Inv. Co.*, 839 P.2d 10 (Haw. 1992) ("Verification" is defined as "evidence that establishes or confirms . . . accuracy or truth . . ." or "the process . . . required to prove or establish authenticity or validity." Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language 1587 (1989). To "verify" means "[t]o prove to be true; to confirm or establish the truth or truthfulness of; to check or test the accuracy or exactness of; to confirm or establish the authenticity of; to authenticate. . . . Black's Law Dictionary 1561 (6th ed. 1990).").

10. To be clear, MDEC Counsel had no doubts regarding the veracity of the LFBC posted at whitehouse.gov when it submitted a copy of the document with its JOP Motion [ECF No. 15-1]. However, MDEC Counsel respectfully submits this motion to supplement the record in order to remove any and all doubt whatsoever as to the veracity of the LFBC posted at whitehouse.gov. In short, even if MDEC *had* asked the Court to take judicial notice of the LFBC (which it did not), Taitz's claims that such actions constituted "uttering of a forged document" would be without merit. The Hawaii Verification conclusively demonstrates that the LFBC posted at whitehouse.gov is not fraudulent; it accurately reflects the information contained in the original LFBC on file with the Hawaii Department of Health.

11. MDEC Counsel request that the Court dispense with the requirement of filing a separate Memorandum of Authorities under the Local Rules in support of this motion as the reasons and authorities supporting its opposition are fully set forth above.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the undersigned counsel for the Mississippi Democratic Party Executive Committee hereby prays that the Court will grant counsel leave to supplement their

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Response [ECF No. 30] to Plaintiff Taitz's Motion for Sanctions [ECF No. 25] by including the Hawaii Verification as part of the record and that the Court will keep the original Hawaii Verification in its custody for the duration of the proceedings.

THIS the 6th day of June, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

THE MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By: <u>/s/ Samuel L. Begley</u> Samuel L. Begley (MSB No. 2315)

By: <u>/s/ Scott J. Tepper</u> Scott J. Tepper (Admitted *pro hac vice*)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the date set forth hereinafter, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to the following:

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THIS the 6th day of June, 2012.

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May 26, 2012

Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H. Director of Health State of Hawaii Department of Health 1250 Punchbowl St # 423 Honolulu, HI 96813

> Re: Request for Verification of Vital Records Pursuant to Hawai'i. Rev. Stat. § 338-14.3 and 338-18(g)(4)

Dear Director Fuddy:

I am a private attorney who seeks to confirm information about a vital event relating to a vital record which was acquired during the course of legal proceedings. I represent the Mississippi Democratic Party, which has been named as a defendant in a lawsuit currently pending in the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, captioned *Taitz et al v. Democrat Party of Mississippi [sic], et al.* No. 3:12-cv-00280-HTW-LRA (S.D. Miss.).¹ In this case. Plaintiffs have sued my client, alleging, among other things, conspiracy to commit forgery and fraud in connection with the Certificate of Live Birth published on the White House website at www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/04.27/president-obamas-long-form-birth-certificate.

More specifically. Plaintiffs assert as follows:

- "On April 27, 2011 [President] Obama held a press conference in the White House and presented what he alleged to be a true and correct copy of his original long form birth certificate." See Complaint at 12 ¶ 1 (emphasis added).
- "On April 27, 2011, when [President] Obama posted his alleged long form birth certificate online... he originally did not flatten the file, which means that anyone with an Adobe Illustrator program on his computer could see layers of alterations in this alleged "birth

¹ I have not attached a copy of the Complaint and exhibits because the materials are voluminous and are accessible at <u>www.archive.org/download/gov.uscourts.mssd.78493/gov.uscourts.mssd.78493.1.1.pdf</u>. Of course, I will be happy to provide a copy upon your request.

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> certificate" which looked like a complete fraud and hoax...." See Complaint at 21 ¶ 11 (emphasis added). See also unnumbered exhibit to Complaint, viewable at page 69 of 157 in the docket-stamped version available at <u>www.archive.org/download/gov.uscourts.mssd.78493/gov.uscourts.mssd.78493.1.1.pdf</u> (affidavit and reduced size copy of the Certificate of Live Birth posted at WhiteHouse.gov included as exhibit to Complaint).

- "[President] Obama does not qualify as he never proved his birth in Hawaii and is using a computer-generated forgery instead of a valid long form birth certificate." See Complaint at 24-25 ¶ 18 (emphasis added).
- "Defendant Democratic Party of Mississippi aided and abetted [President] Obama by covering up elections fraud and forgery and ... by keeping [President] Obama as the Democratic candidate for the US Presidency, while knowing that he is not eligible and is committing elections fraud." See Complaint at 33 (emphasis added).

As such the authenticity of the "Certificate of Live Birth" copy posted at <u>http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/04/27/president-ohanas-long-form-birth-certificate</u> – including the facts stated therein indicating that President Barack Hussein Obama, II was born in Honolulu Hawaii on August 4, 1961 – is directly at issue in the claims asserted against my client in this litigation.

Under Hawaii law, the Department of Health "shall," upon request by a qualified applicant, furnish "a verification of the existence of a certificate and any other information that the applicant provides to be verified relating to the vital event that pertains to the certificate." See Haw. Rev. Stat. § 338-14.3. A "qualified applicant" includes "a private . . . attorney who seeks to confirm information about a vital event relating to any such record that was acquired during the course of or for purposes of legal proceedings." See Haw. Rev. Stat. § 338-18(g)(4).

Therefore, pursuant to the above-referenced statutes, I hereby request official verification from the Hawaii State Department of Health of the following:

- The original Certificate of Live Birth for Barack Hussein Obama, II, is on file with the Hawaii State Department of Health.
- The information contained in the "Certificate of Live Birth" published at <u>http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog 2011/04/27/president-obamas-long-form-birth-</u> <u>certificate</u>, a copy of which is attached to this request, matches the information contained in the original Certificate of Live birth for Barack Hussein Obama, II on file with the Hawaii State Department of Health.

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Pursuant to Haw. Rev. Stat. § 338-14.3 (d), the "fee for a verification in lieu of a certified copy shall be a maximum of one half of the fee established in section 338-14.5 for the first certified copy of a certificate issued." According to Haw. Rev. Stat. § 338-14.5, the "fees for certified copies of birth . . . certificates issued by the department of health shall consist of \$10.00 for the first copy issued" Therefore, I have enclosed \$5.00 to cover the cost of the requested verification.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request or need additional information in order to respond, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, SCOTT J. TEPPER

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Office of Health Status Monitoring P.O. Box 3378 Honolulu, Hawaii 96801

STATE OF HAWAII

VERIFICATION OF BIRTH

Recipient of Verification: Scott J. Tepper and Samuel L. Begley, attorneys for the Mississippi Democratic Party in Taitz et al v. Democratic Party of Mississippi [sic], et al, No. 3:12-cv-00280-HTW-LRA (S.D. Miss.)

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §338-14.3, I verify the following:

- 1. The original Certificate of Live Birth for Barack Hussein Obama, II, is on file with the State of Hawaii Department of Health.
- 2. The information contained in the "Certificate of Live Birth" published at http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/04/27/president-obamas-long-formbirth-certificate and reviewed by me on the date of this verification, a copy of which is attached with your request, matches the information contained in the original Certificate of Live Birth for Barack Hussein Obama, II on file with the State of Hawaii Department of Health

I certify that the information contained in the vital record on file with the Department of Health was used to verify the facts of the vital event.

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Alvin T. Onaka, Ph.D. State Registrar

Date Issued: May 31, 2012

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