DECLARATION OF [redacted]

I, [redacted], hereby declare:

1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if called to testify I could and would do so competently and truthfully to these matters.

2. I am a [redacted]. I have [redacted] who is [redacted] years old and [redacted] who is [redacted] years old.

3. I have an open case in Bronx Family Court. On [redacted], 2024, the Administration for Children's Services ("ACS") filed a neglect petition against me. My next court date is [redacted], 2026.

4. ACS claims that I inflicted excessive corporal punishment on [redacted] on one occasion and that have an issue with alcohol use.

5. A trial has begun on these allegations, but the trial has not finished.

6. My child is currently not in my care. The judge placed [redacted] in [redacted] [redacted]'s care. I have had two prior cases in Bronx Family Court. The first case was from 2015 to 2016, and the second case was from 2019 to 2020.

7. During my first family court case, the Judge asked me to take drug tests in the courthouse. The Judge would say, "Are you willing to test today?" The Judge asked this question in front of a lot of lawyers, a court officer, my [redacted], and the friends [redacted] brought to court. I did not have a lot of time to make a decision, while everyone in the court was watching me.

8. I felt humiliated when the Judge asked me to drug test during court appearances. I felt as though I was being labelled as an alcohol abuser in front of people I know. I felt stigmatized in open court.

9. I recall my [redacted] laughing at me when the Judge asked me to take a drug test.

10. I also did not feel as though I had a real option not to test. I took the drug tests because I did not want the family court to assume that I was doing anything wrong. I knew that refusing to take the tests would harm my case.

11. The drug-testing happened in an area with cubicles and office staff. I was escorted by a [redacted] worker to pee in a bathroom. [redacted] was in the bathroom while I peed and could see me from [redacted] peripheral vision. This made me feel very exposed.

12. I am an employee at [redacted] Health Center, which offers drug rehabilitation and alcohol services in the Bronx. Clients at the program are randomly tested for drugs and alcohol. Unlike in Bronx Family Court, clients at [redacted] have a counselor to talk to about any issues with drugs and alcohol and test in private. This feels like a much more respectful way for clients to be tested for drugs and alcohol.

13. If the drug testing program returns to family court, I believe that I would feel pressured to test if asked to do so in court. I know that refusing to take a test, or even asking for time to think about whether I felt comfortable with taking a test, would make it seem as though I had something to hide from the judge. I worry that if I say no, the Judge would not consider giving my [redacted] back.

14. I have not spoken publicly about my family court case or about this case.

15. I do not want my [redacted]'s name to become public as a result of my involvement in this case.

16. I spoke with my attorney, Jesse McGleughlin, about becoming a class representative in this case. She explained the case and the responsibilities of a class representative. She answered all my questions.

17. I am willing to fulfil the responsibilities of a class representative in this case.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on May 8, 2026.

[redacted]

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