

EXHIBIT 4

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

O. JOHN BENISEK, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LINDA H. LAMONE., *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 13-cv-3233

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DECLARATION OF JOY R. WALKER

I, Joy R. Walker, under penalty of perjury, declare and state:

1. I am over the age of 18 and am competent to testify to the matters stated below.
2. Since 1988, I have worked in the office of the Maryland Senate President, Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., and have been the Office Manager since 1998.
3. In the role of Office Manager, I maintain President Miller's schedule.
4. The Maryland General Assembly will reconvene on January 11, 2017 and will adjourn on April 10, 2017. Given the restrictions of a 90-day legislative session and mandatory deadlines at each stage during which bills are considered, President Miller has extensive legislative responsibilities on each day that the Senate is in session. Having President Miller unavailable for legislative business even for a day during session would pose considerable scheduling challenges.
5. On Friday, January 27, 2017, President Miller has a meeting with the Southern Maryland Delegation at 9:30 am. Thereafter, he must preside over the Maryland Senate beginning at 11am until the Senate recesses for the day.
6. Based on Senator Miller's typical day during the legislative session, I anticipate that after the Senate recesses for the day, Senator Miller will have committee hearings, meetings with other legislators, meetings with constituents, meetings with advocacy groups, meetings with Executive Branch officials, and other legislative business for the remainder of the day.

7. On the Friday of the last week of January during the 2016 legislative session, President Miller had the Southern Maryland Delegation meeting at 9:30 am, following by two meetings with constituent groups at 10:30 am, followed by his duties of presiding over the Senate at 11 am, followed by 6 meetings throughout the remainder of the afternoon.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

January 6, 2017
Date

Joy R. Walker
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