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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
CASE NO. SC 00-2346

PALM BEACH COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD,
Petitioner

V.

KATHERINE HARRIS, AS Secretary of State, State of Florida, and
ROBERT BUTTERWORTH, as Attorney General of the State of Florida,
Respondents

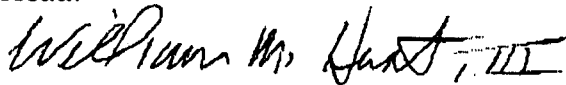
Reply to the response of Robert Butterworth, State Attorney General by
William M. Hunt, III, to the Emergency Petition for Extraordinary Writ filed
by the Palm Beach County Canvassing Board.

William M. Hunt, III, a legal Florida resident and registered voter,
registered as an Independent, with no political or economic affiliations to the
Democratic, Republican, nor other parties, hereby submits this reply to the
Response of State Attorney General Robert A. Butterworth.

As Attorney General Butterworth cited from Beckstrom v. Volusia
County Canvassing Board, 707 So. 2d 720 (Fla. 1988), the overriding
purpose of an election is to ascertain the will of the people.

However, the potential for further error or chicanery increases if
another hand count were to be ultimately allowed. There are subjective
elements to how the ballots are counted, and even another legal challenge to
what will be counted as a vote. (fully attached chads, with a dimple or
bubble.) In doing the hand counts, chads are dislodged, with current,
difficult to refute evidence of this. Therefore, determining the voters'
intentions likely becomes more distorted and elusive.

Therefore, the undersigned, attempting to provide some representation to the
courts for the Independent-registered voter constituency, respectfully and
humbly asks the court to uphold the position of the Secretary of State of
Florida.



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