

## Were you asked to sign the petition for the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative?

Were you approached by the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative and asked to sign a petition for a ballot referendum? If the answer is **YES**, *please read on* and **help us keep their anti-affirmative action referendum off the Michigan ballot in 2006!**

The so-called Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI) used fraud and deception to collect petition signatures to place their **ANTI**-affirmative action referendum on the Michigan ballot in 2006.

Many people, particularly in Michigan's black communities, were approached by black circulators and told that the petition was a civil rights petition to protect affirmative action, when in fact it will ban all race and gender based affirmative action programs in Michigan.

BAMN (The Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration and Immigrant Rights and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary) has filed a challenge with the Board of Canvassers demanding that MCRI's petitions be thrown out because they were gathered through systematic fraud and deception.

BAMN has already submitted 82 affidavits from voters who were deliberately deceived by MCRI. **BAMN is now looking for addition evidence to prove that this fraud was calculated, widespread and organized from the top.** BAMN is seeking written statements from all individuals who were approached by MCRI circulators who either said or implied that the petition was pro-affirmative action. We are also trying to demonstrate that the language of the petition was so vague, even the most educated voter couldn't tell by reading the petition language that it would ban affirmative action if enacted.

***Whether or not you signed the petition, if you were lied to, your statement will aid our case.***

Please take a few moments and write out a short statement that includes the following points:

1. Your name, address, phone number and occupation
2. When you were approached (approximate date, if not sure of exact date)
3. Where you were approached
4. What the person who approached you looked like
5. What the person said to you, to your best recollection
6. Whether or not you signed the petition
7. If you read the language of the petition before signing, and still believed it to be in defense of affirmative action, state that fact
8. Complete the statement with the sentence "I declare the aforesaid is true under pain of perjury" and then sign the statement.

Fax the statement by **JULY 1, 2005** to: 313-963-7587 or mail it to BAMN, P.O. Box 24834, Kensington Station, Detroit, MI 48224. If you have questions, call 313-438-3416 or email [letters@bamn.com](mailto:letters@bamn.com).