

Exhibit 5

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

SHARONELL FULTON, CECELIA
PAUL, TONI LYNN SIMMS-BUSCH,
and CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF
PHILADELPHIA, and
PHILADELPHIA COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RELATIONS,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 18-cv-2075

Assigned to the Honorable
Judge Tucker

DECLARATION OF CECELIA PAUL

1. My name is Cecelia Paul. I am over the age of 21 and am capable of making this declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746. I have not been convicted of a felony or been convicted of a crime of dishonesty. I have personal knowledge of all of the contents of this declaration.

2. I am a foster parent who has worked with Catholic Social Services for 46 years and who has fostered 133 children. I was honored by the City as one of its Foster Parents of the Year for my excellent care. Caring for children in need is what gives life meaning to me. I first began caring for children when I worked as a nurse. My religious beliefs inspired me to make serving children my life's work. These religious beliefs also inspired me to work with Catholic Social Services, and the social

workers at this agency have become like family to me. I trust them, rely on them, and I cannot imagine starting from scratch and fostering children without them.

3. Because the City is no longer referring children to families who work with Catholic Social Services, as of April 1 am no longer caring for foster children in need.

4. No longer caring for foster children has left a void in my life and has left me unable to fulfill my religious commitment to give of myself and show love to those most in need. My home will remain empty of foster children as long as the City continues refusing to refer foster children to Catholic Social Services.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 4, 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecelia Paul". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Cecelia Paul