

# **COLEMAN CAMPAIGN: COURT SHOULD REJECT FRANKEN EFFORT TO VIOLATE SECRET BALLOT**

**ST. PAUL** - Statement from Cullen Sheehan, campaign manager:

“The Franken campaign is shamelessly trying to strong arm local officials into counting invalid ballots in order to influence the outcome of the recount. This is a new low. This tactic is simply designed to shove more rejected ballots into the ballot box before the recount takes place next week.

“The legal action filed by the Franken campaign today is a classic scheme to re-write the election laws to rig the system in their favor at the expense of the Minnesota voters. We have grave concerns that the private information requested by the Franken campaign could lead to the harassment of Minnesota voters through visits by Franken campaign or Democratic Party operatives to their homes. Minnesotans cast their votes on Election Day with an expectation that their personal information would remain private. The relief requested by the Franken campaign betrays the trust that Minnesotans have in the rules that exist on Election Day. We urge the Court to preserve the privacy rights of Minnesota voters and order the counties to produce only the information necessary for the campaigns to conduct the statewide recount.”

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