

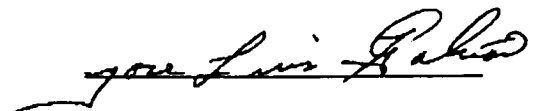
Declaration of Jose Luis Galvan

I, Jose Luis Galvan hereby state and declare the following:

1. I am over 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and a Hispanic American. My date of birth is September 19, 1951. My mailing address is P. O. Box 130, Ft. Hancock, TX 79839.
2. I have worked in farming all of my life. I grew up as migrant farm laborer and have farmed on my own for about 12 years. My current farm is approximately 200 acres on which I mainly plant cotton and some alfalfa.
3. In early 1995 I applied for a Farm Ownership loan through the Farms Home Administration (FmHA) at the FmHA office in El Paso, Texas. The loan officer I dealt with in El Paso was Mr. Jesse Garcia. He was very helpful throughout the loan process.
4. Mr. Garcia indicated to me that my loan application was complete and "ready to go" but that I would need to sell my home because the farm I wanted to purchase already had a home on it. He said that I could not own two homes.
5. I sold my home like I was instructed, but before I actually received any loan money my loan application was transferred from the FmHA office in El Paso to the FmHA office in Fort Stockton, Texas. Once my loan was transferred to Fort Stockton, Mr. William McAnally, the loan manager in Fort Stockton, told me that my loan had not been approved in El Paso and that I would need to reapply because now my information was out dated (this was over 8 months after I submitted my original loan application).
6. By this time I had already sold my home and was anxious to get the loan money so I went ahead and reapplied. I was denied the loan.
7. I complained to Mr. McAnally personally that I knew of an Anglo farmer whose application had come from El Paso just like mine and this farmer was not experiencing the same problems I was experiencing. I let him know that I thought I was being treated differently because I was Hispanic. He simply responded to me that FmHA is not a financial institution but a lender of last resort.
8. I believe that when I applied for a loan from the FmHA I was qualified and that the agency discriminated against me because I am Hispanic.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge.

Executed on 7-12-02



Jose Luis Galvan