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## **WHY IS OPERATION OUTCRY USING DECLARATIONS INSTEAD OF AFFIDAVITS?**

A declaration has the same legal effect and the same purpose as the affidavits which were previously being collected by Operation Outcry. A declaration, since it is given under penalty of perjury is legally admissible in a federal court of law as an affidavit. The purpose of collecting the affidavits and the declarations are to show the courts, legislators and the world that abortion hurts women and men.

The tremendous advantage of declarations over affidavits is that they do not need to be notarized, thus the person does not have to show the declaration to any other individual and it eliminates an obstacle to having the declarations returned to The Justice Foundation. Now a woman or man can simply download the declaration from the website, or be given a hard copy, and it can be filled out in private and mailed to The Justice Foundation. The individual's personal data is kept confidential by The Justice Foundation and only their initials used if they desire confidentiality.

## **CAN WE STILL USE THE OLD AFFIDAVIT FORMS?**

We can continue to use affidavits as they come in to the office. The affidavits and the declarations will be combined together at any presentation since they have the same legal effect as sworn evidence. In both cases, the individuals are swearing or declaring under penalty of perjury that the information that they gave to us is true. They are both admissible in federal court. However, because the declarations are simpler to administer, we are only going to be providing declaration forms in the future. People can use the affidavit form if they desire and the affidavits that come in will be used in the process.