

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII,

Plaintiff,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official  
capacity as President of the United States;  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY; JOHN F. KELLY, in his  
official capacity as Secretary of Homeland  
Security; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE; REX TILLERSON, in his  
official capacity as Secretary of State; and  
the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.

**DECLARATION OF ROSS HIGASHI**

**EXHIBIT G**

## DECLARATION OF ROSS HIGASHI

I, ROSS M. HIGASHI (“Declarant”), declare based upon my personal knowledge and belief, the following:

1. Declarant is employed as the Deputy Director for the Airports Division, Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii, and has served in this capacity since December, 2014.

2. Declarant’s duties as the Deputy Director include the responsibility for the management of the statewide airport system that is owned and operated by the State of Hawaii (“State”). There are fifteen state airports including the Honolulu International Airport (“HNL”) and Kona International Airport (“KOA”).

3. HNL and KOA qualify as “international airports” which are airports that have customs and immigration facilities to process passengers traveling from other countries to the United States.

4. To acquire international airport status for HNL and KOA, the State was required to obtain the approval of the federal Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”). Part of the approval process included providing a facility for use by the CBP to process passengers arriving on international flights.

5. The CBP mandates the requirements of the facility which is sometimes referred to as the “International Arrival Building.” If the CBP requirements are not met, the airport may not be used as a port of entry into the United States for international flights (i.e., the airport could not be used to accommodate international flights).

6. HNL and KOA each have an International Arrival Building that meets the strict CBP requirements.

7. The State provides CBP, at no cost to CBP, with an area inside the International Arrival Building to screen international passengers and luggage.

I, Ross Higashi, do declare under penalty of law that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, FEBRUARY 2, 2017.

  
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ROSS HIGASHI