

### **DECLARATION OF JANE DOE # 3**

I, Jane Doe #3, do attest and would competently testify as follows:

1. I was born in Iran.
2. I became a United States citizen in the summer of 2017. While I pursued my degrees in the United States, I was on a student visa. I have lived in the United States for more than 10 years.
3. I am currently a professor of Civil Engineering at a university on the East Coast of the United States. I received my undergraduate and master's degree in Civil Engineering in Iran. I received my PhD and pursued post-doctoral work at two prominent and well-respected American universities.
4. I am aware that President Trump issued an executive order on January 27, 2017, which temporarily banned travel from seven Muslim-majority countries, including Iran. I am also aware that on March 6, 2017, President Trump issued a new executive order that temporarily banned travel from six Muslim-majority countries, including Iran. I also understand that on September 24, 2017, President Trump issued a "Presidential Proclamation Enhancing Vetting Capabilities and Processes for Detecting Attempted Entry into the United States by Terrorists or

Other Public-Safety Threats,” which imposes restrictions on entry into the United States by nationals of eight countries, including Iran.

5. In late January 2017, my husband and I were traveling back to the United States from Europe and were detained at an airport in the United States during the implementation of the first travel ban. My husband is also an Iranian national and a lawful permanent resident of the United States. At the time I was a lawful permanent resident, though I subsequently became a citizen. We were eventually released and allowed to return to our home.
6. I understand that we were permitted to enter the United States that day because of litigation in the federal courts regarding the first travel ban.
7. This experience was very unsettling to me and my husband. We both rely on international travel for our work and to visit our families.
8. I was unwilling to travel out of the United States until I was assured of my ability to travel reliably in and out of the country.
9. In 2016, my husband developed a serious health concern. I needed the support of my family. My mother, who is Iranian, agreed to come to the United States to assist me.
10. My mother went to the U.S. embassy in Dubai and tried to get an emergency appointment for a non-immigrant tourist visa. In the summer

of 2016, we were told that her case was placed under administrative processing. Her application for a visa is still pending and we are still waiting. We received confirmation in the spring of 2017 that the visa application is still in processing, but have heard nothing since.

11. Meanwhile, the health situation with my husband has continued and I still do not have the support of my family.

12. In the spring of 2017, my father, who is also Iranian, submitted a non-immigrant tourist visa application as well, in the hopes that he could come to the United States to assist me. Like my mother's, his visa application is still pending.

13. Since January 2017, when the first travel ban was implemented, my family and I have faced great uncertainty about whether my family member in Iran will ever be permitted to come visit me in the United States. If the third travel ban is implemented, it will make it difficult if not impossible for my parents to obtain visas to enter the United States. I will be left without the support of my family in my time of need.

14. Since January, and especially since the third travel ban was announced recently, I regularly think about leaving the United States. It is difficult for me to make the trip to Iran frequently, given my work obligations.

But now because of the President's travel bans, my close family members

in Iran, including my parents and my sibling, who is also Iranian, cannot come to see me. If the third travel ban is implemented, I will seriously consider looking for work in other countries, perhaps in Europe. I understand that it would be easier for my parents to obtain visas to travel there, so that they would be able to visit me frequently. I otherwise would have no intention of leaving the United States.

15. I am personally aware of the impact the travel bans have had on university communities. In the summer of 2017, there was one Iranian student in particular I tried to recruit to attend my university. Our university offered him admission, financial aid, and assisted with procuring a student visa. He still declined, because of the uncertainty caused by the two travel bans and the visa process and opted to pursue his studies in Canada instead. To my knowledge, the same phenomenon has played out in other universities across the United States. I have also heard from Iranian students that Iranians are now generally more inclined to pursue their studies in Europe or Canada, because of the travel bans. Before the travel bans, universities in the United States were generally the best option for strong applicants.

16. This, in addition to my own experience, has shown me just how damaging implementation of the travel bans has been. It has dramatically

affected my life and my husband's life and threatens to permanently deprive me of the support and assistance of our parents and family.

17. I am submitting this declaration anonymously because I am afraid that if I identify myself, I may be subject to public reprisals. The Iranian community is a small one, as is the university community in which I work.

I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATED: [REDACTED] October 5, 2017.

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Jane Doe #3