

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAI'I

STATE OF HAWAI'I and ISMAIL  
ELSHIKH,

Plaintiffs,

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. 1:17-cv-00050-  
DKW-KJM

**ORIGINAL DECLARATION OF**  
**LUIS P. SALAVERIA**

**EXHIBIT C-2**

## DECLARATION OF LUIS P. SALAVERIA

I, LUIS P. SALAVERIA, do declare and would competently testify as follows.

1. I am the Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). I have held this position since December 2014. Prior to this position, I served as the State's Deputy Director of Finance from 2011 to 2014.
2. As Director, I lead DBEDT's efforts to achieve a Hawaii economy that embraces innovation and is globally competitive and dynamic, providing opportunities for all Hawaii's citizens.
3. Through our attached agencies, we also foster planned community development, create affordable workforce housing units in high-quality living environments, and promote innovation sector job growth.
4. In my professional experience working for and promoting Hawaii, the ability for government and business leaders to travel to each other's respective countries is critical to maintaining Hawaii's tourism economy and to expand our local economy's potential beyond tourism.
5. The networking and trust-building that occurs as a result of travel is not something that can be replicated through phone calls, emails, or video-conferences. Meaningful relationships between government agencies,

private businesses, and community organizations is best accomplished through direct interaction and face-to-face engagements.

6. I have recently traveled to Japan, Korea, and the Philippines to explore opportunities for collaborative engagements in renewable energy and to discuss Hawaii's renewable energy laws.
7. As a result of my trip to the Philippines, a delegation from that country came to Hawaii to participate in our annual Clean Energy Summit. They also participated in one of our business start-up accelerator programs and invested funds into the program. This outcome would not have been possible if not for the willingness of these individuals to travel to Hawaii.
8. The State of Hawaii maintains a number of sister-state relationships with countries throughout world. Countries such as China, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, and Taiwan are partners to Hawaii in this global economy, and these relationships are integral to maintaining Hawaii's position as a global destination and place of business. The ability to interact with these countries without concern of impeded travel by individuals from those countries is crucial to these relationships.
9. Through news coverage and through conversations with others in state government, I am aware of Executive Order entitled, "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States," which was issued by

President Donald Trump on January 27, 2017. It is my understanding that the Executive Order temporarily bars entry into the United States of any person who is a citizen of any one of six countries: Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Sudan, Libya and Yemen. It is my understanding that the Executive Order indefinitely bars entry into the United States of any person who is a citizen of Syria. It is my understanding that this bar to travel to the United States applies regardless of whether the person in question poses a specific threat of violence or any connection to terrorist activities in any way.

10. I am also aware that a great deal of confusion and inconsistent implementation occurred as the Executive Order was placed into effect nationwide. I am generally aware of the news coverage regarding the Executive Order and how its impact is being felt around the world and here in Hawaii.
11. Based on my professional experience it is my opinion that this Executive Order has the potential to inhibit and impair Hawaii's relationships with foreign countries. Hawaii has millions of visitors annually from all over the world. I expect, given the instability it has caused to international travel generally, that this Executive Order may depress tourism, business travel, and financial investments in Hawaii. It is also my opinion that the confusion and difficulties brought about by the Executive Order may result in visitors

who would choose to visit Hawaii to instead look at other destinations where travel will not be impeded.

12. In my experience as DBEDT director, Hawaii has always been viewed as a place of acceptance, hospitality, and cultural diversity. Any potential action that could jeopardize that reputation has the ability to do irreparable harm to our State's brand. For many of our visitors, Hawaii is a vacation destination, and people generally take vacations to places where they feel welcome, invited, and safe.
13. In addition to being a tourist destination, Hawaii has been positioning itself for many years as a hub of international business, located midway between Asia and the continental United States. In my time in state government I have witnessed and been part of efforts to attract business and financial investments to Hawaii by emphasizing our inclusiveness and diversity. I believe that the Executive Order causes harm to this reputation and may negatively impact Hawaii's ability to attract future investments from countries that are not currently named in the Executive Order.
14. In my professional travel experience working to expand Hawaii's businesses, I have learned how important it is that Hawaii maintain its reputation as a place of inclusivity and welcome. I believe the Executive Order threatens this reputation.

15. There is no recent parallel to this situation and the Executive Order was recently issued. At this point, it is difficult to determine with precision how its effects will play out for Hawaii's air travelers. Hawaii is uniquely positioned geographically, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. For the vast majority of our visitors, flying is the only way to travel here. Given the confusion, controversy, and shifting instructions from the federal government regarding the Executive Order, travelers may consider the current situation as a reason for not undertaking travel to Hawaii.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2017, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luis P. Salaveria', is written over a horizontal line.

Luis P. Salaveria