

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII 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
RISA E. DICKSON

EXHIBIT D-2

I, Risa E. Dickson, do declare and would competently testify as follows.

1. I am Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy, at the University of Hawai'i system. I began this role in February 2015. Previously, I worked at California State University, San Bernardino from 1991-2014. Among the positions I held there included Associate Provost for Academic Personnel. As Associate Provost, my office processed and monitored visas for international faculty.
2. As Vice President I have overall responsibility for leadership, planning, and intercampus coordination of academic affairs, student affairs, policy and planning, institutional research and analysis, international and strategic initiatives, and the Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education. Given my current role with international and strategic initiatives, and my previous experience with recruitment of international faculty, I am well aware of the importance of the role of international faculty in the vibrancy of a healthy university.
3. The University of Hawai'i system was founded in 1907 and includes three universities, seven community colleges, and community-based learning centers across six of the Hawaiian Islands.
4. The University is a leading engine for economic growth and diversification in Hawai'i. The University stimulates the local economy with jobs, research, and skilled workers.
5. The University is a unique and important institution in our island State, and in our nation. Because of Hawai'i's unique geographic location, the University is able to offer unique research and employment opportunities in the fields of astronomy and oceanography.
6. Hawai'i's location in the Pacific Ocean, balanced between east and west, creates opportunities for international leadership and collaboration.

7. The University is an international institution. This is reflected in our diverse faculty, which includes approximately four hundred and seventy-seven international faculty members legally present in the United States. Throughout the University system, we have study abroad or exchange programs in thirty-three different countries. Throughout the University system, we have 489 separate international agreements with 353 institutions in forty different countries, providing opportunities for learning and collaboration for our faculty and scholars.
8. The University has been apprised of the 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. I have been informed that the Executive Order temporarily bars entry into the United States of any person who is a citizen of any one of seven countries: Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Sudan, Libya and Yemen. I have also been informed that this bar to travel to the United States applies regardless of whether the person in question poses any individualized threat of violence or any connection to terrorist activities in any way.
9. This Executive Order directly impacts the University of Hawai‘i community. The University presently has approximately 27 graduate students from the seven countries affected by the Executive Order. These students attend our institution under valid visas issued by the United States government. These students study and work alongside the University’s many thousands of other students, who hail from all over Hawai‘i, the United States, and the world.
10. The University has permanent resident faculty from the same seven affected countries, namely Iran, Iraq and Sudan. I am aware of at least ten faculty members who fall within

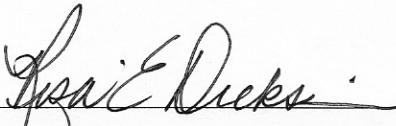
this category and are subject to the Executive Order. There may be more faculty members who fall within this category, because we do not actively track legal permanent residency.

11. In addition, the University also has visiting faculty and scholars who are directly affected by the Executive Order. The University has at least thirty faculty members with valid visas who are from the seven countries affected by this Executive Order. As with all institutions of higher education, the scholarship and community of the University of Hawai'i relies upon the collaborative exchange of ideas and research partnerships. The University relies upon faculty, teaching, research, conferences, and program activities that regularly require travel outside the United States.
12. The Executive Order will affect the ability for the faculty and students discussed above to have the freedom to fully engage in their fields of study, by effectively prohibiting travel outside the United States for those affected individuals who are present here today. It is anticipated that the Executive Order will negatively impact their development as scholars and professors; deprive them of the chance to visit family and friends in their countries of origin, or to attend significant personal events such as weddings and funerals; and prevent their family and friends from being able to reunite with their families, visit Hawai'i or move here permanently. I am aware of faculty who have planned trips to reunite with family members and are concerned about their ability to return to their work and home.
13. The Executive Order will also hinder the diversity of thought and experience that forms the backbone of any institution of higher education. A diverse student body is part of the educational experience for all students. This is immeasurably enriched by our international students and schools, including those from the seven countries targeted in the Executive Order.

14. The University of Hawaii stands with the higher education community nationwide in our concern over the impact the Executive Order has on the free flow of information and ideas. Our experience with higher education indicates that the Executive Order will have not just the direct impacts described here, but will also deter students, scholars and faculty from other affected countries and communities from attending our institutions.
15. The University of Hawai'i and the State of Hawai'i have been immeasurably strengthened through the diversity of the students and faculty we attract. The fundamental values of our nation and our State have long supported the welcoming of others to our Islands and embracing them into our communities.

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

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, February 1, 2017.



Risa E. Dickson