

# DECLARATION OF SANA PARSIAN

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2 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
3 **WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

4 STATE OF WASHINGTON, and  
5 STATE OF MINNESOTA,

6 Plaintiffs,

7 v.

8 DONALD TRUMP, in his official  
9 capacity as President of the United  
10 States; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
11 HOMELAND SECURITY; JOHN F.  
12 KELLY, in his official capacity as  
13 Secretary of the Department of  
14 Homeland Security; REX W.  
15 TILLERSON, in his official capacity  
16 as Secretary of State; and the UNITED  
17 STATES OF AMERICA,

18 Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:17-cv-00141-JLR

DECLARATION OF SANA  
PARSIAN

19 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Sana Parsian, hereby declare as follows:

- 20 1. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.
- 21 2. I am a Washington State resident.
- 22 3. I am a dual United States citizen and Iranian citizen.
- 23 4. I became a United States citizen in December 2013 after I married my husband in 2009  
24 and moved to the United States from Iran in 2010. I love this country and am proud to  
25 serve the people as a physician.
- 26 5. My husband is a US citizen. He was born in the United States. His parents are from Iran.
6. I am a doctor specializing in diagnostic radiology and am in my last year of residency at  
the University of Washington serving as chief resident.
7. My husband is a software developer and entrepreneur. He owns his own company with  
approximately 40 employees.
8. My parents live in Iran. My mom is an English teacher. My dad, now retired, was a  
statistics professor. He got his PhD in the United States at the University of Iowa. Both  
my parents are getting old. They are both on medications and have new prescriptions  
being added.
9. I applied for green cards for both of my parents in April 2016. My mom's was approved  
in December 2016. She was coming here in January 2017, when the President's first  
Executive Order banning travel from Iranians went into effect. She was returned to Iran  
from Amsterdam and was not able to come to the United States. This whole process has  
caused a lot of stress for me and for my family. My mom is now scheduled to travel here

1 on March 11, 2017. However, she can not remain in the United States with me  
2 without my dad.

- 3 10. My dad's green card has been in the process of the security check since December 2016.  
4 He does not have any criminal history. We were told to expect for the process to take three  
5 to six months before the executive order was issued. Because of the President's second  
6 Executive Order, I am not sure if my dad's case will be processed or not, and if he will be  
7 granted a green card or not. I am not sure if I can get a waiver for him or not.
- 8 11. This has resulted in a high degree of stress in my life. I am a doctor, but I am being  
9 prevented from taking care of my dearest loved ones, my parents. Every time I hear of a  
10 new medication being added to their list, it breaks my heart. It is my basic human right to  
11 be able to care for my family when they need me.
- 12 12. My plan after this last year of my residency has been to do a fellowship in breast imaging  
13 and then to look for a job as a breast Radiologist in Seattle / South Washington area.  
14 However, the President's Executive Orders have made me very confused about my future.  
15 I am not sure if I should return to Iran or move to another country. I would lose my job if I  
16 leave to take care of my parents if anything happens to them. But if I stay here, I cannot  
17 forgive myself for feeling like I am abandoning my parents.
- 18 13. Due to recent Iranian government treatment of dual citizens, I did not feel safe to travel to  
19 Iran and it has been 3 years since I have last hugged my loved ones.

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

21 Executed on this 10th day of March, 2017

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SANA PARSIAN