

DECLARATION OF AMIN SHAYEGAN

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

STATE OF WASHINGTON, and
STATE OF MINNESOTA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD 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 the Department of
Homeland Security; REX W.
TILLERSON, in his official capacity
as Secretary of State; and the UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

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

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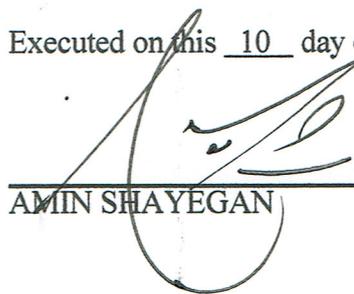
Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Amin Shayegan, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.
2. I am a Washington State resident and a United States citizen.
3. I moved to Washington State as a refugee from Iran in 2009.
4. I became a United States citizen in 2014.
5. I work at Seattle Central Community College.
6. I have an Associate Applied Science degree and I am in my last semester of earning my Bachelor's degree in sustainable building science at Seattle Central Community College, South Seattle Campus.
7. My wife is in Iran awaiting approval of her green card.

- 1 8. We were married in September 2016 and I submitted her application for a green card in
2 December 2016.
3 9. We expected her to be here, living with me, in the next two months. Because she was
4 moving here, she stopped going to university in Iran where she was earning her Bachelor's
5 degree in civil engineering to save money and she has been working on her English. Our
6 plan is for her to go to school for civil engineering when she gets here.
7 10. My parents live alone in Iran. They are getting older and it is important for them to be able
8 to visit me here in the United States. I applied for their green cards a year ago and expected
9 that they would be able to visit me in May or June, 2017.
10 11. Because of the President's Executive Orders banning Iranian travel, we do not know when
11 my wife and parents' green cards will be approved. My parents are still waiting for their
12 interview to be scheduled with the US Department of State, which would be held in Abu
13 Dhabi and require travel arrangements at that point, too.
14 12. Since the President's Executive Orders banning travel for Iranians, I am suffering greatly.
15 It is a basic right for people to be able to live with their family, but my family is being kept
16 apart. I just want to live with my wife. I want her to be here with me. She cries everyday
17 about this situation, which impacts me even more. And now we do not know when we will
18 be together. Life is harder for me now. I am nervous to leave my home. And I cannot focus
19 at school. My plan was to get my Masters degree after I finish this last semester of
20 undergraduate school, but since the first executive order, I have taken two exams that I have
21 hardly completed and I have not done my homework in two weeks.
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 10 day of March, 2017



AMIN SHAYEGAN