

DECLARATION OF ALI MEHRIZI-SANI

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

10 STATE OF WASHINGTON, and
11 STATE OF MINNESOTA,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 DONALD TRUMP, in his official
15 capacity as President of the United
16 States; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
17 HOMELAND SECURITY; JOHN F.
18 KELLY, in his official capacity as
19 Secretary of the Department of
20 Homeland Security; REX W.
21 TILLERSON, in his official capacity
22 as Secretary of State; and the UNITED
23 STATES OF AMERICA,

24 Defendants.

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

DECLARATION OF ALI MEHRIZI-SANI

25 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, ALI MEHRIZI-SANI, hereby declare as follows:

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1. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.
 2. I am a professor at Washington State University in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.
 3. I have the following information about one of our students who has been irrevocably harmed by the President's executive orders:

1 One of my Iranian Ph.D. students received an 8,500 Euro scholarship from the Austrian
2 Marshall Plan Foundation (which started as a U.S. Department of State program after
3 World War II as part of the European Recovery Program) to spend about six months at
4 Graz University of Technology (TU Graz) in my collaborator's laboratory and work on
5 new experiments for one of my research projects funded by the U.S. National Science
6 Foundation. Unfortunately, the student is now planning on not traveling outside the
7 United States as he cannot know if he will be allowed to come back to finish his doctoral
8 program. The student is an Iranian citizen and cannot leave the United States without
9 running the risk that he will not be able to obtain a new visa in order to return to
10 Washington. The planned collaboration is now on hold.

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

13 Executed on this 12th day of March, 2017

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16 ALI MEHRIZI-SANI