

DECLARATION OF SADAF AMIN

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

STATE OF WASHINGTON and
STATE OF MINNESOTA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

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

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 Acting Secretary of State; and the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

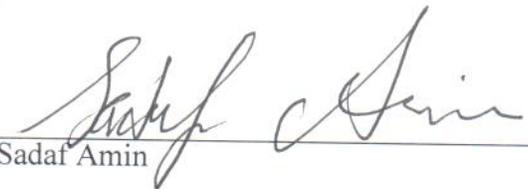
Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Sadaf Amin, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of New York, and I have Iranian citizenship.
2. I am a PhD Student at Weill Cornell Medicine- Medical College of Cornell University. I moved to New York City in September 2011 from my hometown of Tehran, Iran with the goal of engaging in top notch research in biomedicine.
3. Currently, I am conducting research on stem cells to develop new models and drug candidates for diabetes which will pave the way to use precision medicine for the treatment of this devastating disease.
4. However, I had to make sacrifices on the way: being on a single entry F1 student visa for six years now, I did not want to risk leaving the country and experiencing long delays for being re-admitted so I have not seen my family for the past six years.

- 1 5. Because of the Executive Order, I will certainly not be able to visit my family as I would
2 not be provided a new visa to be permitted back into the country, to my life, my fiancé,
3 and my research. Nor is my immediate family, who live in Iran, able to come visit me
4 because of the entry restrictions of those from Iran in the new Executive Order.
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6 6. My mother was planning on visiting me this summer in New York but cancelled her plans
7 because of the Executive Order.
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9 7. This is a huge emotional burden as it seems very likely that the “temporary ban” on entry
10 on Iranian nationals will be a permanent ban as Iran and the U.S. have not had diplomatic
11 relations for decades. I have lived and served in this country for the past six years, and I
12 have already undergone extensive vetting processes. So, it is unclear why this ban would
13 apply when the U.S. already has so much information about me.
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15 8. I was willing to make the personal sacrifice of not seeing my family for some time to
16 achieve my goals of advancing research on diabetes. However, if the sacrifice means that I
17 will never be able to see my family, I am not sure that I can remain in this country.
18 Moreover, because my fiancé is an American citizen, leaving the United States for Canada
19 or Europe would be a very difficult decision to make.

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

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22 Executed on this 10 day of March, 2017

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