

DECLARATION OF NIMA ALA

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

STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD TRUMP, et al.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:17-cv-00141-JLR
DECLARATION OF NIMA ALA

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

1. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.
2. I am an Iranian born U.S. citizen. I was admitted as a citizen of the United States by taking the oath of allegiance in Seattle, Washington on June 14, 2015.
3. I am a Supervising Bridge Engineer with the City of Seattle Department of Transportation. I supervise capital projects and roadway structures projects. My team is in charge of design, construction support, maintenance, and assurance of continuous service and safety for small and major transportation projects and facilities within the City of Seattle. I have more than 12 years of experience in design and construction of

1 public infrastructure facilities including light rail facilities, transit stations, seawalls,
2 bridges and so on. I am also an adjunct faculty member with the Seattle University
3 where I teach Civil Engineering courses and mentor students. I received a Ph.D. in
4 structural engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (completed in 2011). I
5 received a Master's degree in Geotechnical Engineering from Sharif University of
6 Technology (2006) and a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of
7 Tehran (2004)- both of the two institutions are the most prestigious schools in Iran (I
8 ranked top 0.1% in the nation in order to qualify to enter these schools). During my
9 graduate program and afterwards in the U.S. I have published more than 10 papers in
10 well respected engineering journals and conferences. I have been highly involved in
11 development of the "Design for Life" guide for bridges for the United States which is
12 the first comprehensive document of this kind in the world.
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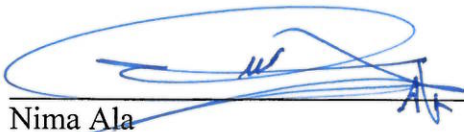
15 4. I am married to a wonderful woman from Cheyenne, Wyoming and we live in Seattle,
16 WA. My wife is a Pediatric dentist. She has received two specialties (pediatric
17 dentistry and public health) from the University of Washington, ranked top five in the
18 world in both specialties. My wife works for the Seattle Children's hospital and she is
19 also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Washington. In the clinics my wife
20 works, she provides treatment for children with the highest level of care needed as she
21 primarily sees children with state insurance.
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23 5. Our beautiful baby girl, Darya, was born on September 1, 2016. At the time, my
24 parents were moving to a different city in Iran so they could not immediately travel to
25 the US to see their first and only grandchild. They were planning on coming in March
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1 of 2017, which is the Iranian new year. The first travel ban completely abolished our
2 plans, putting a huge toll on me, my wife, and my parents who their only wish is to
3 meet and hold their only grandchild. Now my daughter is walking, speaking a few
4 words, and getting cuter everyday and my parents have not met her in person yet. I am
5 sure you know how proud of my little girl I am and how important it is for every parent
6 to present the fruit of their life to their own parents. I video chat with my parents once
7 a week and it brings tears in my eyes seeing how they tear up not being able to hold
8 Darya. My parents are elderly and my father's health is not as good as it used to be a
9 few years ago. They have visited the United States twice in the past and they love
10 every corner of this country. My wife and I think about this problem everyday and do
11 not know what to do. It is probably the only time in my entire life I have felt so
12 helpless.
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16 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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18 Executed on this 9th day of October, 2017
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