## DECLARATION OF SHERVIN BEYGI

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8 9	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
10	STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,
11	Plaintiffs,
12	v. CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:17-cv-00141-JLR
13	DONALD TRUMP, et al.,  DECLARATION OF SHERVIN BEYGI
14	Defendants.
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16 17	Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Shervin Beygi, hereby declare as follows:
18	I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.
19 20	2. I live in Washington State.
21	3. I am a US citizen.
22	4. I am personally impacted and deeply hurt by the President's September 24, 2017
23	Proclamation.
24	5. I came to the US in 2002 to pursue my graduate studies. I received my Ph.D. in
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26	engineering from the University of Michigan in 2008. I now work in Seattle as a Data

- Scientist for Boeing, creating cutting-edge aviation solutions that benefits our nation's safety and economy. Prior to that, I worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on improving the system of care for our nation's veterans.
- 6. My aging parents still live in Iran. They were both negatively impacted by Iran's Islamic revolution in 1979, my father lost his job because he allegedly was not Islamic enough, and my mother could not get promoted for about 15 years because she was a woman. They struggled for years to make ends meet in order to raise me and my sister. I was hoping I could finally bring my parents here to live with me after all they went through. Now with the new travel ban, my hopes are fading. Neither they nor my sister would ever be able to come visit me here, because they are considered a threat to our national security. Such a painful irony. Even though I have worked hard, played by the rules, used my advanced skills to serve this country and paid taxes, I do not get to enjoy the same rights as other citizens.
- 7. When the prior versions of the travel ban were blocked, it reinstated my confidence in the American judicial system. This new version is inhumane, discriminatory, and indefinite. It discriminates based on people's place of birth. I am deeply disappointed. How can I call this country my home when my immediate family is banned from it indefinitely while neither they nor I have done anything wrong?
- 8. I am deeply disturbed by this new draconian travel ban. It impacts me, my work, and my future plans to stay in the US, contribute and serve. I am worried that I will not be able to take care of my parents if something happens to them. I am not sure if they can stay in a safe and healthy environment back in Iran. For the past 12 years, I called the

1	US home, and felt proud of it. I don't want to leave it. But once this new ban takes
2	effect, I will be left with no choice other than leaving. Even thinking about this breaks
3	my heart.
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5	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
6	Executed on this 6 <sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017
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