

DECLARATION OF
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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 ETHAN
DEVENPORT**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Ethan Devenport, 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 currently reside in Washington State.
3. I am a United States citizen, born in rural Caldwell, Idaho and now living in Seattle where I presently own a condo.
4. I am a co-founder and co-owner of a technology company registered in Washington State. The incorporated company employs five Washington State residents including myself, pays Washington State taxes, and organizes technology-related community

1 events in the Seattle area for the purpose of sharing knowledge on current and upcoming
2 technology.

3 5. My fiancé is an Iranian citizen currently residing in Tehran, Iran.

4 6. Since we met in October 2015, my fiancée and I have talked nearly everyday, mornings
5 and evenings. We schedule trips to meet each other whenever possible; Northern Cyprus,
6 Armenia, Turkey, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Georgia.

7 7. We have shared cultural traditions by spending 2016 Christmas and 2017 New Year's in
8 Istanbul together and 2017 Nowruz in Sarajevo together.

9 8. We decided to marry early in 2017 and immediately began the K-1 visa process. The
10 Petition for Alien Fiancé was submitted September 7, 2017.

11 9. We spent a week in September 2017 in Tbilisi, Georgia where I bought my fiancée an
12 engagement ring.

13 10. The President's September 24, 2017 Proclamation directly impacts our intentions to
14 marry and spend our lives together in Seattle, Washington. We are both very worried.

15 11. The newest travel ban will deny my fiancée travel to the United States and would deny
16 her family from visiting her in the United States when we are married. The ban would
17 also drastically impact my quality of life as well as my company and the technology
18 events organized in Washington State due to the burden of travel to be with the woman
19 I love.

20 12. If I am unable to live with my fiancé in the United States, I have been considering the
21 possibility of moving to another country where we can marry and live together. Many
22 countries where my fiancé can easily travel to and reside in are primarily Islamic
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1 countries with Islamic values and laws. Living together in Iran, for example, would
2 require me to convert to Islam. I do not intend to change my religion and would
3 therefore be subject to possible religious persecution and criminal prosecution. Thus,
4 my fiancé and I want to marry and live together here in the United States.
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6 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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8 Executed on this 9th day of October, 2017
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