

DECLARATION OF YASAMAN ESMAILI

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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 YASAMAN
ESMAILI**

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

1. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.
2. I live in Washington State.
3. I am an Iranian citizen and a US greencard holder. My parents are also US green card holders and Iranian citizens and reside in the Seattle area.
4. I have lived in the US since 2008.
5. I am an architect and work for a private company Blokable. Our design philosophy and company mission is to make housing accessible and affordable to everyone in the US. We address the missing market through democratic design capabilities that are not met

1 by the current industry approach, trying to solve the housing crisis in the country –
2 integrating technology, design and modular fabrication to build more quality affordable
3 permanent housing for those who need it the most and are left out of the current
4 housing construction industry is our focus.

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6 6. I am an associate of the American Institute of Architects. I have my Masters in
7 Architecture in Design Computing from University of Washington, a Master of
8 Architecture from University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering
9 from University of Tehran. I was able to pursue my studies in the US through
10 scholarships that I could get from the University of Arizona and University of
11 Washington. I am the Founder of Studiochahar and a Founding Member of
12 United4Design. My collaborations in these two studios has led to several national and
13 international recognitions including Lafargeholcim middle east Africa 2017 GOLD
14 award, 2017 Northwest and Pacific American Institute of Architects Award of Honor,
15 2016 Seattle American Institute of Architect Award of Merit and also in 2016 my work
16 was selected for American Institute of Architects National Emerging ProfessionalS
17 Exhibition. Right now I am the Architectural Designer for Blokable, Seattle. We are a
18 group of professionals from different disciplines joined together in this startup to shape
19 an architectural product that can solve the housing crisis in the US.

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22 7. I am deeply troubled by the newest travel ban. If the President’s September 24, 2017
23 Proclamation is implemented, my aunt and uncles and cousins can never come here to
24 visit us which makes us very unhappy. This ban makes it so hard for me to call US my
25 home, not being able to have my extended family visit us makes me feel that I don’t
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1 belong to this country and can't trust this system to have me as a resident/future citizen
2 with the same rights as the other residents of this country.
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4 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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6 Executed on this 09 day of October, 2017
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