

DECLARATION OF VAHID JAZAYERI

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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 VAHID
JAZAYERI**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Vahid Jazayeri, 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 Iranian and a United States citizen.
4. I work for Facebook Inc. as a Software Engineer.

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- 2 5. I have a Masters degree in Computer Science (Nov 2008) from University of Alberta, a
- 3 reputable Canadian university
- 4 6. In 2009, I moved to the United States because I decided to choose the US to be my
- 5 home in pursuit of more opportunities. I worked for Microsoft as a software engineer
- 6 for 5.5 years to make the world a better place.
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- 8 7. Now at Facebook, everyday I work with my co-workers to try to make the world more
- 9 open and connected. While I have the world-class technical skill to connect even the
- 10 farthest people in the world, I'm unable to have my closest family members at my
- 11 home. How can I call this country home when my old innocent parents are simply
- 12 deprived of coming to me? As they age, they need more of my company with them and
- 13 I need to be with them. My parents will not have visas to travel to the United States by
- 14 October 18, 2017. If the new travel ban is implemented, I'm the only one who could
- 15 travel to meet them and this will be a significant distraction to my life and success at
- 16 work. I have only one sibling in Iran who takes care of my parents and it doesn't work
- 17 out long term without my engagement in this responsibility. That's why I have to travel
- 18 to Iran frequently if they cannot come to the US.
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- 20 8. I have a brother who works for Microsoft in Canada, another brother in the US who is
- 21 similarly a software engineer at Microsoft, and a sister in the US who's married to a
- 22 talented Iranian manager at PepsiCo. While we're all proud of our roles in this country,
- 23 the newest travel ban prevents us from calling this country home.
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2 9. Last year, I submitted a green card application for my oldest brother, still in Iran, who
3 would have great opportunities in the US. He's got over a decade experience as a
4 chemist in Darugar Co, one of the biggest Iranian manufacturers of soaps and
5 detergents, now an inventory planner at Bahman, a reputable hospital in Tehran. With
6 this travel ban, we cannot bring him in here and it's breaking all the dreams me and my
7 siblings had. He will not have his green card by October 18, 2017. My siblings and I
8 are all hardworking people fueled by our dreams, serving this country, bringing values,
9 not just occupying but also creating jobs, paying same tax as other citizens, but in the
10 end, deprived of a simple right to invite our family to our home by the new travel ban.
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12 10. Although I love the US, if this travel ban is executed, moving to Canada would be a
13 serious consideration for me where all my family members would be free to travel to. I
14 can't tolerate this discrimination and getting treated like a second class citizen in the
15 US. Given my degree from Canada, my outstanding resume at Microsoft and Facebook,
16 and my immigration status in Canada (with a US citizenship), I'll have great work and
17 life opportunities there too which makes me think about migrating to a safer country
18 where I don't need to worry about immigration laws on my birth country.
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20 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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22 Executed on this 9 day of October, 2017
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Vahid Jazayeri

