

DECLARATION OF YOUNES NOURI

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

STATE OF WASHINGTON, et. al.,

Plaintiff,

v.

DONALD TRUMP, et. al.,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:17-cv-00141-JLR

**DECLARATION OF YOUNES
NOURI**

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

1. I currently work as a coastal engineer for Mott MacDonald, LLC, an international infrastructure consulting company, in the Greater Seattle Area.
2. I came to the United States from Iran (after spending two years in Canada) in early 2008. I received a Ph.D. in Coastal Engineering at Johns Hopkins University while on an F-1 student visa.
3. My wife and I recently became legal permanent residents this year. We received our green cards under the national interest waiver program. This means that, given my education,

1 position, and skills, our presence in the United States is considered to be in the "national
2 interest."

- 3 4. My wife, also from Iran, has a Ph.D. from Morgan State University and is a transportation
4 planner with an international infrastructure consulting company.
- 5 5. The President's September 24, 2017 Proclamation adversely impacts us because we will
6 not be able to have our family visit us. My father-in-law applied for a tourist visa in 2014,
7 but his application has been pending for three years and is unlikely to be adjudicated by the
8 Proclamation's October 18th deadline.
- 9 6. My wife and I are planning to start a family. But as a result of the Proclamation, my wife's
10 parents, as well as her siblings, will not be able to visit us indefinitely and attend the birth
11 of their grandchildren.
- 12 7. It is painful to think that important moments in our lives will not be shared with our families.

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15 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

16 Executed on this 4th day of October, 2017

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20 Younes Nouri, PE, PhD