

DECLARATION OF ARMIN ALAGHI

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

5 STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

6 Plaintiffs,

7 v.

8 DONALD TRUMP, et al.,

9 Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:17-cv-00141-JLR
DECLARATION OF ARMIN ALAGHI

10 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Armin Alaghi, hereby declare as follows:

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- 12 1. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.
- 13 2. I live in Washington State.
- 14 3. I am an Iranian citizen and an American legal permanent resident.
- 15 4. I am a Research Associate at the University of Washington (UW) Paul Allen School for
- 16 Computer Science & Engineering.
- 17 5. I am involved in multiple research projects that help the community and the industry. I
- 18 have received multiple awards for my research. I also mentor many students and have
- 19 been nominated for mentoring awards. My research focuses on building better and
- 20 efficient hardware that can be used in smart sensors. Such small and efficient sensors
- 21 are useful in building smart cities.
- 22 6. I moved to the United States in 2009 in pursuit of a PhD. I got my PhD from the
- 23 University of Michigan in 2015, and moved to Seattle to work at UW.
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- 1 7. I am the first and the only member of my family that has immigrated to the United
2 States. My parents and my siblings live and work in Iran. Because of my job situation,
3 I am not able to travel home frequently. My parents, on the other hand, are old and
4 retired. They are able and have the time to travel to be with their children. Everything I
5 do here, from renting a home with extra rooms to buying larger cars, is in preparation
6 of a future visit from them. The newest travel ban came as a shock. I still cannot
7 believe that my parents will not be able to visit me here ever! My brain is not able
8 process this. It means that if I have kids in the future, I will not be able to have my
9 parents come visit their grandchildren. This is not something that I can live with.
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11 8. It just feels like there is no hope. My parents are in their 60s and are not a threat to this
12 country. I have been in the United States for over 8 years now. I am a Washington State
13 employee. I have always obeyed the rules, paid my taxes, helped everyone around me
14 in any way possible. I do not even have a single traffic violation. I do not understand
15 how the US finds me and my parents dangerous. It is disappointing.
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17 9. Because of the newest travel ban, I am considering leaving the United States, the
18 country I have been calling my second home.
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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 5 day of October, 2017
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