

DECLARATION OF JASON DETWILER

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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 JASON
DETWILER**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Jason Detwiler, 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 a US citizen.
4. I'm a professor of physics at the University of Washington in Seattle.
5. I have been affected by the travel bans in general. These bans are directly impacting our ability at UW to attract the best and the brightest, making us less competitive internationally in our research and other endeavors. Earlier this year, I was searching for


1 postdocs, and my top candidate was a person of Iranian descent living in Europe. After
2 the President's first ban, this candidate took himself out of the running for my position,
3 here are his words about the reason (he gave me permission to share them):
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5 "Even having the presidential order denied (or expired), I hope you understand
6 I would rather not request a job in a country at which I am considered a terrorist
7 suspect by the government. I hope you understand that this is all again my
8 personal wishes to join your group and work under your supervision on the
9 project... This is only about me being afraid of how my family (me and my
10 wife) might be treated in the near future."
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- 12 6. Implementing the President's September 24, 2017 Proclamation perpetuates an image of
13 the US as a hostile working / living environment.
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15 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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17 Executed on this 9th day of October, 2017
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