

DECLARATION OF ALI FARHADI

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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 ALI FARHADI**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Ali Farhadi, 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 Associate Professor in the Computer Science Department at the University of Washington (UW).
4. I have taught more than hundreds of Washington students about Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, and Computer Vision. I have advised numerous students through their PhDs, and have brought millions of dollars to UW in research grants, gifts

1 and other funding. I am also co-founder and CEO of a successful startup in Seattle,
2 have developed game-changing technologies in AI, is bringing multiple millions of
3 dollars in revenue to Seattle, and employing several top talent for the state.

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- 5 5. I am married to Hannaneh Hajishirzi who is a professor in the electrical engineering
6 department at University of Washington. Similar to myself, my wife has also taught
7 several of Washington students, brought millions of dollars in funding and has advised
8 several PhD students.
- 9 6. With this travel ban, my young daughter cannot see her grandparents because they will
10 not have visas to enter the United States by October 18, 2017. As immigrants, we don't
11 have any families in the US and the only connection with our family is through
12 grandparents traveling to Seattle. I hope I don't need to explain that I don't want my
13 daughter not to have any memories or relations with our parents. This is what is left
14 from family life for us and thanks to the new ban we don't even have that option
15 anymore.
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- 17 7. If the new travel ban is implemented, we are left with only one option: leaving the
18 United States.

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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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Ali Farhadi

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