

DECLARATION OF HODA FARHADI

**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 HODA FARHADI

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

1. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.
2. I'm an Iranian student living in Washington State and this ban will affect my life in so many ways.
3. I'm a PhD student and employee at the University of Washington and I hold a student (F1) visa. I study balance impairments in older adults and patients with Multiple Sclerosis. The research that I'm involved in contributes to well-being, quality of life and rehabilitation of thousands of individuals and ultimately could improve their participation in the community. I also teach in the physical therapy program at

University of Washington and I'm extremely passionate about sharing my clinical experience with students. This is especially important to me because I had the opportunity to practice outside of US and now I can share my experiences in an interdisciplinary and multicultural environment. I cannot leave my teaching and research responsibilities to visit Iran, especially if the September 24, 2107 Proclamation is implemented and its enhanced screening extends the processing time for my visa to re-enter the US.

4. If the September 24, 2017 Proclamation is implemented, my parents will be unable to visit me. The new ban will suspend the issuance of non-immigrant visas indefinitely. This issue, in particular, is extremely frustrating for me, since that was the only way that I could see my parents while I'm in school. Being able to see each other is of core importance to my family and me. When I enrolled in this program, I did so with understanding and expectation that they could visit me or we could see each other regularly. Sustenance and emotional well-being of both sides is dependent on motivation that we get from each visit.
5. I have great hopes for the research that I'm involved in since I believe it could impact lives of thousands of older adults and patients in my community. My initial hope was to utilize my knowledge and seek out other opportunities in this country after I finish my studies. If this new ban were to be implemented, I feel I wouldn't have any choice but to leave US.

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

Executed on this 9 day of October, 2017



Hoda Farhadi