

DECLARATION OF
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HAJISHIRZI

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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 HANNANEH
HAJISHIRZI**

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

1. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.
2. I came to the United States from Iran in 2003 to study computer science at the University of Illinois.
3. After completing my degree and receiving a post-doctoral degree from Carnegie Mellon and Disney Research, I joined the University of Washington as an Assistant Research Professor of Electrical Engineering. I have taught courses in Artificial Intelligence to more

1 than hundred UW students, advised more than 10 graduate and undergraduate students,
2 and brought millions of dollars funds to the university through gifts and research grants
3 from government and industry.

- 4 4. I became a U.S. citizen on April, 2016.
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- 6 5. My parents still live in Iran. They are both currently retired. My mother was an education
7 administrator at a high school, and my father was an instructor in the traffic department.
- 8 6. I petitioned for immigrant visas on my parents' behalf on April 2016. I started the petition
9 because my husband and I were starting a family and wanted to have them come to the
10 United States to visit us. Although my parents completed their consular interview in April
11 2017, their visa applications are still pending.
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- 13 7. I recently gave birth to a baby girl and I'm hoping that my parents will be able to visit
14 their new granddaughter.
- 15 8. However, with the President's September 24, 2017 proclamation, I'm afraid they will
16 never be able to visit us in the United States. The President's proclamation bars Iranians
17 from receiving immigrant visas indefinitely. This means my parents may never be able to
18 share our lives in the United States.
- 19 9. If the proclamation goes into effect, my husband and I are thinking of applying for jobs in
20 Canada, where the immigration policies are not discriminatory and my parents would be
21 able to visit us.
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- 23 10. If that happens, the University of Washington will lose one but two of its professors. My
24 husband, also an Iranian American, is an Associate Professor at the University of
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1 Washington. He has worked for the University of Washington since 2012 and teaches
2 Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in the Computer Science department.
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4 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

5 Executed on this 4 day of October, 2017

6 *H. H. Shirzi*
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