

DECLARATION OF
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MOKHALALATI

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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 ADAM ABO
RYAN MOKHALALATI**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Adam Abo Ryah Mokhalalati, 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 junior international student at the University of Washington-Seattle. Majoring in Civil and Environmental Engineering, with an intending graduation date of June 2019. As well as, having research positions for the aerospace department at UW.
4. I am originally from Syria.
5. I came to the United States in 2015 on an F1 multiple-entry visa that expired in mid 2017. I still have F1 status, but no travel visa to re-enter the United States if I leave. I recently

1 received Temporary Protected Status (TPS), but must get that renewed every year. In
2 order to travel on my TPS status, I must have prior authorization. If the President's
3 September 24, 2017 Proclamation is implemented, my ability to renew my F-1 travel visa
4 will continue to be affected and makes my traveling insecure, even if I had the
5 authorization from my TPS. This is why currently I'm under the uncertainty of whether
6 I'm legally allowed to leave the US and re-enter, due to having two different statuses
7 (both TPS and F-1), because whatever step or measure I take, I need to make sure it does
8 not violate any of these statuses. This means that I will also be indefinitely prevented
9 from traveling out of the United States if I want to continue living here because I will not
10 be able to re-enter using my F-1 status due to my travel visa expiration, and the ability
11 of the border security to deny my re-entry under my TPS status. This Proclamation, is
12 and will make it even harder for my family to visit me while I live in the US, for example
13 my sister was denied a tourist visa, in which she was planning on using to visit me.

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16 6. My future goals after graduation is to be able to work in the US and gain some experience
17 before returning home, without the feeling of being pressured or scared of being kicked
18 out at any moment. In addition, to my ability to freely leave and enter this country like
19 everyone else does, to either visit family or friends or even to do work abroad.

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21 7. If the President's September 24, 2017 Proclamation is implemented, this will place me
22 under the mercy of my TPS status, since the fact that I could be asked to leave the US
23 whenever Syria gets removed from the list of temporary protected countries. It also limits
24 the number of admitted refugees, which reduces my chances of claiming such a status.
25 All of that reduces my ability to work as a Syrian national in the US, due to the fact that
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1 companies would not risk employing someone, who could potentially be asked to leave
2 the country suddenly.
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4 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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6 Executed on the 9th of October, 2017

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