

FOURTH
DECLARATION OF
JEFFREY
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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

Fourth Declaration of Jeffrey Riedinger

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

1. I am a Professor of Law and the Vice Provost for Global Affairs at the University of Washington (“University”), the largest public research university in the Pacific Northwest. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and I am competent to testify about them. I am a graduate of the University’s law school and prior to returning to the University in September 2013, I served for more than 15 years as Assistant Dean, Associate Dean, and then Dean of International Studies and Programs at Michigan State University with similar responsibilities to those of my current position. I have been engaged in international

1 research for nearly 40 years with experience in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the
2 Middle East.

3 2. As Vice Provost for Global Affairs, I have a leadership and administrative
4 responsibility for the University of Washington's diverse global programming including
5 support for international research, study abroad, student and faculty exchanges, and overseas
6 centers.
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8 3. I am aware that President Trump issued a formal proclamation ("Proclamation") on
9 September 24, 2017, placing certain restrictions on the issuance of visas to nationals from eight
10 countries -- Chad, Libya, Somalia, Iran, Yemen, Syria, Venezuela and North Korea. Based upon
11 my review of relevant data, I am aware that the University currently has eight international
12 scholars from Iran who are here on either H-1B or J-1 visas, and one international scholar from
13 Syria who is working here under an H-1B visa (collectively "international scholars"). The
14 following chart shows the visa categories, start and end dates of their immigration status,
15 countries, positions, and fields for all of these international scholars:
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18 Visa	Start Date	End Date	Country	Position	Field
H-1B	8/1/2017	7/31/2020	Iran	Research Associate	Applied Mathematics
H-1B	9/15/2014	8/31/2020	Syria	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics
H-1B	6/1/2017	5/31/2018	Iran	Research Associate	Aeronautics & Astronautics
J-1	6/1/2017	5/31/2018	Iran	Visiting Scientist	Surgery
J-1	10/4/2016	8/31/19	Iran	Senior Fellow	Pediatrics
J-1	9/15/2017	11/28/2017	Iran	Visiting Scholar	Global Health
J-1	7/1/2017	6/30/2018	Iran	Senior Fellow	Physiology & Biophysics
J-1	3/1/2017	2/28/2018	Iran	Student Intern	Rehabilitation Medicine
J-1	5/1/2017	4/30/2018	Iran	Visiting Scientist	Pathology

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24 These international scholars are engaged in advancing research in highly specialized fields,
25 primarily in medicine and science, and programs of training and mentorship. Even if the visa
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1 restrictions specified in the Proclamation do not directly prevent these international scholars
2 from continuing to work at the University, to the extent they are not able to be visited by
3 friends, and especially by family, because of those restrictions, and to the extent that they are
4 unable to leave the United States for professional and/or personal reasons with any assurance
5 that they will be allowed to return, their ability to effectively carry out their assigned work at
6 the University could be significantly affected. Based on these restrictions, some may choose to
7 leave the University.
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9 4. In addition to the immediate effects of the Proclamation on the current international
10 scholars listed here, I am also concerned about the long-term effects on the University if
11 scholars from the listed countries are unable to obtain visas in the future, or are discouraged
12 from even trying to do so. International scholars from other parts of the world bring an
13 important set of life experiences, academic perspectives and personal viewpoints that greatly
14 enrich our academic community. Our sponsorship of international scholars is founded on the
15 notion that global engagement is crucial to advancing knowledge and preparing future leaders
16 for our increasingly interconnected world. I believe that placing categorical limits or
17 restrictions on the ability of scholars from specified countries to fully participate in the
18 academic life to which they have been recruited threatens to erode an important aspect of our
19 long-standing educational mission.
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22 Executed on this 11 day of October, 2017

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