## DECLARATION OF ALI SHOJAIE

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8 9	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
10	STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,		
11	Plaintiffs,		
12	v.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:17-cv-00141-JLR	
13	DONALD TRUMP, et al.,	DECLARATION OF ALI SHOJAIE	
14	Defendants.		
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16 17	Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Ali Shojaie, hereby declare as follows:		
18	I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.		
19	2. I live in Washington State.		
20	3. I have a PhD and am a faculty member	at the University of Washington School of	
21	Public Health. In addition to training g	raduate and undergraduate students in	
22	Biostatistics and Biomedical Data Science, my research develops Machine Learning		
23	tools for analyzing Biomedical Big Data (BBD). These tools help biomedical		
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25	researchers decipher underlying mechanisms of complex diseases, from cancer and		
26	cardiovascular diseases to neurological disorders. Therefore, my research and		

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educational activities at UW help the United States maintain its position as the leader in biomedical research, by providing tools for analyzing Biomedical Big Data, and training the next generation of Biomedical Scientists.

- 4. I am a dual US/Iranian citizen.
- 5. Three years ago, my younger sister was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). This was, of course, devastating news, and affected her life and other members of my family. Being away from her, all I could do is to lend emotional support and to help uplift her spirit as she battles MS. After three years of therapy, my sister has been starting to feel better and I had planned for her to visit us in Seattle so that she can spend time with her nieces, travel in the US and forget about her disease for a short while. In fact, I had even prepared an invitation letter for my sister and she was planning to get an appointment from the US embassy to apply for tourist visa. However, she will not have her visa by October 18, 2017. The new Visa Ban would put an indefinite hold on all of these plans. As a result, it would limit my ability to play a significant role in my sister's recovery! My siblings and I lost our father at a young age, when I was in high school. Being the eldest, I have tried very hard to fill my father's absence for my younger brother and sister over the years. Of course, being away from them, my support has primarily been emotional in recent years. It is thus even more disheartening to not be able to help my younger sister because of the proposed Visa Ban. The Visa Ban would also limit the extent to which my two young daughters could interact with their extended family. It would deprive them from much needed love that

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could only be provided by family members, and would limit their exposure to their
Iranian heritage.

6. As a faculty at UW School of Public Health, I have a demanding career. I also have two young daughters, ages 4.5 and 2.5. As a result, I have very limited time to travel and visit my family in Iran, particularly to take my daughters there so they can see their extended family and learn about their culture. The Visa Ban would limit my ability to interact with family members and help them when needed. Moreover, like any other parent, I want my young daughters to be surrounded by family members as they celebrate their accomplishments and milestones. The Visa Ban would thus also deprive the next generation of Iranian-Americans from being able to benefit from the love and support of their extended family members. I would have to consider all these limitations and reassess my options as I continue my career at UW.

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

Executed on this \_9th\_ day of October, 2017

Ali Shojaie