

# DECLARATION OF ANKE SCHENNINK

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

STATE OF WASHINGTON; STATE  
OF CALIFORNIA; STATE OF  
MARYLAND; COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS; STATE OF  
NEW YORK; and STATE OF  
OREGON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD TRUMP, in his official  
capacity as President of the United  
States; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY; JOHN F.  
KELLY, in his official capacity as  
Secretary of the Department of  
Homeland Security; REX W.  
TILLERSON, in his official capacity  
as Secretary of State; and the UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:17-cv-00141-JLR

**DECLARATION OF ANKE  
SCHENNINK**

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

1. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify herein.
2. I am President of United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Local 5810, which represents Postdoctoral Scholars at the University of California (“UC”). I work closely with many foreign-born Postdoctoral Scholar members of Local 5810 and have been involved in the Union's support and advocacy for international Postdoctoral Scholars on the UC campuses.
3. Approximately two-thirds of UAW 5810 members are international scholars. Many are nationals or citizens of one of the eight countries (Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen) named in the Executive Order issued on September 24, 2017 by President Donald J. Trump, entitled “Enhancing Vetting Capabilities and Processes for Detecting Attempted Entry Into the United States by Terrorists or Other Public-Safety Threats” (September 24 Order). These members are in the U.S. on valid visas.
4. UAW 5810 members will be adversely affected by the September 24 order because the order suspends the entry of immigrants and non-immigrants based on national origin indefinitely.
5. Since the September 24 order was signed, Postdoctoral Scholars have expressed to UAW 5810 concerns about its impacts on their work at and for UC, their careers beyond the University, and their families. Postdoctoral Scholars who are citizens or nationals of one of the eight countries named in the September 24 order risk being unable to obtain a new valid visa to return to the U.S. should they travel outside the country. The September 24 order also impairs the ability of close family members of Postdoctoral Scholars to come to the U.S. and visit with UAW 5810 members, making continued work at UC more difficult. In addition, many Postdoctoral Scholars identify as Muslim and experience additional fear of participating in normal educational, social and community activities on account of their religion.
6. UAW 5810 is aware of many members whose close relatives have been unable to make planned visits or who have been unable to visit their families. The September 24 order has

interfered with the ability of many of our members to have normal, important family visits. For instance:

- One scholar from Iran is expecting a baby with her husband. Her parents were scheduled to come visit, but their visa appointments at the Dubai embassy were cancelled; they will be unable to meet their newborn grandchild.
- The parents of another scholar from Iran had plans to visit him and to meet their 9-month old grandson. They have cancelled their trip until the situation with the ban is clarified.
- The parents of another Postdoctoral Scholar from Iran had plans to visit their daughter in the United States for the first time in over five years; they have been forced to cancel their visa application.
- A Postdoctoral Scholar from Iran and her husband are considering having a second child, but as her parents would not be able to visit and help care for their new grandchild, they are reconsidering.
- Several Postdoctoral Scholars have delayed planned trips to Iran indefinitely over fears of not being able to re-enter. One of these scholars informs us that the psychological burden of feeling as though his status is uncertain, and his inability to see his family, has taken a toll on his capacity to concentrate on work without distraction, a complaint voiced by a number of Postdoctoral Scholars. He and his wife had been planning to buy a house in California; now they are unsure of their plans because they feel unwelcome in the United States.

7. UAW 5810 is aware of other members who seek future employment in the U.S. but whose job prospects are now limited and their ability to secure future work tenuous because of employers' fears that the Postdoctoral Scholar will not be permitted to remain in the country. For instance:

- One Postdoctoral Scholar works at a prestigious national laboratory, and he has worked in the U.S. and paid taxes as a non-resident alien for five years. The uncertainty

of his future employment has caused irreparable stress and frustration. He reports that he suffers from chronic stress due to uncertainty of the future of his family and because he now feels unwelcome in this country. Even a single day of the ban creates more anxiety and frustration for this scholar.

- I am aware of another individual from Iran who has a job offer from a major technology corporation headquartered in California. He has applied for an F-1 Optional Practical Training visa, but his application has been delayed for unknown reasons. As a result of the executive orders, he feels frustration and worries that his future employer will experience financial loss due to employment delays. He has expressed his view that the executive order is a disgrace to him.

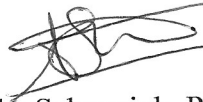
8. On February 27, 2017, UAW 5810, along with other UAW local unions representing scholars and academic workers, made the following statement, signed by thousands of UAW members:

We call on our Federal and State representatives to reject any attempts to ban or limit opportunities for international students and scholars to work in the United States. Instead, we must preserve and expand important programs—including Optional Practical Training, J-1, H-1B, and the permanent residency process—that foster the inclusion of people who come to share their talent, ideas, and expertise from across the globe.

Innovation, discovery, and research do not stop at national borders. Neither can the rights and opportunities of students and scholars who make major contributions to world-class research and teaching at U.S. universities. Their work before and after graduation plays an essential role in driving leadership in innovation technology and scholarship, breakthrough cures to our most threatening diseases, and efforts to address urgent issues like climate change.

9. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on this 10th day of October, 2017



Anke Schennink, PhD