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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

No. 2:17-cv-00141-JLR

Plaintiff,

**DECLARATION OF JEFF  
JOHNSON**

v.

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

Defendants.

I, Jeff Johnson, hereby declare as follows based on personal knowledge.

1. I am the president of the Washington State Labor Council (“WSLC”). I have held the position since 2010. Since 1986, I have held other positions with the WSLC, including special assistant to the president, lead lobbyist, research and organizing director, and shop steward for the administrative staff unit. I also sit on the Governor’s Council of Economic Advisors, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, the Washington State Apprenticeship Council, the Board of Washington Community Action Network and Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy, and I serve as Co-Chair of the Washington State Blue Green Alliance.

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1           2.       The WSLC is comprised of more than 600 local unions and represents more than  
2 450,000 rank-and-file union members working in Washington State. It is widely considered to  
3 be the “voice of labor” in Washington State. WSLC has a strong interest in advocating for the  
4 liberty interests of Washington State workers.

5           3.       The WSLC provides many services to its affiliated unions. The Council has a  
6 focus on legislative advocacy, political action, communication through its website “The Stand,”  
7 supporting affiliated unions’ organizing drives by rallying community leaders and elected  
8 officials, and programs that provide affiliate and direct worker assistance like dislocated worker  
9 assistance, increasing student awareness about apprenticeship programs within community and  
10 technical colleges, Project Help, education and training for union members, and assistance for  
11 unions with contract and economic research.

12           4.       On January 30, 2017, I issued the following statement regarding President Donald  
13 Trump’s Executive Order that bans all refugees from entering the country for 120 days, bans all  
14 refugees from Syria indefinitely, and bans immigrants and non-immigrants from seven majority-  
15 Muslim countries from entering the U.S. for 90 days:

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17           President Trump’s Executive Order on Friday *de facto* banning Muslims from  
18 certain Middle Eastern countries from entering/re-entering the country for 90 days  
19 went beyond the pale of common decency, human dignity, and further fans the  
20 flames of racism, xenophobia, and anti-Islamism that he thoughtlessly spewed  
21 during his campaign. Legal permanent residents, green card holders and vetted  
22 refugees from certain Muslim countries — only countries where the Trump  
23 Corporation has no business dealings — were detained at airports, refused entry,  
24 and in some cases, sent back to the country they had just arrived from. This  
25 reckless action further contributes to the rising attacks on Muslims and others in  
26 America. The Southern Poverty Law Center reports a dramatic rise in hate  
incidents over the past two years, now at 260,000 hate incidents a year. This  
hateful and shameful Executive Order was met by thousands protesting at airports  
across the country as well as an emergency stay against the Executive Order by a  
federal judge.

1 As union members and as a labor movement we stand with immigrants and  
2 refugees. We cannot and will not allow the president to pick us off one group at a  
3 time. Another leader did this in the 1930s and 1940s with horrific consequences.

4 America was built by immigrants and refugees and they will continue to play a  
5 part in the values upon which we define America.

6 6. Among WSLC's affiliated unions, unions who have signed a Solidarity Charter  
7 with the WSLC and other labor allies are unions whose members are directly impacted by the  
8 Executive Order, because they are immigrants or non-immigrant temporary workers from one of  
9 the seven banned countries whose ability to travel into and out of the United States is prohibited  
10 outright or whose inability to re-enter the United States after travelling will put their livelihoods  
11 in jeopardy. Members are also affected because the ability of their families to travel into the  
12 United States is prohibited temporarily or indefinitely, disrupting the members' family ties,  
13 personal freedoms and economic security. The members of unions affiliated or allied with  
14 WSLC affected by the ban include hospitality workers, retail employees, health care industry  
15 workers, laborers, factory workers, and state, county and municipal employees among others.  
16 These union members are exceptionally diverse, comprised of an array of races, nationalities,  
17 and religions. The negative policies the United States government establishes concerning  
18 immigrants, non-immigrant visitors and refugees of certain national origins or religions reflects  
19 the attitudes the government has of its *own* citizens of those same national origins and religions –  
20 that they are less valued, less than equal. Such policies cause harm to our unions' members that  
21 cannot be undone.  
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1           7.       Recognizing the injustice of President Trump’s Executive Order, labor unions  
2 have spoken out emphatically against it. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are true and accurate  
3 copies of some statements by organized labor, published on their websites in response to the  
4 Executive Order.  
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7           I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the  
8 foregoing is true and correct.

9           Signed in Olympia, WA, Washington, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017.

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Jeff Johnson

1 **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that  
3 on this 2nd day of February, 2017, I caused the foregoing Declaration of Jeff Johnson to be filed  
4 with the Court using the cm/ecf system, which will automatically provide notification of such  
5 filing to:  
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Signed in Seattle, Washington, this 2nd day of February, 2017.

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# Exhibit A

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## **SEIU's Sáenz: Trump's executive actions are an attack on American values that will hurt immigrant, Muslim and refugee families**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *In response President Trump's announcement of a series of executive actions on immigration and refugees, SEIU International Executive Vice President and iAmerica Action President Rocio Sáenz issued the following statement:*

"Another day brings another executive action that attacks immigrants, refugees and their families and compromises American values. Earlier this week, President Trump followed through on his promise to create a mass deportation force, turned the vast majority of immigrants into deportation priorities, fast-tracked their deportation, and made mandatory detention the default for all immigrants, including families and children fleeing persecution. Trump's executive actions today will continue to intensify the criminalization of immigrants.

"America should always be a nation that welcomes immigrant and refugee families and their contributions to our communities and economy. Restrictions on immigration from predominantly Muslim countries repudiate our own values and give license to others around the world to do the same or worse. Denying refuge to persons fleeing persecution at a time when they are most in need of safety is morally wrong and un-American. It undermines our security because it harms the victims of persecution and violates our international obligations.

"SEIU members and our communities will keep standing up for immigrants, refugees and their families, despite these attacks. Tens of thousands rallied and marched in more than 70 cities throughout America on Jan. 14, and we will use our collective power in the days and months ahead to prevent deportations and protect immigrant families. We will build our movement so we can come back stronger in 2018 and 2020 to win common sense immigration reform that works for working families."

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### Trump refugee ban executive order is 'appalling,' UFW and UFW Foundation say

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## Trump refugee ban executive order is 'appalling,' UFW and UFW Foundation say

*UFW Foundation Executive Director and United Farm Workers National Vice President Diana Tellefson Torres issued the following statement from Los Angeles in response to President Trump's executive orders issued today and aimed at those who seek refuge in the United States:*

Any type of refugee ban for any period of time is appalling and in direct opposition to long-held American values. Seeking refuge in the U.S is most often the last resort for those who face genuine risk of persecution and can't return to their countries from which they fled. This ban not only turns America's back on the world's most oppressed people, it also undermines our nation's founding principles. We are a nation of immigrants, a nation that has historically offered refuge to the oppressed. The UFW Foundation and UFW will continue standing firmly with immigrant and refugee families, and denounces today's executive actions.

LIST

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January 29, 2017

Annemarie Strassel

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# Statement by D. Taylor, President of UNITE HERE, on President Trump's Travel Ban

<http://unitehere.org/wp-content/uploads/uniteherelogostacked.jpg> “With several executive orders this week, President Trump has brought shame upon the United States and its rich humanitarian legacy. He has put the lives of refugees, most of them children, fleeing for their very lives, in danger once again. His orders barring individuals holding green cards and visas has created a humanitarian crisis and thrown our nation’s airports into chaos. He has now established a religious test for our Nation, in spite of his denials of the truth once again, by ordering that a Christian refugee child is more important than a Muslim refugee child. This is not only obscene, but must certainly be against the Constitution of the United States which Mr. Trump only one week ago publicly vowed to defend.



“Mr. Trump has singled out Muslim-majority countries for this ban ostensibly because they have produced terrorists who have attacked the United States. Yet he exempts the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from which came the greatest number of these terrorists, and some other countries, where he owns businesses, in an utter conflict of interest with security of the United States. Mr. Trump’s order betrays those who assisted our Nation in the war on terror sending them back to lands where their lives are certainly at risk.

“Trump’s orders are fundamentally inhumane and reckless. They are un-American and unconstitutional. These orders can only put our Nation, our citizens, and our allies at greater risk.

“Mr. Trump has also threatened to cut off federal funding to “sanctuary” cities, where government officials are defying the President’s anti-immigrant attacks to uphold the Constitution and preserve the peace. But we commend mayors in New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and beyond, who are declaring their cities sanctuary cities in defiance of Mr. Trump’s unconstitutional and immoral directives. We demand that leaders in other American cities where our members live and work do the same.

“As the Union of hospitality workers, including thousands of workers at airports across the US, we welcome travelers and refugees from across the globe. We are proud to serve you. For the sake of our families, the people we serve and the values our nation holds so dear, we will fight President Trump’s un-American attacks on travelers from Muslim countries and immigrants of any ethnicity, race or creed.

“In the coming days and months ahead, Maria Elena Durazo, UNITE HERE’s General Vice President of Immigration, Civil Rights and Diversity, will be leading our Union’s fight against this illegal and immoral policy.”

