

The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

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

STATE OF WASHINGTON, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 2:18-cv-0939 (MJP)

**[DRAFT] STIPULATED  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Judge: Hon. Marsha J. Pechman

1 1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

2 Discovery in this action, including the upcoming expedited discovery, is likely to involve  
3 production of confidential, proprietary, for official use only, law enforcement sensitive,  
4 personally identifiable, or other private or legally protected information for which special  
5 protection may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court  
6 to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties state that this agreement is  
7 consistent with LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses  
8 to discovery, the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited  
9 information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal  
10 principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file confidential information under seal.

11 2. “CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION”

12 As used in this Protective Order, the term “Confidential Information” constitutes the  
13 following:

14 (a) an individual’s social security number, tax identification number, alien registration  
15 number (“A number”), passport numbers, driver license numbers, and any similar numbers  
16 assigned to an individual by a federal/national, state, or local government of the United States or  
17 any other country;

18 (b) names, locations of, and any other identifying information which would allow the  
19 identification of the particular individual(s) to whom the information relates, or testimony on the  
20 record, of individuals who are not parties or witnesses to this litigation;

21 (c) birth dates;

22 (d) any information that is protected or restricted from disclosure by state or federal statute  
23 or regulation, but which the Court may order to be produced, such as information protected by  
24 the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, and other statutes or regulations that may prevent disclosure of  
25 specific alien information, including but not limited to, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1160(b)(5), (6); 1186a(c)(4),  
26 1202(f), 1254a(c)(6), 1255a(c)(4), (5); 1304(b), and 22 U.S.C. § 7105(c)(1)(C), 8 C.F.R.  
27 §§ 210.2(e), 214.11(e), 214.14(e), 216.5(e)(3)(iii), 216.5(e)(3)(viii), 236.6, 244.16, 245a.2(t),  
28 245a.3(n), 245a.21, 1003.27(b)-(d), 1003.46, and 1208.6, which otherwise could subject either

1 party to civil or criminal penalties or other sanctions in the event of unauthorized disclosure;

2 (e) photographs and fingerprints of individuals;

3 (f) names of any individuals known to be under 18 years of age;

4 (g) any other personally identifiable information identified in Federal Rule of Civil  
5 Procedure 5.2 and LCR 5.2(a); and

6 (h) all other protected documents, information or tangible things not identified above  
7 which the Parties agree in writing or which the Court orders as qualifying for protection under  
8 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c).

9 If a designating party determines that information not described in this paragraph should  
10 be designated “Confidential Information,” the parties shall negotiate the appropriateness of that  
11 designation in good faith and endeavor to resolve any dispute prior to the production of that  
12 information. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute within 14 calendar days, the  
13 designating party shall designate the material as containing “Confidential Information” and  
14 produce it. The receiving party can then challenge the confidentiality designation(s) pursuant to  
15 Section 6 of this Stipulated Order.

16 Information that is publicly available and information that does not permit the  
17 identification of the particular individuals to whom the information relates is not considered  
18 “Confidential Information.”

19 3. SCOPE

20 The protections conferred by this Stipulated Order cover not only those portions of any  
21 documents containing Confidential Information (as defined above), but also (a) any information  
22 copied or extracted from those portions of any documents containing Confidential Information;  
23 (b) all copies, excerpts, summaries, charts, or compilations of Confidential Information; and (c)  
24 any testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal  
25 Confidential Information.

26 4. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

27 4.1 Basic Principles. A receiving party may use Confidential Information that is  
28 disclosed or produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for

1 prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential Information may be  
2 disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this agreement.  
3 Confidential Information must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a location and in  
4 a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this agreement.

5 4.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered  
6 by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose any  
7 Confidential Information only to:

8 (a) Counsel of Record in this action and any support staff and other employees of  
9 such counsel assisting in this action with an appropriate need to know. If any Counsel of Record,  
10 support staff, or other employees cease to represent a party in this action for any reason, such  
11 counsel shall no longer have access or be authorized to receive any Confidential Information;

12 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the  
13 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and  
14 who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit  
15 A), unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court;

16 (c) any experts or consultants retained for this action by counsel to a party or  
17 support staff or employees for such an expert or consultant with an appropriate need to know;

18 (d) Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
19 litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

20 (e) any other person mutually authorized by the parties’ counsel to examine such  
21 information with an appropriate need to know;

22 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action with an appropriate need to  
23 know. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal confidential  
24 information must be marked by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as  
25 permitted under this Stipulated Order;

26 (g) the Court and its personnel, including court reporters;

27 (h) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian  
28 or other person who otherwise possessed the information;

1 (i) copying or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of  
2 Confidential Information, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging  
3 service instructs the service not to disclose any Confidential Information to third parties and to  
4 immediately return all originals and copies of any Confidential Information

5 All persons listed in subparagraphs 4.2(b)–(g) to whom Confidential Information is  
6 disclosed shall first be required to read the terms of this Protective Order and sign a copy of the  
7 Acknowledgment of Protective Order form, attached hereto as EXHIBIT A. This requirement  
8 does not apply to the disclosure of Confidential Information to the Court and its personnel.

9 4.3 Filing Confidential Information. A Party that wishes to file Confidential  
10 information shall redact all information as required under LCR 5.2 prior to filing. Confidential  
11 Information not covered by LCR 5.2 shall either be redacted or filed under seal. If either party  
12 wishes to file documents containing Confidential Information under seal, the other party hereby  
13 stipulates to such motion, except as set forth below. Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures  
14 that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from  
15 the court to file materials under seal; provided, however, that this Stipulated Order satisfies the  
16 parties' meet-and-confer requirements with respect to sealing documents containing the  
17 Confidential Information identified in paragraph 2 of this Stipulated Order.

18 If the Court denies any motion to seal filed by either side, the document will remain under  
19 seal, but will not be considered by the Court, unless a redacted version of the document is  
20 subsequently filed or was contemporaneously filed with the document under seal.

21 4.4 Filing Motions, Oppositions, and Replies Under Seal. In the event that either party  
22 files a motion, opposition, or reply under seal, the provisions of LCR 5(g)(5) shall apply, except  
23 that parties shall have seven (7) days from the date of their under-seal filing to file the redacted  
24 versions required under that rule.

25 4.5 Use Of Information Subject To Protective Order. Use of any information or  
26 documents subject to this Protective Order, including all information derived therefrom, shall be  
27 restricted to use in this litigation (subject to the applicable rules of evidence and subject to the  
28 confidentiality of such materials being maintained) and shall not be used by anyone subject to the

1 terms of this agreement, for any purpose outside of this litigation or any other proceeding between  
2 the parties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing sentence, no one subject to this  
3 Protective Order shall use Confidential Information obtained in this litigation to retaliate against,  
4 intimidate, report or refer an individual to any governmental authorities, discriminate against any  
5 individual in any manner, or harass any other party or witness, relatives of any other party or  
6 witness, including domestic partners of a party or witness; or any individuals associated with the  
7 parties in any way. Nothing in this Protective Order shall limit or in any way restrict the use of  
8 information obtained outside of this litigation.

9 5. DESIGNATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

10 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Information for Protection. Each  
11 party or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must  
12 take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate  
13 standards. The designating party must designate for protection only those parts of material,  
14 documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of the  
15 material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not  
16 swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement.

17 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are  
18 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (for example, to  
19 unnecessarily encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary  
20 expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.

21 If it comes to a designating party's attention that information or items that it designated  
22 for protection do not qualify for protection, the designating party must promptly notify all other  
23 parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

24 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations: Except as otherwise provided in this  
25 agreement or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, disclosure or discovery material that qualifies  
26 for protection under this agreement must be clearly so designated before or when the material is  
27 disclosed or produced.

28 (a) Information in documentary form: (for example, paper or electronic documents

1 and deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial  
2 proceedings), the designating party must affix the word “CONFIDENTIAL” to each page that  
3 contains Confidential Information. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies  
4 for protection, the producing party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (for  
5 example, by making appropriate markings in the margins).

6 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings: the  
7 parties must identify on the record, during the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all  
8 protected testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other testimony after  
9 reviewing the transcript. Any party or non-party may, within ten days after receiving a deposition  
10 transcript, designate portions of the transcript, or exhibits thereto, as confidential.

11 (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place on  
12 the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the word  
13 “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection,  
14 the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

15 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If a Party inadvertently fails to designate  
16 material as “Confidential Information” at the time of production, it shall take reasonable steps to  
17 notify all Receiving Parties of its failure within five business days of discovery. The Producing  
18 Party shall promptly supply all Receiving Persons with new copies of any documents bearing  
19 corrected confidentiality designations, and the receiving party shall return or destroy the original  
20 materials, and certify in writing to the Producing Party that such information has been destroyed.

## 21 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

22 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge the designation of  
23 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party’s confidentiality  
24 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable and substantial harm, unnecessary economic  
25 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to  
26 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the  
27 original designation is disclosed.

28 6.2 Challenge to Confidential Designation. The parties reserve the right to file a

1 motion to unseal or un-redact if either party believes that documents filed under seal or redacted:  
2 (a) do not contain Confidential Information identified in paragraph 2 of this Stipulated Order  
3 and/or do not meet the applicable legal standard for sealing, and therefore should be neither sealed  
4 nor redacted; or (b) do contain Confidential Information identified in paragraph 2 of this  
5 Stipulated Order, but should be redacted rather than sealed, or redacted differently. The parties  
6 shall make a good faith effort to meet and confer regarding any such proposed motion.

7       6.3 Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute  
8 regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding  
9 confidential designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or in  
10 a declaration or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer conference  
11 with other affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action. The certification  
12 must list the date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith effort to confer requires  
13 either a face-to-face meeting or a telephonic conference.

14       6.4 Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
15 intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under  
16 Local Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable). The burden of  
17 persuasion in any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges and those  
18 made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on  
19 other parties) may expose the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall continue to maintain  
20 the material in question as confidential until the court rules on the challenge.

21 7. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
22 LITIGATION

23       If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
24 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that party  
25 must:

26       (a) Promptly notify the other party in writing and include a copy of the subpoena or court  
27 order so that the producing party has sufficient time to commence an action in the appropriate  
28 court to enjoin disclosure.



1 (b) Promptly notify the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other  
2 litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this  
3 Stipulated Order and provide a copy of this Stipulated Order with that notification;

4 (c) Cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the  
5 designating party or parties whose confidential information may be affected, including objecting  
6 and seeking a protective order in the litigation in which the subpoena or order issued; and

7 (d) Decline to produce the Confidential Information if an objection has been made until  
8 the objection has been resolved unless disclosure, dissemination, or transmission is required by  
9 law or court order. Any person, entity or organization who receives “Confidential Information”  
10 shall abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein unless otherwise permitted by Court Order.

11 8. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

12 If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Confidential  
13 Information to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this agreement, the  
14 receiving party must immediately (a) notify in writing the designating party of the unauthorized  
15 disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the protected material,  
16 (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of  
17 this agreement, and (d) request that such person or persons execute the “Acknowledgment and  
18 Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as EXHIBIT A.

19 9. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED  
20 MATERIAL

21 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently  
22 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the  
23 receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision  
24 is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order or  
25 agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review.

26 10. USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

27 The limitations and restrictions on “Confidential Information” in this Protective Order  
28 shall not apply with respect to information:

1 (a) If it is publicly-available information, whether it becomes public before or after  
2 production in this litigation.

3 (b) If the person to whom the information refers has the legal authority to allow the non-  
4 confidential treatment of the information and has affirmatively consented to such non-confidential  
5 treatment, and either parties' counsel has stated in writing to the other party that it has received  
6 such consent.

7 (c) If the parties have a dispute arising from the use of public information, the parties agree  
8 to resolve the dispute pursuant to Section 6 of this Stipulated Order.

9 11. TERMINATION OF LITIGATION AND RETURN OR DESTRUCTION OF  
10 DOCUMENTS

11 Anyone to whom "Confidential Information" has been disclosed in accordance with  
12 Section 4 of this Stipulated Order shall maintain "Confidential Information" pursuant to the terms  
13 of this Protective Order, subject to further order by this Court (this provision does not apply to  
14 Confidential Information disclosed to and maintained by the Court and its personnel, including  
15 court reporters).

16 Within ten (10) days after the final disposition of this action, including any and all appeals,  
17 all "Confidential Information" and copies thereof shall be returned to the producing parties or  
18 destroyed, at the option of the disclosing party, except as this Court may otherwise order or as  
19 provided by law. If destroyed, the receiving party shall certify in writing to the producing party  
20 that such information has been destroyed.

21 Notwithstanding this provision, counsel of record may maintain a complete set of  
22 discovery for their records through the final disposition of this action, including any and all  
23 appeals or the time during which an appeal is possible, and for a period of five (5) years after  
24 resolution of the case or after any judgment becomes final, whichever is later, provided that such  
25 counsel maintain the confidential nature of the discovery, as set forth in this Protective Order.  
26 Within ten (10) days after this time period, counsel of record shall destroy all "Confidential  
27 Information" and copies thereof, except as this Court may otherwise order or as is required by  
28 law. The receiving party shall certify in writing to the producing party that such information has

1 been destroyed.

2 The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect until a  
3 designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a court orders otherwise.

4 12. MISCELLANEOUS

5 12.1 Enforceability Upon Signing. By signing the Stipulated Protective Order, the  
6 parties agree to be bound by its terms unless and until those terms are modified by order of the  
7 Court.

8 12.2 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any party to  
9 seek its modification by the Court in the future.

10 12.3 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to entry of this Order, no party  
11 waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or  
12 item on any ground not addressed in this Order, nor waives any claim or defense in this case.  
13 Similarly, no party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the  
14 material covered by this Order, and nothing herein shall be construed to affect in any way the  
15 evidentiary admissibility of any document, testimony, or other matter at any proceeding related  
16 to this Action.

17 12.4 This order shall constitute a court order authorizing disclosure of information  
18 designated as confidential, subject to the protections described herein, for purposes of the Privacy  
19 Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(11) (authorizing disclosure pursuant to the order of a court of competent  
20 jurisdiction) and any other state or federal statute or regulation that provides for disclosure  
21 pursuant to court order.

22 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.  
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1 DATED: July 27, 2018

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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

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4 I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_  
5 [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and  
6 understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for  
7 the Western District of Washington on \_\_\_\_\_ in the case of *Washington v. United*  
8 *States*, No. 2:18-cv-939. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this  
9 Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could  
10 expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will  
11 not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective  
12 Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.  
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16 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the  
17 Western District of Washington for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated  
18 Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.  
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21 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
22 City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
23 Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_  
24 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 27, 2018, I electronically transmitted the foregoing document to the Clerk’s Office using the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington’s Electronic Document Filing System (ECF), which will serve a copy of this document upon all counsel of record.

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