

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**ARAB AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE (“ACRL”),**  
on behalf of itself, its members, and its clients,  
**AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MICHIGAN (“ACLU”),**  
on behalf of itself and its members,  
**AMERICAN ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,** on behalf of itself and its  
members, **ARAB AMERICAN AND CHALDEAN COUNCIL (“ACC”),** on  
behalf of itself and its clients, **ARAB AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION  
 (“AASA”),** on behalf of itself and its members, **HEND ALSHAWISH, SALIM  
 ALSHAWISH, FAHMI JAHAF, and KALTUM SALEH,**  
on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 17-cv-10310  
Hon. Victoria A. Roberts  
Mag. J. Stephanie D. Davis

**DONALD TRUMP,** President of the United States, **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY (“DHS”), U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER  
PROTECTION (“CBP”), U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
SERVICES (“USCIS”), U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, KIRSTJEN M. NIELSEN,** Secretary of  
Homeland Security, **KEVIN K. McALEENAN,** Commissioner of CBP,  
**L. FRANCIS CISSNA,** Director of USCIS, **MICHAEL R. POMPEO,**  
Secretary of State, **JEFF SESSIONS,** Attorney General, **DAN COATS,** Director  
of National Intelligence, and the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

Defendants.

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**THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR  
DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

## INTRODUCTION

1. President Donald Trump has been very clear about his desire to prevent Muslims from entering the United States. He specifically promised to do so as a candidate, calling on December 7, 2015 “for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States.” He believed: “We have no choice.” Throughout his campaign he reiterated his desire to prevent Muslims from coming to the United States and his belief that Muslims should not have equal rights with others in American society.

2. On January 27, 2017, President Trump sought to fulfill his campaign promise by signing Executive Order 13769, entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States” (the “First Executive Order” or “EO-1”), 82 Fed. Reg. 8977 (Raofield Decl. ¶ 3, Ex. A), which banned entry into the United States of both refugees and the nationals of seven predominantly Muslim countries.

3. The First Executive Order was developed by advisors to Mr. Trump whom he tasked with finding a way to implement a Muslim ban indirectly, after his original campaign proposal to ban Muslims was criticized as blatantly unconstitutional religious discrimination. In addition, as President Trump admitted on national television, through the January 27 Order he intended to favor Christian refugees over Muslim refugees. Rarely in American history has governmental

intent—at the highest levels—to discriminate against a particular faith and its adherents been so plain.

4. The First Executive Order resulted in chaos and widespread civil rights abuses at airports, demonstrations nationwide, and emergency litigation across the country.

5. Implementation of EO-1 was halted by the courts, including this one.

6. Thereafter, President Trump promised to issue a new executive order. He claimed that injunctions by the courts imperiled national security. The President, however, delayed issuance of the new order. White House officials admitted that the purpose of the delay was to enable the President to benefit from favorable news coverage after his first address to Congress.

7. White House officials explained that the revised order would contain only minor, technical changes from the First Executive Order, and would thus produce the same basic policy outcome. That basic goal and outcome was, and remains, the exclusion of Muslims from the United States.

8. On March 6, 2017, President Trump rescinded and replaced the First Executive Order with a revised document, Executive Order 13780, 82 Fed. Reg. 13209, effective March 16, 2017 (“Second Executive Order” or “EO-2”) (Raofield Decl. ¶ 4, Ex. B).

9. The major provisions of the Second Executive Order were nearly identical to those of the First Executive Order. EO-2 banned individuals from six of the seven predominantly Muslim countries identified in EO-1 – Yemen, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Iran and Syria – from entering the United States for at least 90 days. Like EO-1, EO-2 suspended the entire United States Refugee Admissions Program for at least 120 days and reduced the maximum number of refugees allowed into the United States for the current fiscal year from 110,000 to 50,000. EO-2 also contained language that associates Muslims with violence, terrorism, bigotry and hatred. That language inflicted stigmatic and dignitary harms. As a result, EO-2 had the same discriminatory and stigmatizing impact on Muslims as EO-1, which was itself a product of the President’s clearly expressed intent to prevent Muslims from entering the United States.

10. The courts, recognizing that EO-2 was motivated by the same impermissible religious animus as EO-1 and suffered from the same constitutional and statutory defects, blocked implementation of the Second Executive Order. The Supreme Court—although it did not hear the merits of these appeals before the cases became moot—subsequently narrowed the preliminary injunctions to enjoin enforcement of the relevant provisions with respect to foreign nationals who lacked any bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States. *Trump v. Int’l Refugee Assistance Project*, 137 S. Ct. 2080 (2017).

11. On September 24, 2017, President Trump yet again replaced an unconstitutional order with a new one, this time entitled “Enhancing Vetting Capabilities and Processes for Detecting Attempted Entry Into the United States by Terrorists or Other Public Safety Threats,” Proclamation 9645, 82 Fed. Reg. 45161 (“EO-3”). (Together, we refer to the January 27 Order, the March 6 Order, and the September 24 Proclamation as the “Executive Orders”).<sup>1</sup>

12. EO-3 currently bans certain nationals of the predominantly Muslim countries of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen (the “Designated Countries”). Unlike EO-1 and EO-2 (collectively, the “Prior Orders”), which imposed 90-day bans, EO-3 contains no set time limit. While EO-3 provides that this indefinite ban could be lifted in the future if circumstances change on a country-by-country basis, the absence of any time limit means that EO-3 essentially extends the earlier 90-day bans to last indefinitely. It also bans a small number of Venezuelan government officials and the nearly nonexistent entry of nationals of North Korea.

13. EO-3 ostensibly permits individuals from the Designated Countries who pose no national security threat to obtain a waiver to enter the United States.

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<sup>1</sup> On October 24, 2017, President Trump signed Executive Order 13815 (“EO-4”), 82 Fed. Reg. 50,055, entitled “Resuming the United States Refugee Admissions Program With Enhanced Vetting Capabilities.” EO-4 suspends entry of refugees from eleven specified countries—all but two of which are majority Muslim—and indefinitely suspends the “follow-to-join” program, which allows refugees admitted to the U.S. to apply for admission of their spouses and children.

However, the waiver provision of EO-3 has proven to be a sham. The majority of qualified applicants are denied waivers, allowing EO-3 to function as intended: to drastically curb Muslim immigration into the United States.

14. All three Executive Orders have the same purpose and effect. All three were intended and designed to target and discriminate against Muslims, and all did and do just that in operation.

15. Like the First and Second Executive Orders, EO-3 violates cherished constitutional protections: the guarantee that the government will not establish, favor, discriminate against, or condemn any religion; the guarantee of freedom of speech and association; and the guarantee of equal protection of the laws.

16. The United States was born in part of an effort to escape religious persecution, and the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment reflect the harrowing history of our Founders. More than two centuries later, our nation is one of the most religiously diverse in the world and has become a sanctuary for immigrants and visitors of all faiths and no faith, including refugees fleeing persecution in their homelands.

17. EO-3 flies in the face of our historical commitment to welcome and protect people of all faiths, and no faith. It violates the “clearest command of the Establishment Clause”—“one religious denomination cannot be officially preferred over another.” *Larson v. Valente*, 456 U.S. 228, 244 (1982).

18. The United States was likewise founded on the principle that all people—regardless of their faith or where they are born—are created equal. The equal protection guarantee of the Fifth Amendment reflects this country’s rejection of official preferences on the basis of race, color, or religion.

19. Freedom of speech and assembly are similarly fundamental to our democracy. The First Amendment guarantees our right to hear from and associate with speakers of different faiths. EO-3—which was motivated by animus toward Muslims and expressly discriminates on the basis of national origin—runs afoul of these core constitutional values as well.

20. The Executive Orders embodied the unconstitutional targeting of Muslims. The purported justification—national security concerns—was intended to legitimize the travel ban but serves no legitimate rational purpose. EO-3 cannot “reasonably be understood to result from a justification independent of unconstitutional grounds.” *Trump v. Hawaii*, No. 17-965, 585 U.S. \_\_\_, slip op. at 32 (June 26, 2018).

21. Plaintiffs challenge EO-3 as violating the Establishment Clause and the right to freedom of speech and association under the First Amendment, and the equal protection guarantee of the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

22. Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court issue appropriate declaratory relief and permanently enjoin EO-3 with respect to foreign nationals from the Designated Countries.

## **PARTIES**

### **The Plaintiffs**

23. Plaintiff Arab American Civil Rights League (“ACRL”) is a non-profit organization based in Dearborn, Michigan, that protects the civil rights of Arab Americans through education and advocacy. ACRL is a membership organization, the majority of whose members are practicing Muslims and are from Middle Eastern backgrounds, including from the majority-Muslim Designated Countries. Likewise, the majority of ACRL’s clients are practicing Muslims and are from Middle Eastern backgrounds, including from the majority-Muslim Designated Countries. ACRL asserts claims on behalf of itself, its members, and clients. The rights of its clients that ACRL seeks to vindicate here are inextricably bound up with its organizational mission and purpose, and its clients face numerous hurdles to bringing this suit in their own names.

24. Plaintiff American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan (“ACLU”) is a nonprofit membership organization with more than 41,000 members, headquartered in Detroit, Michigan, and is a state affiliate of the national American Civil Liberties Union, which is itself a membership organization of more than 1.6



million members. The ACLU has long been dedicated to protecting the constitutional rights of its members and of all people in Michigan, including their rights to religious liberty, freedom of speech and association, and equal protection of the laws. The ACLU asserts claims on behalf of itself and its members.

25. The American Arab Chamber of Commerce (hereinafter “Chamber”) is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to promoting and empowering its member businesses. Located in Dearborn, Michigan, the Chamber is currently the largest Arab American business organization in the country. The Chamber seeks to promote its members by offering networking opportunities as well as by fostering trade between Michigan-based companies and businesses located in the Middle East. The Chamber’s membership includes businesses founded or run by immigrants from the Designated Countries and by refugees. Many of these business leaders are Muslim. The Chamber asserts claims on behalf of itself and its members.

26. Arab American and Chaldean Council (“ACC”) is a human services non-profit, headquartered in Detroit, Michigan, which has existed since 1979 and whose mission is to support the overall well-being of the Middle Eastern community in the Metro Detroit region by providing services in public and behavioral health, along with a focus on education, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, employment, training and placement, youth life skills classes in

schools, youth recreation, cultural activities along with Woman, Infant and Children (WIC) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) support. ACC asserts claims on behalf of itself and its clients. The rights of ACC's clients that it seeks to vindicate here are inextricably bound up with its organizational mission and purpose, and its clients face numerous hurdles to bringing this suit in their own name.

27. The Arab American Studies Association ("AASA") is a non-profit, nonpolitical organization of scholars and other persons interested in the study of Arab American history, ethnicity, culture, literature, art, music, politics, religion, and other aspects of the Arab American experience. The AASA is a membership organization, headquartered in Dearborn, Michigan. The AASA asserts claims on behalf of itself and its members.

28. As set forth in greater detail below, implementation of the Executive Orders has caused substantial harm to, and will continue to harm, ACRL, its members, and its clients; the ACLU and its members; the American Arab Chamber of Commerce and its members; ACC and its clients; and AASA and its members.

29. Plaintiff Hend Alshawish is a lawful permanent resident of the United States, a citizen of Yemen, and a Muslim. She is married to plaintiff Salim Alshawish. She resides in New York, and is a member of ACRL and of the American Civil Liberties Union.

30. Plaintiff Salim Alshawish is a citizen of the United States and is Muslim. He is married to plaintiff Hend Alshawish, and the two reside in New York. Plaintiff Salim Alshawish is a member of ACRL and of the American Civil Liberties Union.

31. Plaintiffs Hend and Salim Alshawish have two teenaged children who are citizens of Yemen and are Muslim. The children have been unable to join their parents in the United States due to the Executive Orders.

32. Plaintiff Fahmi Jahaf is a citizen of the United States and is Muslim. He resides in Wayne County, Michigan and is a member of ACRL and of the ACLU. Plaintiff is married to Basema Al Reyashi, a citizen of Yemen. Ms. Al Reyashi is also Muslim, and currently resides in Djibouti. Due to the Executive Orders, Plaintiff Jahaf's wife cannot join him in the United States.

33. Plaintiff Kaltum Saleh is a citizen of the United States and is Muslim. She resides in Wayne County, Michigan and is a member of the ACLU. Plaintiff Saleh's elderly mother, a Somali national, currently resides in Uganda. Due to the Executive Orders, Plaintiff Saleh's mother cannot join her in the United States.

34. As set forth in greater detail below, implementation of the Executive Orders has caused and will continue to cause harm to Plaintiffs Hend Alshawish, Salim Alshawish, Fahmi Jahaf, and Kaltum Saleh (collectively, the "Individual Plaintiffs").

### **The Defendants**

35. Defendant Donald Trump is the President of the United States. He issued the Executive Orders challenged in this suit. He is sued in his official capacity.

36. Defendant U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) is a cabinet-level department of the United States federal government. Its components include U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The Executive Orders assign DHS a variety of responsibilities regarding implementation and enforcement.

37. Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) is an agency within DHS. CBP’s responsibilities include inspecting and admitting immigrants and nonimmigrants arriving at international ports of entry, including airports and land borders. The Executive Orders assign CBP a variety of responsibilities regarding implementation and enforcement.

38. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) is an agency within DHS. USCIS’s responsibilities include adjudicating requests for immigration benefits for individuals located within the United States, and it therefore has a variety of responsibilities regarding implementation and enforcement of the Executive Orders.

39. Defendant U.S. Department of State (“DOS”) is a cabinet-level department of the United States federal government that is responsible for the issuance of immigrant and nonimmigrant visas abroad. The Executive Orders assign DOS a variety of responsibilities regarding implementation and enforcement.

40. Defendant Department of Justice (“DOJ”) is a cabinet-level department of the United States federal government. The Executive Orders assign certain responsibilities regarding implementation and enforcement to the Attorney General, who heads the Department of Justice.

41. Defendant Office of the Director of National Intelligence (“ODNI”) is an independent agency of the United States federal government. ODNI has specific responsibilities and obligation with respect to implementation of the Executive Orders.

42. Defendant Kirstjen M. Nielsen is the Secretary of Homeland Security. Secretary Nielsen has responsibility for overseeing enforcement and implementation of the Executive Orders by all DHS staff, and staff of DHS’s component agencies, CBP and USCIS. She is sued in her official capacity.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Where applicable, the official defendants named in prior complaints have been substituted with their successors pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d).

43. Defendant Kevin K. McAleenan is the Commissioner of CBP and has responsibility for overseeing enforcement and implementation of the Executive Orders by all CBP staff. He is sued in his official capacity.

44. Defendant L. Francis Cissna is the Director of USCIS and has responsibility for overseeing enforcement and implementation of the Executive Orders by all USCIS staff. He is sued in his official capacity.

45. Defendant Michael R. Pompeo is the Secretary of State and has responsibility for overseeing enforcement and implementation of the Executive Orders by all DOS staff. He is sued in his official capacity.

46. Defendant Jeff Sessions is the Attorney General of the United States. The Executive Orders assign certain responsibilities regarding implementation and enforcement to the Attorney General. He is sued in his official capacity.

47. Defendant Dan Coats is the Director of National Intelligence, and has responsibility for overseeing enforcement and implementation of the Executive Orders by all ODNI staff. He is sued in his official capacity.

48. Defendant United States of America includes all government agencies and departments responsible for enforcement and implementation of the Executive Orders.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

49. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343 and 1361. This court has further remedial authority pursuant to the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201 *et seq.*

50. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e). Defendants are officers or employees of the United States acting in their official capacities, agencies of the United States, and the United States. Plaintiffs ACRL, ACLU, American Arab Chamber of Commerce, ACC, AASA, Jahaf, and Saleh are residents of this District, and no real property is involved in this action. Further, a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this action occurred in this District.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

### **President Trump’s Expressed Intent to Target Muslims and to Favor Christians Seeking to Enter the Country**

51. President Trump has repeatedly made clear his intent to enact policies that exclude Muslims from entering the United States and favor Christians seeking to enter the United States.

52. On December 7, 2015, then-Presidential Candidate Trump issued a statement on his campaign website. Entitled “DONALD J. TRUMP STATEMENT ON PREVENTING MUSLIM IMMIGRATION,” the statement declared that “Donald J. Trump is calling for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering

the United States until our country’s representatives can figure out what is going on.”

53. The statement invokes stereotypes of Muslims, falsely suggesting that all Muslims believe in “murder against non-believers who won’t convert” and “unthinkable acts” against women.

54. The statement suggests that a Muslim ban is necessary to prevent “horrendous attacks” on U.S. soil because “there is great hatred towards Americans by large segments of the Muslim population.”

55. Defending his proposed Muslim ban the next day, Candidate Trump told *Good Morning America*, “What I’m doing is I’m calling very simply for a shutdown of Muslims entering the United States—and here’s a key—until our country’s representatives can figure out what is going on.”

56. At the time President Trump took the oath of office, the statement remained on his campaign website. And while this fact was highlighted in numerous lawsuits challenging the Executive Orders, President Trump elected to leave the statement on his campaign website until May 2017.

57. When asked the same day on MSNBC how his Muslim ban would be applied by “a customs agent,” Candidate Trump said, “That would be probably—they would say, are you Muslim?” A reporter followed up by asking, “And if they



said yes, they would not be allowed in the country[?]" Candidate Trump responded, "That's correct."

58. This overt religious animus was consistent with statements and proposals Candidate Trump had previously made. For example, on September 30, 2015, while speaking at a campaign event in New Hampshire, Candidate Trump said that the 10,000 Syrian refugees admitted by the Obama administration in 2016 "could be ISIS" and promised "if I win, they're going back!"

59. In addition, in a series of interviews in the weeks prior to the release of his statement, Candidate Trump had indicated that he would require Muslims in the United States to register with the government, and he had insisted that the country had "absolutely no choice" but to shut down mosques.

60. President Trump's hostility toward Muslims is longstanding. In April 2011, Mr. Trump stated that he had been asked whether there was "a Muslim problem." He said he had replied:

[A]bsolutely yes. . . . I mean I could have said, "Oh absolutely not . . . there's no Muslim problem, everything is wonderful, just forget about the World Trade Center. But you have to speak the truth. . . . The Koran is very interesting. . . . [T]here's something there that teaches some very negative vibe. . . . [T]here's tremendous hatred out there that I've never seen anything like it.

61. Throughout the presidential campaign, Candidate Trump repeatedly reiterated his support for targeting Muslims seeking to enter the United States.

62. At a rally on September 18, 2015, Candidate Trump did not disagree with an audience member who stated, “We have a problem in this country. It’s called Muslims.” In response to the same audience member’s question, “When can we get rid of them [the Muslims]?” Candidate Trump replied, “We’re going to be looking at that and many other things.”

63. On November 16, 2015, Candidate Trump stated that he would “have to strongly consider” shutting down mosques, “because some of the ideas and some of the hatred—the absolute hatred—is coming from these areas.” Two days later, Candidate Trump concluded that there was “absolutely no choice” about shutting down mosques. Candidate Trump advocated shutting down mosques and the surveillance of mosques without suspicion on numerous occasions.

64. Discussing the 9/11 terrorist attacks, on November 21, 2015, Candidate Trump asserted that “thousands and thousands of people [referring to Muslims] were cheering as that building was coming down. Thousands of people were cheering.” This claim has since been thoroughly debunked.

65. On December 10, 2015, Candidate Trump tweeted two statements referring to a “Muslim problem,” as well as a Washington Post article entitled, “Why Franklin Graham says Donald Trump is right about stopping Muslim immigration.”

66. Candidate Trump's statements suggest he sees no distinction between radical Islamic terrorism and Islam as a religion. In a televised interview on February 4, 2016, Candidate Trump was asked, "Is it really a Muslim problem, or is it a radical Islamist problem?" He replied, "Maybe it's a Muslim problem, maybe it's not."

67. On March 9, 2016, Candidate Trump stated, "I think Islam hates us. There's . . . a tremendous hatred there . . . . There's an unbelievable hatred of us . . . . [W]e can't allow people coming into this country who have this hatred of the United States . . . [and] of people that are not Muslim . . . ." He again conflated Muslims and terrorists, rejecting that the two are distinct and stating that "[i]t's very hard to define."

68. The next day, during a debate, Candidate Trump said he would "stick with exactly" what he had said the night before. When asked if he was referring to all 1.6 billion Muslims worldwide, he explained, "I mean a lot of them." Candidate Trump stated later in the same debate, "There is tremendous hate. There is tremendous hate. Where large portions of a group of people, Islam, large portions want to use very, very harsh means."

69. On March 22, 2016, Candidate Trump stated that "we're having problems with the Muslims, and we're having problems with Muslims coming into the country," adding, "You need surveillance. You have to deal with the mosques,

whether we like it or not . . . . [T]hese attacks aren't . . . done by Swedish people, that I can tell you.”

70. The same day, Candidate Trump attacked Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton on Twitter, saying she wanted to “let the Muslims flow in.”

71. On June 13, 2016, one day after the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Candidate Trump delivered an address on “Terrorism, Immigration, and National Security,” in which he declared: “I called for a ban after San Bernardino, and was met with great scorn and anger but now, many are saying I was right.... We cannot continue to allow thousands upon thousands of people to pour into our country, many of whom have the same thought process as this savage killer.” In the address he blamed “Muslim communities” of refusing to “turn in the people who they know are bad—and they do know where they are.”

#### **Development of the Pretext for Targeting Muslims Prior to the Election**

72. During the summer of 2016, in response to widespread outrage at his proposed Muslim ban, Candidate Trump worked with others to develop a pretext to disguise his religious animus and justify his determination to take action targeting Muslims.

73. In May of 2016, Candidate Trump asked former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani to put together a “commission” to advise Candidate Trump on his proposed Muslim ban.

74. In a televised interview, Mr. Giuliani explained: “So when he first announced it, he said ‘Muslim ban.’ He called me up. He said ‘Put a commission together. Show me the right way to do it legally.’”

75. On June 5, 2016, an interviewer asked Candidate Trump, “How are you going to get past [the] establishment to keep those promises,” one of which was the “temporary ban on Muslim immigration”? Candidate Trump presciently responded: “You are going to have to watch and are going to have to see. I have done a lot of things that nobody thought I could do.”

76. In early July 2016, Mr. Giuliani described a memorandum his commission had prepared for Candidate Trump, and he suggested that this memorandum had caused the candidate’s proposal to shift from a “general ban” to “very specific, targeted criteria” focusing on specific countries.

77. In a subsequent interview, Mr. Giuliani again attributed the purported evolution of the Muslim ban to the work of his commission, which included Congressman Michael McCaul and General Michael Flynn, among others: “We wrote a paper for him. And he amended it to the ban would be restricted to particular countries, and it would not be a ban. It would involve extreme vetting. . . . All the rest from countries [other than Syria] that contain dangerous populations of radical Islamic extremists, he will subject them to extreme vetting, but not a ban.”

78. In a July 24, 2016 interview on *Meet the Press*, Candidate Trump was asked if a plan similar to the Executive Orders at issue in this litigation was a “rollback” from “[t]he Muslim Ban.” Candidate Trump responded: “I don’t think so. I actually don’t think it’s a rollback. In fact, you could say it’s an expansion. I’m looking now at territory.” Candidate Trump continued: “People were so upset when I used the word ‘Muslim.’ ‘Oh, you can’t use the word ‘Muslim.’” Remember this. And I’m okay with that, because I’m talking territory instead of Muslim.”

79. In an address on August 15, 2016, Candidate Trump characterized a long list of terror attacks as all being linked by the “common thread” that they “involved immigrants or the children of immigrants.” In this speech, invoking offensive Muslim stereotypes, he decried “the oppression of women and gays in many Muslim nations” and the targeting of “Christians driven from their homes,” and he called for the establishment of an “ideological screening test” to ferret out those who do not share our values. He went on to proclaim that American “values should be taught by parents and teachers, and impressed upon all who join our society. Assimilation is not an act of hostility, but an expression of compassion.”

80. On August 17, 2016, the Trump campaign announced that Candidate Trump had convened a “Roundtable on Defeating Radical Islamic Terrorism,” to discuss “improving immigration screening and standards” to keep radical Muslims

out of the country. This group included, among others, General Flynn, then-Senator Jeff Sessions, former Mayor Giuliani, Congressman Peter King, former Attorney General Michael Mukasey, and Congressman McCaul.

81. In a debate on October 9, 2016, one month before the election, Candidate Trump claimed that: “The Muslim ban is something that in some form has morphed into extreme vetting from certain areas of the world.”

**Continued Development of the Executive Order  
During the Transition Period**

82. Ordinarily, the President consults relevant cabinet-level officials and agencies before issuing an Executive Order. However, this usual process was not followed here.

83. Shortly after his election victory, President-elect Trump selected General Flynn—a key member of the Giuliani commission—to serve as his national security adviser.

84. Just a few months earlier, General Flynn had described “Islamism” in a televised speech as “a vicious cancer inside the body of 1.7 billion people on this planet” and stated that “it has to be excised.”

85. During the transition period following the election and before the inauguration, development of EO-1 was overseen by certain Trump advisors, including Stephen Bannon and Stephen Miller.

86. Mr. Bannon has previously made anti-Muslim comments. He has stated that “most people in the Middle East, at least 50%, believe in being sharia-compliant,” and that “[i]f you’re sharia-compliant or want to impose sharia law, the United States is the wrong place for you.”

87. In 2003, Mr. Miller wrote: “We have all heard about how peaceful and benign the Islamic religion is, but no matter how many times you say that, it cannot change the fact that millions of radical Muslims would celebrate your death for the simple reason that you are Christian, Jewish or American.”

88. During the transition period, members of the Trump transition team consulted with staff working for the House Judiciary Committee. It has been reported that these staffers carried out this work unbeknownst to members of the Committee, and were required to sign nondisclosure agreements. Congressman Bob Goodlatte, the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, has verified that the staffers’ involvement began after the election and ended before the inauguration.

89. In late December 2016, as development of EO-1 was underway, President-elect Trump was asked whether he had changed his “plans to create a Muslim registry or ban Muslim immigration.” He responded: “Hey, you’ve known my plans all along and it’s, they’ve proven to be right. 100 percent correct.”



90. The numerous statements made by Candidate and President-elect Trump and his supporters calling for a Muslim ban and expressing negative stereotypes about Muslims demonstrate that EO-1 (and its successors) resulted from anti-Muslim animus, rather than legitimate national security concerns.

**Issuance of the First Executive Order**  
**Following the Inauguration**

91. On January 20, 2017, Donald J. Trump became the 45th President of the United States of America.

92. President Trump selected the controversial Rev. Franklin Graham to speak at his inauguration. Rev. Graham had spent the past fifteen years characterizing Islam as “a religion of war” and insisting Islam “has not been hijacked by radicals. This is the faith, this is the religion.”

93. As of January 20, 2017, news reports indicated that an executive order would be signed shortly and would restrict entry to the country by individuals from seven majority Muslim countries: Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

94. On January 27, 2017—just one week after his inauguration—President Trump sought to fulfill his campaign promise by signing an executive order entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States.” After reading this title aloud, President Trump clarified, “We all know what that means.”

95. The First Executive Order was intentionally designed to target Muslims, discriminate against Muslims, and disparage Islam, and it did just that in operation.

96. Contemporaneous statements made by President Trump and his advisors around the signing of the First Executive Order confirm President Trump's intent to discriminate against Muslims.

97. For instance, during the signing ceremony, President Trump made clear that the order was targeted at Muslims, pledging that it would "keep radical Islamic terrorists out of the United States of America."

98. In an interview with the Christian Broadcasting Network released the same day that he signed the First Executive Order, President Trump stated that the Order was designed to give Christians priority when applying for refugee status. "If you were a Muslim you could come in [to the United States], but if you were a Christian, it was almost impossible," he said. "[T]hey were chopping off the heads of everybody but more so the Christians. And I thought it was very, very unfair. So we are going to help them."

99. Consistent with this expressed animus towards Muslims and preference for Christians, EO-1 clearly disfavored Muslims while giving special treatment to non-Muslims.

100. Section 3 of the Order, for example, banned any entry for 90 days for individuals from seven countries. All seven of these countries are predominantly Muslim: Syria, Sudan, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen.

101. EO-1 did not single out any countries that are not majority-Muslim for disfavored treatment.

102. EO-1 provided a mechanism for the government to extend and/or expand the ban at the end of the 90-day period. Section 3 of the Order directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to “immediately conduct a review to determine the information needed from any country to adjudicate any visa, admission, or other benefit under the INA (adjudications) in order to determine that the individual seeking the benefit is who the individual claims to be and is not a security or public-safety threat,” and to “submit to the President a report on the results of the review . . . within 30 days of the date of this order.” At that point, the “Secretary of State shall request all foreign governments that do not supply such information to start providing such information,” and 60 days after that – precisely at the end of the initial 90-day ban period – EO-1 provided for the President to issue a proclamation indefinitely banning travelers from a list of countries deemed to be non-compliant “until compliance occurs.”

103. Section 5 of the First Executive Order banned the admission of Syrian refugees indefinitely and prohibited other refugee admissions for 120 days.

104. EO-1 discriminated between persons of majority and minority faiths in their country of origin. Section 5(b) of the Order required the government to “prioritize refugee claims made by individuals on the basis of religious-based persecution, provided that the religion of the individual is a minority religion in the individual’s country of nationality” once the 120-day ban on refugee admissions is complete.

105. During those 120 days, moreover, Section 5(e) of the First Executive Order allowed the admission of certain refugees on a discretionary case-by-case basis, “only so long as [the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security] determine that the admission of such individuals as refugees is in the national interest—including when the person is a religious minority in his country of nationality facing religious persecution.”

106. The President has conceded that these provisions were intended to allow Christian refugees to enter the United States, even while Muslim refugees from the same countries were prohibited from doing so. And indeed, Muslims were severely disadvantaged by the minority-faith preferences set forth in Sections 5(b) and 5(e).

107. There is no statutory, regulatory, or constitutional basis for favoring refugees from minority faiths over refugees from majority faiths. There is no basis in the Refugee Act of 1980, as amended – which governs the admission of refugees

to the United States and their resettlement herein – to prioritize refugees fleeing persecution on the basis of religion, as opposed to other congressionally-recognized bases. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(42) (defining “refugee”).

108. The indefinite ban on Syrian refugees contained in the January 27 Order also made plain, and put into practice, President Trump’s intent to limit the entry of Muslims into the United States. In fiscal year 2016, Syrian refugees made up 32% of all Muslim refugees who entered the United States, but only 0.2% of the Christian refugees who entered the United States.

109. Section 5(d) reduced, by more than half, the annual refugee admissions allotment that was set prior to fiscal year 2017 by President Obama (from 110,000 to 50,000).

110. As of the end of February 2017, approximately 37,000 refugees had already been resettled in the United States. The number of refugees already somewhere in the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program pipeline at that time – well over 50,000 – would put the U.S. refugee resettlement total above Section 5(d)’s reduced admissions cap of 50,000.

111. As a result, upon information and belief, Defendants undertook various actions to bring to a halt the U.S. refugee resettlement process as a result of Section 5(d)’s reduction in fiscal year 2017’s figure.

112. For example, upon information and belief, shortly after the First Executive Order was signed, Defendant USCIS, a component of Defendant Department of Homeland Security, cancelled nearly all refugee processing interviews abroad.

113. Additionally, upon information and belief, Defendant Department of State suspended security checks for refugees, a process that often takes between 18-24 months.

114. Further, on information and belief, since EO-1 was signed, CBP has questioned foreign nationals entering the United States about their religious beliefs to determine whether or not they are Muslim and their degree of religiosity, and has subjected Muslim travelers to disproportionate and discriminatory scrutiny and interrogation.

### **The Chaotic and Irregular Implementation of the First Executive Order**

115. The implementation of the First Executive Order was extremely unusual and chaotic. Upon information and belief, the White House bypassed regular channels for input and cooperation from other components of the Executive Branch, including the Secretaries of Homeland Security, Defense, and State. Moreover, upon information and belief, CBP was not given clear operational guidance during critical times in the implementation of EO-1.

116. EO-1 was signed without final review or legal analysis from DHS, which—along with the DOS—was principally charged with implementing the Order.

117. Then-Secretary of Homeland Security Kelly was reportedly in the midst of a conference call to discuss the Order when someone on the call learned from watching television that the Order they were discussing had been signed.

118. Similarly, Secretary of Defense Mattis, who had publicly criticized President Trump's proposal to ban Muslims from the United States, reportedly did not see a final version of the order until the day it was signed, and was not consulted during its preparation.

119. During the days leading up to and following the signing of the First Executive Order, its scope and provisions were repeatedly changed, despite the changes bearing no rational relationship to the purported reasons for the Order.

120. For example, the night EO-1 was signed, the Department of Homeland Security issued guidance interpreting the Order as not applying to lawful permanent residents. Overnight, the White House overruled that guidance, applying the Order to lawful permanent residents subject to a case-by-case exception process. On information and belief, the decision to continue applying EO-1 to lawful permanent residents was taken on the advice of Mr. Bannon.

121. After the detention at airports of many individuals, including lawful permanent residents, led to chaos nationwide, then-Secretary Kelly issued a statement “deem[ing] the entry of lawful permanent residents to be in the national interest.” Secretary Kelly’s statement was made pursuant to Section 3(g) of the order, which requires such a decision to be made jointly with the Secretary of State and “on a case-by-case basis.”

122. Finally, on February 1, the Counsel to the President purported to interpret the First Executive Order as exempting lawful permanent residents from the ban entirely.

123. Similarly, initial guidance from DOS indicated that individuals with dual citizenship, with one country of citizenship subject to the ban, would be banned from entering the United States. On information and belief, word of a change in that policy spread irregularly, with notice being given to airlines and foreign nations but contradicted in official U.S. government communications.

124. Finally, CBP announced a changed policy, explaining, in response to the question “Does ‘from one of the seven countries’ mean citizen, national or born in?” that “Travelers are being treated according to the travel document they present.”

125. The government also reversed itself on its policy toward holders of Special Immigrant Visas from Iraq. Holders of these visas are clearly banned under



the terms of EO-1, and they were refused entry when it went into effect. However, on February 2, 2017, the government changed course and allowed them to enter the United States despite EO-1.

126. Still other aspects of the First Executive Order and its implementation demonstrate utter disregard for the individuals affected by it. For example, President Trump and officials involved in drafting the order knew that the Order would bar the entry of individuals who were literally mid-air when the Order was issued. Nonetheless, and absent any exigency that would justify it, the Order was signed late on a Friday afternoon and took immediate effect. That decision had a number of predictable consequences, including: making it more difficult for the federal employees tasked with enforcing the order to obtain instructions on how to interpret and enforce the Order's ambiguous provisions; prolonging the detentions at airports of those affected, and leading many to be wrongfully deported; and increasing the difficulty advocates had in accessing their clients and the courts.

127. Other actions taken by DHS and DOS to enforce EO-1 exhibited a zealous desire to go beyond even the draconian measures the Order actually required.

128. DOS, at the request of DHS, issued a letter purporting to provisionally revoke all immigrant and nonimmigrant visas of nationals of the seven designated countries on a categorical basis. The letter is dated January 27, 2017, but only

came to light on January 31, 2017, when Department of Justice lawyers filed it in pending litigation. DOS stated that this action was taken to “implement[]” EO-1.

129. Ordinarily, visas are revoked only after individualized consideration of whether a particular visa should be revoked, not through mass simultaneous revocation of a broad swath of visas.

130. Still further evidence of discriminatory intent and effect is reflected in the statements of President Trump and his Administration seeking to defend and justify EO-1 after it was issued.

131. President Trump, for example, falsely stated that only 109 people were detained over the weekend following the issuance of EO-1, even though he knew or should have known that the number was far higher.

132. Indeed, pursuant to a federal district court order, the federal government has since revealed that at least 746 individuals were detained over a period of just 27 hours during the weekend after EO-1 was signed. This 27-hour period did not begin until a day after EO-1 went into effect. So the total number of detained persons was necessarily higher, and perhaps much higher.

133. The Inspector General of DHS conducted an investigation and reached conclusions corroborating the public reports regarding the chaotic implementation of the January 27 Order. According to a letter dated November 20, 2017, from the Inspector General to Senators Durbin, Duckworth, and McCaskill,

the Inspector General concluded, among other things, that there was no “evidence that CBP detected any traveler linked to terrorism based on the additional procedures required by the EO.”

134. These chaotic, irregular, and irrational policies, policy changes, and statements indicate that the purported justifications for the First Executive Order were pretextual and support Plaintiffs’ allegation that the Order was motivated by an intent to discriminate against Muslims.

**The Courts Enjoin Implementation of the First Executive Order**

135. On February 2, 2017, this Court issued a nationwide injunction prohibiting enforcement of Sections 3(c) and 3(e) of the First Executive Order against lawful permanent residents.

136. On February 3, 2017, the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington (Robart, J.) enjoined the government from enforcing Sections 3(c), 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), and 5(e) of EO-1.

137. The same day and in response to the injunction, President Trump tweeted, “We must keep ‘evil’ out of our country!”

138. President Trump also personally attacked Judge Robart as a “so-called judge,” calling his opinion “outrageous,” “ridiculous,” and “terrible.” President Trump falsely claimed that one consequence of Judge Robart’s order is that now “anyone, even with bad intentions” must be allowed to enter the country, saying

that the judge had “open[ed] up our country to potential terrorists” and put it in “such peril.” President Trump advised the public to “blame him and the court system” if “something happens.” Comments like this by a President about a sitting judge are extremely unusual, if not unprecedented, and reflect a fundamental lack of respect for important constitutional principles.

139. The government appealed Judge Robart’s order to the Ninth Circuit and sought a stay pending appeal.

140. After hearing oral argument, the Ninth Circuit issued a published decision denying the government’s motion for a stay, noting that “although courts owe considerable deference to the President’s policy determinations with respect to immigration and national security, it is beyond question that the federal judiciary retains the authority to adjudicate constitutional challenges to executive action.” *Washington v. Trump*, 847 F.3d 1151, 1164 (9th Cir. 2017).

141. In reaching its holding, the Court noted that the “[t]he Government has pointed to no evidence that any alien from any of the countries named in the Order has perpetrated a terrorist attack in the United States.” *Id.* at 1168.

142. The Court also acknowledged “evidence of numerous statements by the President about his intent to implement a ‘Muslim ban.’” *Id.* at 1167.

143. Shortly after the Ninth Circuit issued its opinion, President Trump tweeted, “SEE YOU IN COURT, THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION IS AT

STAKE!” He subsequently denounced the opinion as “a political decision” and stated, “[W]e’re going to see them in court, and I look forward to doing that. It’s a decision that we’ll win, in my opinion, very easily.”

144. On March 7, 2017, the government withdrew its appeal of the February 3 Order, leaving in place the nationwide preliminary injunction of Sections 3(c), 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), and 5(e) of the January 27 Order.

**The Administration Struggles to Create  
Post-Hoc Justifications for the Executive Order**

145. Although some pronouncements by President Trump and his administration suggested that the government would seek to appeal the Ninth Circuit’s decision, other White House officials indicated that they were drafting a new Executive Order in order to circumvent that court’s and other judicial rulings regarding the constitutionality of the First Executive Order.

146. On February 16, 2017, following the Ninth Circuit’s per curiam decision, President Trump said, “[W]e can tailor the order to that decision and get just about everything, in some ways, more.”

147. On February 21, 2017, Senior White House Policy Advisor Stephen Miller, a key architect of the First Executive Order, stated that a revised order would be issued within a “few days” and that it was driven by the very same policy. “And so these are mostly minor, technical differences. Fundamentally, you are still going to have the same, basic policy outcome for the country.” When Mr.

Miller was asked whether changes were being made in an attempt to alleviate constitutional concerns, he was defiant: “The rulings from those courts were flawed, erroneous and false. The president’s actions were clearly legal and constitutional.”

148. Around this time, senior White House officials began to leak accounts that President Trump had ordered DHS to work with DOJ to collect information that would justify the temporary ban on travel from the seven affected countries included in EO-1. One White House official said, “DHS and DOJ are working on an intelligence report that will demonstrate that the security threat for these seven countries is substantial and that these seven countries have all been exporters of terrorism into the United States.”

149. Numerous intelligence officials began expressing their shock at this request, which was perceived as an attempt to politicize intelligence.

150. At least two prior intelligence reports prepared by DHS refuted the justification for barring entry by individuals from the seven countries identified in the January 27 Order.

151. One draft intelligence report prepared by DHS assessed the potential heightened threat of terroristic activity posed by individuals from the seven countries affected by EO-1 and concluded that “country of citizenship is unlikely to be a reliable indicator of potential terrorist activity.” This report found that less

than half of the 82 individuals involved in terrorist activities since 2011 were foreign-born, and of those, “The top seven origin countries of the foreign-born individuals are: Pakistan (5), Somalia (3), and Bangladesh, Cuba, Ethiopia, Iraq, and Uzbekistan (2).”

152. A second intelligence assessment, prepared by DHS less than a week before issuance of the Second Executive Order, concluded that “most foreign-born, U.S.-based violent extremists likely radicalized several years after their entry to the United States, limiting the ability of screening and vetting officials to prevent their entry,” and that many entered as minors and “nearly all parents who entered the country with minor-age children likely did not espouse a violent extremist ideology at the time they entered or at any time since, suggesting these foreign-born individuals were likely not radicalized by their parents.” The report also found that integration and mentoring services provided by federal, state, and private organizations to refugees and asylees could address underlying factors that lead to the radicalization of foreign-born U.S. residents.

153. Counter to the Trump Administration’s initial rhetoric emphasizing the urgency of a travel ban, the release of the Second Executive Order was repeatedly delayed for political reasons.

154. At one point, the White House indicated that President Trump would sign the Second Executive Order on March 1, 2017, but this was delayed yet again.

One Administration official told a news outlet on February 28 that a reason for President Trump's delay in signing an updated Executive Order was "the busy news cycle," and the desire of the President that the new order "get plenty of attention."

155. A senior Administration official told a different news outlet on March 1, 2017, that a related reason for the delay in releasing the updated Executive Order was the "positive reaction" to President Trump's "first address to Congress" on the evening of Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The official said, "We want the (executive order) to have its own 'moment.'" The article reported that "[s]igning the executive order Wednesday, as originally indicated by the White House, would have undercut the favorable coverage," and the senior Administration official "didn't deny the positive reception was part of the [A]dministration's calculus in pushing back the travel ban announcement."

156. On February 27, 2017, then-Press Secretary Sean Spicer discussed the soon-to-be-issued revised order (EO-2), saying: "the goal is obviously to maintain the way that we did it the first time."

157. In a speech before Congress on February 28, 2017, President Trump asserted: "According to data provided by the Department of Justice, the vast majority of individuals convicted of terrorism and terrorism-related offenses since 9/11 came here from outside of our country." However, on July 24, 2018, the



Department of Justice conceded in response to a FOIA request for this “data” that “no responsive records were located.”

158. The administration’s delay in issuing EO-2 for purely political reasons, the transparent post-hoc attempts to rationalize EO-2 using nonexistent data, and the acknowledgements by the President and senior officials that EO-2 was intended to recreate the facially discriminatory EO-1 demonstrate that EO-2 was motivated by religious animus rather than legitimate national security concerns.

**The Second Executive Order Alleges a Different Purpose  
But Seeks the Same End Result**

159. On March 6, 2017—a full month after the District Court for the Western District of Washington enjoined the First Executive Order—President Trump issued the revised executive order. That Order is entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States.”

160. The same day the Second Executive Order was issued, Attorney General Sessions and then-Secretary of Homeland Security issued a joint letter to President Trump stating that “we believe that it is imperative that we have a temporary pause on the entry of nationals from certain countries to allow this review to take place.” The fact that this letter was issued on the same day as the Second Executive Order demonstrates that the letter was a pretextual effort to justify that Order.

161. In a press briefing the day the Second Executive Order was issued, then-Press Secretary Sean Spicer said that “the principles of the executive order remain the same.” Spicer was correct: the key principle of anti-Muslim animus that doomed the First Executive Order to unconstitutionality was unchanged.

162. The same day the Second Executive Order was issued, President Trump sent an email to supporters saying the order was fulfilling his promise to “keep America safe” by imposing restrictions on immigration from countries associated with “radical Islamic terrorism.”

163. The same day, the Department of Homeland Security published a “Q&A” document with answers to thirty-seven questions about the Second Executive Order. *See* Raofield Decl. ¶ 5, Ex. C.

164. Consistent with the statement of top administration officials that the new order would seek to accomplish the same goals as the original order, EO-2, after explicitly referring to the Ninth Circuit’s ruling, exempted certain categories of noncitizens that “have prompted judicial concerns” from the ban, and altered the original order’s “approach to certain other issues or categories of affected aliens” “in order to avoid spending additional time pursuing litigation” over the constitutionality of the original order. *See* EO-2 §§ 1(c), (i).

165. The Second Executive Order significantly revised and expanded the purpose and policy sections of the First Executive Order, while keeping the substantive impact of the two Orders much the same.

166. The First Executive Order stated that “[i]t is the policy of the United States to protect its citizens from foreign nationals who intend to commit terrorist attacks in the United States.” The Second Executive Order implicitly acknowledged that both U.S. and foreign citizens commit acts of terrorism, stating that “[i]t is the policy of the United States to protect its citizens from terrorist attacks, including those committed by foreign nationals.” EO-2 § 1. Yet the Second Executive Order, like the First Executive Order, did not include any actions to address terrorist attacks by citizens of the United States.

167. The purpose and policy sections of the First Executive Order drew heavily on stereotypes about Muslims, justifying the ban as protecting citizens from foreign nationals “who would place violent ideologies over American law,” “who intend to commit terrorist attacks in the United States,” or “who engage in acts of bigotry or hatred (including ‘honor’ killings . . .).” EO-1 §§ 1, 2. The Second Executive Order replaced some of those discriminatory allusions to Muslims (although retaining others, as described below). EO-2 asserted that “conditions in six of the previously designated countries . . . demonstrate why their

nationals continue to present heightened risks to the security of the United States.”

EO-2, § 1(e). Brief country descriptions then followed. *Id.*

168. EO-2 identified only two concrete examples of persons who have committed terrorism-related crimes in the United States, after either entering the country “legally on visas” or entering “as refugees”:

- a. “[I]n January 2013, two Iraqi nationals admitted to the United States as refugees in 2009 were sentenced to 40 years and to life in prison, respectively, for multiple terrorism-related offenses.” (Iraq is no longer covered by the travel ban.)
- b. “And in October 2014, a native of Somalia who had been brought to the United States as a child refugee and later became a naturalized United States citizen was sentenced to 30 years in prison for attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction[.]” *Id.* at 1(h). (EO-2 continued to bar entry to refugee children from Somalia.)

169. Notwithstanding the revised and expanded “Policy and Purpose” section and certain other changes discussed more fully below, EO-2 was extremely similar to EO-1 in most important respects.

170. Like EO-1, EO-2 banned entry for a 90-day period for individuals from six of the seven predominantly Muslim countries identified in the First Executive Order: Syria, Sudan, Iran, Libya, Somalia and Yemen. EO-2 § 2(c). It

omitted Iraq from that list. The six countries it targeted have overwhelmingly Muslim populations that range from 90.7% to 99.8%.

171. The comparable provision of the First Executive Order (Section 3(c)) was enjoined by the courts as unconstitutional. Nevertheless, the Second Executive Order retained this unconstitutional provision.

172. Section 3 of the Second Executive Order differed from the original in that it did not immediately apply to individuals with existing visas,<sup>3</sup> and made exceptions from its travel ban for lawful permanent residents, dual nationals traveling on passports issued by a non-designated country, refugees living in the United States and certain other non-citizens.<sup>4</sup>

173. Nevertheless, EO-2 barred entry for virtually all other nationals of the majority-Muslim designated countries, including: relatives of U.S. citizens from

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<sup>3</sup> Under Section 3(a), “the suspension of entry pursuant to section 2 of this order shall apply only to foreign nationals of the designated countries who: (i) are outside the United States on the effective date of this order; (ii) did not have a valid visa at 5:00 p.m., eastern standard time on January 27, 2017; and (iii) do not have a valid visa on the effective date of this order.” EO-2 § 3(a)(i)-(iii).

<sup>4</sup> Section 3(b) listed categorical “exceptions” from Section 2: lawful permanent residents; foreign nationals who are admitted or paroled into the United States “on or after the effective date of this order”; foreign nationals with “a document other than a visa . . . that permits him or her to travel to the United States and seek entry or admission, such as an advance parole document”; dual nationals traveling on passports issued by a non-designated country; foreign nationals traveling on certain diplomatic visas; and foreign nationals who have been granted asylum as well as refugees who have been admitted to the United States. *Id.* §§ 3(b)(i)-(iv).

the listed countries; family members of U.S. citizens who were seeking to reunite with their families on immigrant visas; students who had been admitted to study in the United States but not yet received visas; prospective employees who had been offered positions but not yet obtained visas; students and employees who may need to renew their visas; and many other individuals protected by prior court injunctions.<sup>5</sup>

174. Like the First Executive Order, the Second Executive Order also provided a mechanism for the government to extend the 90-day ban at the end of the 90-day period and/or to expand the ban to nationals from additional countries. Section 2(a) of EO-2 directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to “conduct a worldwide review to identify whether, and if so what, additional information will be needed from each foreign country to adjudicate an application by a national of that country for a visa, admission, or other benefit under the INA (adjudications) in

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<sup>5</sup> In the Department of Homeland Security’s Q&A document about the Second Executive Order, DHS related that nationals from one of the six designated countries who were presently in the United States, and “in possession of a valid single entry visa,” would have to obtain “a valid visa or other document permitting [them] to travel to and seek admission to the United States” in order to leave and obtain “subsequent entry to the United States.” *See* Raofield Decl. Ex. C, at Q4. DHS also related that international students, exchange visitors and their dependents from the six designated countries—who were in the United States but whose visas “expire[] while the Executive Order is in place”— would have to “obtain a new, valid visa to return to the United States” if they had to “depart the country.” *See id.* at Q25.

order to determine that the individual is not a security or public-safety threat.” In addition, EO-2 explicitly provided that the review need not be conducted in a consistent manner between countries: “The Secretary of Homeland Security may conclude that certain information is needed from particular countries even if it is not needed from every country.” *Id.*

175. As with the First Executive Order, the Second Executive Order provided for the submission of a report on the Secretary of Homeland Security’s review within 20 days (rather than 30 days), a period (50 days rather than 60 days) for countries to respond to the review, and a provision for the President to thereafter issue a proclamation indefinitely banning nationals from a list of countries deemed to be non-compliant. *Id.* § 2.

176. The corresponding provisions of EO-2 (Section 3) were not enjoined by the courts, and remained in effect through March 15, 2017. The country-by-country report required under EO-1 was due on February 26, 2017, eight days before EO-2 was issued. No such report was submitted to the President, however, until several months later.

177. EO-2 stated that “Iraq presents a special case” because of the “close cooperative relationship between the United States and the democratically elected Iraqi government” and because the “Iraqi government has expressly undertaken steps to enhance travel documentation, information sharing, and the return of Iraqi

nationals subject to final orders of removal.” EO-2 § 1(g). With this justification, EO-2 exempted foreign nationals of Iraq from the categorical ban on entry applicable to other countries originally targeted by EO-1. Instead, Iraqis were subject to “thorough review” and “consideration of whether the applicant has connections with ISIS or other terrorist organizations.” *Id.* § 4.

178. Like the First Executive Order, the Second Executive Order cut the number of refugees admissible to the United States for fiscal year 2017 from 110,000 to 50,000 and prohibited refugee admissions for 120 days, with an exception for discretionary case-by-case admissions. *Compare* EO-1 § 5, *with* EO-2 § 6.

179. The 120-day suspension of refugee admissions—Section 5(a) of the First Executive Order—was enjoined by the courts as unconstitutional. Nevertheless, the Second Executive Order retained that unconstitutional provision, in its Section 6(a).

180. Section 6(a) of EO-2 was almost identical to its predecessor—enjoined Section 5(a) of EO-1—and differed only cosmetically, such as by modifying the refugee suspension to exclude those already scheduled for travel. While EO-2 removed other refugee provisions enjoined by the courts (particularly Section 5(c), which indefinitely suspended entry of Syrian refugees, and Section 5(e)’s explicit preference based on religious minority status), removal of those



provisions did not alter the virtually complete overlap between new Section 6(a) and enjoined Section 5(a).

181. Section 6(a) of EO-2, like its predecessor, provided that after the 120-day period is over, “the Secretary of Homeland Security shall resume making decisions on applications for refugee status only for stateless persons and nationals of countries for which the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence have jointly determined” that “additional procedures”—identified by those officials as being necessary “to ensure that individuals seeking admission as refugees do not pose a threat” to the United States—have been “implemented” and “are adequate to ensure the security and welfare of the United States.”

182. Although EO-2 several times described the country ban as relating to “entry” into the United States, it also apparently barred ordinary visa processing for nationals of the six designated countries. Section 3(c) of EO-2 explained that “a consular officer, or, as appropriate, the Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), or the Commissioner’s delegee, may, in the consular officer’s or the CBP official’s discretion, decide on a case-by-case basis to authorize the issuance of a visa to, or to permit the entry of” a person from the six countries. Issuance of a visa was described as a “[c]ase-by-case waiver” of what was evidently intended to be a ban not just on entry but on new visas, as well.

183. The government conceded in a March 15, 2017 court hearing that the Second Executive Order halted visa processing for individuals from the majority-Muslim countries listed in that order:

Although the Second Executive Order does not explicitly bar citizens of the Designated Countries from receiving a visa, the Government acknowledged at oral argument that as a result of the Second Executive Order, any individual not deemed to fall within one of the exempt categories, or to be eligible for a waiver, will be denied a visa. Thus, although the Second Executive Order speaks only of barring entry, it would have the specific effect of halting the issuance of visas to nationals of the Designated Countries.

*International Refugee Assistance Project v. Trump*, No. TD-17-0361, slip op. at 21 (D. Md. March 16, 2017).

184. Like the First Executive Order, the Second Executive Order allowed for waivers to the six-country ban on a discretionary case-by-case basis. For the country ban, the First Executive Order simply stated that visa and other immigration benefits may be issued “when in the national interest,” while the Second Executive Order provided nine examples of situations where a waiver could be appropriate, such as for “an individual needing urgent medical care.” *Compare* EO-1 § 3(g) *with* EO-2 § 3(c). The circumstances enumerated in EO-2 reflected specific examples of individuals whose denial of entry pursuant to EO-1 resulted in the filing of lawsuits and widespread public outcry.

185. Likewise, the refugee ban remained subject to waivers on the same terms as the First Executive Order: “[O]n a case-by-case basis, in their discretion,

but only so long as [the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security] determine[d]” that the refugee’s admission (1) “[was] in the national interest,” and (2) d[id] not pose a threat “to the security or welfare of the United States.” EO-1 § 5(e); EO-2 § 6(c).

186. Like the First Executive Order, the Second Executive Order reinforced stereotypes about Muslims and associated Muslims with violence, bigotry, and hatred, thereby discriminating against them and inflicting stigmatic and dignitary harms, among other types of injury. A May 2018 study has shown that hate crimes against Muslims in the United States have not only increased dramatically since President Trump announced his candidacy, but also spiked coincident with events such as his call for a Muslim ban.

187. For example, Section 11 of EO-2 (Section 10 of EO-1) required the Secretary of Homeland Security to periodically publish information about the number of “foreign nationals” involved in, among other things, terrorism-related activities, radicalization, and “gender-based violence against women, including so-called ‘honor killings’”—direct echoes of then-Candidate Trump’s broad statements disparaging Islam and Muslims.

188. Similarly, Section 6(d) of EO-2 (which was identical to Section 5(g) of EO-1) sought to expand the limited role State and local governments have in the refugee resettlement process beyond that envisioned by Congress. That section

aimed to authorize and facilitate the stated desire and intent of some states and localities in the United States to discriminate against lawfully-admitted refugees on the basis of their nationality and/or religion. *See, e.g., Exodus Refugee Immigration, Inc. v. Pence*, 838 F.3d 902 (7th Cir. 2016) (affirming preliminary injunction on equal protection grounds of state executive order issued by then-Governor of Indiana Mike Pence that sought to prevent the resettlement in the State of refugees from Syria).

189. In short, EO-2 was motivated by the same anti-Muslim purpose that motivated EO-1. In replicating much of the substance of the First Executive Order, the Second Executive Order had the same effect as its predecessor: it broadly banned nationals from listed majority-Muslim countries from both entry and receipt of visas; it suspended the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in order to prevent the entry of Muslims into the United States; and it reinforced stereotypes about Muslims by associating them with terrorism, violence, bigotry and hatred.

### **The Courts Enjoin Enforcement of the Second Executive Order**

190. The United States District Court for the District of Hawaii granted a temporary restraining order against the Second Executive Order on the evening of March 15, 2017. The court concluded that an objective observer “would conclude that the Executive Order was issued with a purpose to disfavor a particular

religion, in spite of its stated, religiously-neutral purpose.” *Hawaii v. Trump*, 241 F. Supp. 3d 1119, 1134 (D. Haw. 2017).

191. In response to the *Hawaii* restraining order, President Trump told a rally in Nashville the same evening:

The order he blocked was a watered-down version of the first order that was also blocked by another judge and should have never been blocked to start with . . . . This new order was tailored to the dictates of the 9th Circuit’s—in my opinion—flawed ruling . . . . And let me tell you something, I think we ought to go back to the first one and go all the way, which is what I wanted to do in the first place.

192. The day after the *Hawaii* restraining order, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland issued a nationwide preliminary injunction against enforcement of Section 2(c) of the Second Executive Order, which restricted entry into the United States by nationals of the six listed countries. *IRAP v. Trump*, 241 F. Supp. 3d 539, 565–66 (D. Md. 2017). The court held that the plaintiffs showed a likelihood of success on the merits of their Establishment Clause claim. On May 25, 2017, the Fourth Circuit upheld the *IRAP* injunction in large part. *IRAP v. Trump*, 857 F.3d 554 (4th Cir. May 15, 2017), as amended (May 31, 2017), as amended (June 15, 2017).

193. On June 1, 2017, the Government filed an application for a stay of the *Hawaii* and *IRAP* injunctions with the Supreme Court and petitioned for a writ of certiorari in *IRAP*.

194. The Ninth Circuit upheld the *Hawaii* injunction in large part on June 12, 2017, only lifting the injunction with respect to the review and reporting provisions of the Second Executive Order. *Hawaii v. Trump*, 859 F.3d at 741, 786. The court held that the Second Executive Order likely exceeded President Trump's authority under the INA. *Id.* at 741.

195. The Second Executive Order was scheduled to expire on June 14, 2017. That day, the White House issued a Presidential Memorandum delaying the start date of all provisions which had been enjoined until 72 hours after the injunctions were lifted or stayed.

196. On June 26, 2017, the Government petitioned for a writ of certiorari in *Hawaii*. The same day, the Supreme Court granted the petitions in both cases.

197. The Supreme Court also stayed the *IRAP* and *Hawaii* preliminary injunctions “to the extent the injunctions prevent[ed] enforcement of § 2(c) with respect to foreign nationals who lack any bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States.” 137 S. Ct. at 2087. The injunctions remained in force for individuals with bona fide relationships. The Court stated that a bona fide relationship for individuals required “a close familial relationship.” A bona fide relationship for entities “must be formal, documented, and formed in the ordinary course, rather than for the purpose of evading [the Second Executive Order].” *Id.* at 2088.

198. On July 13, 2017, the District of Hawaii modified the scope of its injunction pursuant to the Supreme Court's order. *Hawaii v. Trump*, 263 F. Supp. 3d. 1049 (D. Haw. 2017). The Ninth Circuit upheld the modified *Hawaii* injunction, ruling that the district court did not err in including grandparents, grandchildren, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins of persons in the United States within the definition of bona fide relationships for individuals. *Hawaii v. Trump*, 871 F.3d 646 (9th Cir. 2017).

**President Trump Continues to Express an Intent to Target Muslims**

199. While the enforcement of the Second Executive Order was being litigated, President Trump continued to make official statements reflecting his intention to fulfill his campaign promise to block Muslims from entering the United States.

200. On June 5, 2017, President Trump tweeted: "The lawyers and the courts can call it whatever they want, but I am calling it what we need and what it is, a TRAVEL BAN!"

201. Also on June 5, President Trump tweeted his desire for the Government to "seek [a] much tougher version" of the Travel Ban through court victories. The next day, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer stated that President Trump's tweets were "official statements."

202. On August 17, 2017, President Trump tweeted: “Study what General Pershing of the United States did to terrorists when caught. There was no more Radical Islamic Terror for 35 years!” On information and belief, President Trump was referring to a story, now known to be a fabrication, that General Pershing killed Muslim insurgents in the Philippines with bullets dipped in pigs’ blood.

203. The next day, President Trump declared that “Radical Islamic Terrorism must be stopped by whatever means necessary! The courts must give us back our protective rights. Have to be tough!”

204. President Trump tweeted on September 15, 2017, that “the travel ban into the United States should be far larger, tougher and more specific-but stupidly, that would not be politically correct!”

205. These statements are consistent with the statements President Trump made with respect to the prior iterations of the travel ban: decrying “watered down” versions of the Muslim ban he promised the electorate while simultaneously insisting that the bans nonetheless effectuate his campaign promise beneath a “politically correct” veneer.

**President Trump Issues a Third Executive Order**  
**Seeking the Same End Result**

206. On September 24, 2017, the day that the nationality ban of EO-2 expired, President Trump attempted a third time to follow Mr. Giuliani’s instructions on implementing a Muslim ban “legally,” issuing a proclamation



entitled “Enhancing Vetting Capabilities and Processes for Detecting Attempted Entry Into the United States By Terrorists and Other Public Safety Threats” (“EO-3” or “Third Executive Order”).

207. EO-3 achieves largely the same policy outcomes as both EO-2 and EO-1.

208. Like its predecessors, EO-3’s bans are based on nationality. EO-3 applies to five of the seven predominantly Muslim countries identified in EO-1— Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen—and bans most, if not all, of their nationals. Syrian nationals, for example, are categorically banned, regardless of whether they seek to enter as immigrants or nonimmigrants.

209. EO-3, however, goes even further than the Prior Orders by restricting entry by nationals of majority-Muslim nations *indefinitely*. EO-3 even bans individuals with bona fide relationships with persons or entities in the United States.

210. In addition to indefinitely banning immigration, EO-3 bans the issuance of certain non-immigrant visas, such as tourist and business visas, to nationals from the Designated Countries.

211. Reflecting EO-3’s even harsher tack, President Trump told reporters on the day it was issued, “The travel ban: the tougher, the better.”

212. EO-3 indefinitely bans entry by nationals of the majority-Muslim countries, with limited exceptions,<sup>6</sup> as follows:

- a) Iran: All nationals of Iran are banned from entry into the United States as immigrants and as non-immigrants. Iranian nationals with valid student (F and M) and exchange visitor (J) visas are excepted from the ban but are subject to “enhanced screening and vetting requirements.”
- b) Libya: All nationals of Libya are banned from entry into the United States as immigrants and on business (B-1), tourist (B-2), and business/tourist (B1/B-2) visas.
- c) Somalia: All nationals of Somalia are banned from entry into the United States as immigrants. Visa adjudications regarding the entry by Somalia nationals as non-immigrants are subject to “additional scrutiny.”

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<sup>6</sup> The immigration and visa bans do not bar entry into the United States by lawful permanent residents of the United States; foreign nationals admitted to the United States on or after the applicable effective date of EO-3; “any foreign national who has a document other than a visa—such as a transportation letter, an appropriate boarding foil, or an advance parole document—valid on the applicable effective date under section 7 of this proclamation or issued on any date thereafter”; dual nationals; foreign nationals traveling on a diplomatic or diplomatic type visa, NATO visa, C-2 visa, or G-1, G-2, G-3 or G-4 visa; foreign nationals who have been granted asylum; refugees who have already been admitted; or individuals who have been granted relief under the Convention Against Torture. EO-3 § 3(b). EO-3 originally banned all nationals of Chad from entry into the United States as immigrants and on business (B-1), tourist (B-2), and business/tourist (B1/B-2) visas. On April 10, 2018, the White House lifted the bans with respect to nationals of Chad.

d) Syria: All nationals of Syria are banned from entry into the United States as immigrants and on any type of non-immigrant visa.

e) Yemen: All nationals of Yemen are banned from entry into the United States as immigrants and on any type of non-immigrant visa.

EO-3 §§ 2(b), (c), (e), (g), (h).

213. The restrictions that apply to individuals who were subject to the operative provisions of the Second Executive Order—nationals from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Yemen, and Syria who do not have a credible claim of a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States—went into effect on September 24, 2017. All other restrictions were scheduled to go into effect on October 18, 2017. *Id.* § 7.

214. Like the Prior Orders, EO-3 ostensibly permits waivers to be granted where applicants establish that their exclusion would impose “undue hardship,” that they do not pose a national security threat, and where their admission would be in the “national interest.” EO-3 § 3(c)(i). The waiver provision also provides ten examples of situations in which a waiver might be appropriate, such as when “the foreign national is an infant, a young child or adoptee” or “an individual needing urgent medical care.” EO-3 § 3(c)(iv)(A)-(J). Also like the Prior Orders, waivers under EO-3 are purely discretionary and are issued, if at all, only on a case-by-case basis. EO-3 § 3(c).

215. EO-3 directs the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security “to adopt guidance addressing the circumstances in which waivers may be appropriate for foreign nationals seeking entry as immigrants or nonimmigrants.” EO-3 § 3(c).

216. The Prior Orders directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a worldwide “review” of countries to identify the information needed to determine whether individuals from each country are terrorists. EO-1 § 3(a); EO-2 § 2(a). The Prior Orders further provided that, once the review was complete and the temporary ban expired, the Secretary would submit “a list of countries” to subject to an indefinite ban. EO-1 § 3(b); EO-2 § 2(b).

217. Although EO-3 states that the DHS review had been completed and a report submitted to the President on July 9, 2017, although EO-3 indicates that information contained in the report has been shared with foreign governments pursuant to a “50-day engagement period,” and although EO-3 purports to base the substance of the ban on national security concerns identified in the review, §§ 1(c)1(f), the DHS review has not been made public. According to EO-3, the Designated Countries “have ‘inadequate’ identity-management protocols, information-sharing practices, and risk factors” with respect to the “baseline.” *Id.* § 1(e).

218. EO-3 further states that DHS submitted a report on September 15, 2017, recommending entry restrictions. *Id.* § 1(h). This report has also not been made public.

219. EO-3 continues to target nationals from five of the six majority-Muslim countries targeted in EO-2, even though the DHS reports leaked in early 2017 indicated that targeting these countries is not rationally calculated to preventing terrorism in the United States.

220. The method by which the Government identified the countries whose nationals it would subject to the harsh travel restrictions in EO-3 is not rational, and cannot reasonably be understood to result from a justification independent of unconstitutional grounds.

221. According to EO-3, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, and the Director of National Intelligence “developed a baseline for the kinds of information required from foreign governments to support the United States Government’s ability to confirm the identity of individuals seeking entry into the United States as immigrants and nonimmigrants, as well as individuals applying for any other benefit under the immigration laws, and to assess whether they are a security or public-safety threat.” EO-3 § 1(c).

222. The criteria used to establish the “baseline”—the integrity of the country’s passport documentation, the country’s information sharing practices, and

the country’s “national security risk indicators”—are largely lifted from the requirements for participation in the Visa Waiver Program. *Compare* EO-3 § 1(c)(i)-(iii), *with* 8 U.S.C. § 1187(a)(12)(A)(i), (c)(2). The third criterion even expressly considers whether the country is a participant in the Visa Waiver Program. EO-3 § 1(c)(iii).

223. Under the Visa Waiver Program, nationals of approximately 38 countries can visit the United States for less than 90 days without obtaining a visa. 8 U.S.C. § 1187(a)(1)-(11). The Visa Waiver Program criteria emphasize a country’s passport documentation and information sharing practices because the program permits a foreign national to enter the United States without an in-person interview or a detailed written application. *Id.* Because the Visa Waiver Program makes entry into the United States quite simple for nationals of Visa Waiver countries, the passport documentation and information sharing practices of those countries are naturally important criteria in determining whether a country can participate in the Visa Waiver Program.

224. By contrast, EO-3 imposes outright bans on entry, regardless of how much screening is done. EO-3’s “baseline test” is not intended to identify countries whose nationals require an in-person interview or detailed written application for admission into the United States. Instead, EO-3’s “baseline test” is used to identify countries whose nationals may not enter even with an in-person interview, a

detailed written application, or further screening. The criteria used to determine participation in the Visa Waiver Program are thus not rationally related to determining whether to impose outright bans on immigrant and/or nonimmigrant travel with respect to nationals of certain foreign countries. This is especially true considering that EO-3's outright ban applies even to the nationals of Designated Countries who reside in countries that participate in the Visa Waiver Program, and to infants and children.

225. The results-oriented "baseline" review also irrationally fails to take into account the sufficiency of existing screening practices with respect to the countries evaluated. Given DHS's conclusion in early 2017 that targeting the countries designated by EO-1 (most of which overlap with the Designated Countries) was not rationally related to combating terrorism, this failure was likely intentional. Had the Government incorporated into the "baseline" review the historical success rate of screening potential terrorists, its review would not have yielded the desired result: targeting Muslims.

226. In addition to the evidence that the "baseline" criteria described in EO-3 are not rationally related to EO-3's purported objective, there are numerous logical inconsistencies between EO-3's description of the results of the DHS review and the immigration bans EO-3 imposes. For example:

- a) EO-3 retains Somalia on the list of banned countries even though it expressly admits that Somalia meets the Secretary of Homeland Security’s “baseline” of U.S. ability to evaluate terrorist threats. EO-3 § 1(i).
- b) EO-3 states that DHS identified 16 countries with “inadequate” “identity-management protocols, information-sharing practices, and risk factors.” EO-3 § 1(e). EO-3 also states that 31 countries are “‘at risk’ of becoming ‘inadequate.’” *Id.* Yet EO-3 does not explain why only eight countries—six of which are majority Muslim—were targeted. Notably, EO-3 does not place entry restrictions on nationals from non-majority-Muslim countries with “‘widely documented’ problems with information sharing, such as Belgium.” *IRAP v. Trump*, 265 F. Supp. 3d at 593.
- c) The General Accounting Office reported in May 2016 that more than a third of the 38 countries that participate in the Visa Waiver Program did not share the identity of terrorists or criminal histories, despite having agreed to do so as a condition of participating in the program. Yet EO-3 subjects none of the countries in the Visa Waiver Program—which are overwhelmingly European or Western—to any travel restrictions.
- d) EO-3 states that the President, upon reviewing the DHS report, determined the “restrictions and limitations” imposed by EO-3 are “needed to elicit improved identity-management and information-sharing protocols and



practices from foreign governments.” *Id.* § 1(h)(i). Yet EO-3 also states that immigrant visas for nationals from the majority-Muslim nations must be banned because individuals admitted on immigrant visas can become lawful permanent residents, who have “more enduring rights” than non-immigrant visitors and are “more difficult to remove,” *id.* § 1(h)(ii), thus highlighting that the true concern is not information sharing but rather preventing individuals from the majority-Muslim nations from becoming part of the American community.

- e) EO-3 imposes an absolute ban on immigrant visas from the majority-Muslim immigrant countries, although allowing entry for some non-immigrants from some of those countries, even as EO-3 acknowledges that “immigrants generally receive more extensive vetting than nonimmigrants.” *Id.*
- f) Neither EO-3 nor the Prior Orders imposed travel restrictions on nationals of Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, or the United Arab Emirates—the countries of which the 9/11 attackers were citizens.

227. In an effort to disguise the third iteration of the travel ban as religion-neutral, EO-3 also restricts entry into the United States by nationals of two additional non-Muslim countries, North Korea and Venezuela. *Id.* §§ 2(d), (f). Although the DHS review found that Venezuela has inadequate identity management protocols and information sharing practices, immigration from

Venezuela is not restricted. EO-3 only restricts entry into the United States of certain government officials and their immediate family members on business (B-1), tourist (B-2), and business/tourist (B1/B-2) visas. Nationals of North Korea—from which a negligible number of nationals enter the U.S.—are banned from entry into the United States as immigrants and as non-immigrants.

228. The addition of North Korea and Venezuela to the ban is mere costuming. Only a handful of Venezuelan government officials and their immediate families are targeted. EO-3 has no practical effect on the ability of Venezuelan nationals to enter the United States. According to State Department statistics, the ban on entry by North Korean nationals will affect fewer than 100 people. *See Int'l Refugee Assistance Project ("IRAP") v. Trump*, No. TDC-17-0361, slip op. at 74 (D. Md. Oct. 17, 2017). If in effect in 2016, EO-3 would have barred 12,998 Yemenis, 7,727 Iranians, 2,633 Syrians, 1,797 Somalians, and 383 Libyans from obtaining immigrant visas. Meanwhile, only 9 North Koreans, and no Venezuelans, would have been prevented from obtaining immigrant visas in 2016. EO-3 thus bans the entry into the United States by Muslims on the same drastic scale as its predecessors, with virtually no effect on the entry of non-Muslims into the United States.

229. These facts and provisions betray that EO-3's entry restrictions are not based on any rational or legitimate national security concerns, but rather are

motivated by a goal of preventing immigration from majority-Muslim countries. EO-3 applies to nationals of the targeted countries regardless of where they currently reside and even if they reside in countries with identity-management protocols, information-sharing practices, and risk factors determined by the DHS review to be adequate.

230. Like the Second Executive Order, EO-3 purports to be religion-neutral and motivated by national security concerns. But the national security justification, as the leaked DHS reports confirm, does not provide any reasonable support for EO-3's drastic immigration and entry restrictions on nationals from majority-Muslim Designated Countries. Nor does the addition of North Korea and Venezuela have any practical effect. The restrictions imposed by EO-3—like those imposed by EO-1 and EO-2 before it—stigmatize and harm Muslims to a degree disproportionate to non-Muslims and to any national security ends.

**Continued Anti-Muslim Statements and Dysfunctional Waiver Process**  
**Following EO-3**

231. Statements by President Trump demonstrate that EO-3, like the Prior Orders, was motivated by his desire to target Muslims, and not by legitimate, rationally based national security concerns.

232. On November 25, 2017, President Trump tweeted, “We have to get TOUGHER AND SMARTER than ever before, and we will. Need the WALL, need the BAN!”

233. On November 29, 2017, President Trump re-tweeted three videos, of unverified origin, supposedly portraying Muslim individuals committing acts of violence. The videos had originally been tweeted by the leader of a far-right wing, ultranationalist British party which has repeatedly promoted anti-Muslim sentiments. The leader has previously been charged in the United Kingdom with “religious aggravated harassment.” James R. Clapper, former Director of National Intelligence, told reporters that the President’s re-tweets could “incit[e] or encourag[e] anti-Muslim violence.”

234. Also on November 29, 2017, a White House deputy press secretary defended President Trump’s re-tweets of the violent videos and confirmed that the Prior Orders and EO-3 were motivated by anti-Muslim animus. In response to a reporter’s question, “Does President Trump think Muslims are a threat to the U.S.?,” the deputy press secretary responded, “The president has addressed these issues with the travel order that he issued earlier this year, and the companion proclamation.”

235. On April 30, 2018, a reporter suggested that President Trump apologize for anti-Muslim statements he made during his campaign. The President

asserted in response that “if I apologize, it wouldn’t make 10 cents’ worth of difference to them. There’s nothing to apologize for.”

236. In addition, the DHS official appointed by President Trump to implement EO-3 and other presidential directives has a lengthy record of expressing anti-Muslim sentiments. For instance, this official, Frank Wuco, stated that “an Islamist could care less . . . that you believe that ‘just getting along in a non-judgmental safe-place’ has special healing powers. THEY STILL WANT TO KILL YOU.” About the Orlando, Florida nightclub shooter, he remarked that there was “nothing radical” about him. “He is a Muslim who is following the strictures of Islam and its guidance and prescriptions for violence and warfare against unbelievers.”

237. Although EO-3 directed the State Department and DHS to issue guidance, no guidance was issued until the State Department published brief FAQs on its website in response to the June 26, 2018 Supreme Court decision in *Trump v. Hawaii* (discussed below). No meaningful guidance on how to implement EO-3’s waiver provisions has been issued.

### **EO-3’s Waiver Provisions Are a Sham**

238. Implementation of EO-3’s waiver provisions has been, like that of the First Executive Order, chaotic and confused. Some applicants have reportedly not even been informed about the waiver process, and numerous others have received

pro forma denials of both visas and waivers by consular offices in Armenia, Turkey, Djibouti, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and elsewhere. The capricious implementation of EO-3's waiver provisions evinces a familiar lack of foresight and strongly suggests that protecting the national security is not the driving force behind EO-3.

239. Publicly available data regarding the rate at which waivers have been granted provide further evidence that the Government is enforcing a de facto Muslim ban, notwithstanding the exceptions and waivers provided for by EO-3.

240. First, although EO-3 purports to provide a process for nationals of the Designated Countries to obtain waivers from the travel ban, only a tiny fraction of applicants eligible for waivers have been granted them. In a February 22, 2018 letter to Senator Van Hollen, the State Department stated that as of February 15, 2018—nearly two and one-half months since EO-3 went into full effect—only 2 waivers had been approved out of 8,406 applicants. The State Department stated that as of May 31, 2018, 768 applicants had been “cleared for waivers” out of 33,176 total applicants. Not all applicants who are “cleared” for waivers ultimately receive them.

241. As of July 15, 2018, the Government has “cleared” only 3.6% of waiver applications for further review by State Department officials. Being “cleared” does not mean that the applicants will actually receive waivers. The

vanishingly small number of individuals who have received waivers demonstrates the illusory nature of this relief.

242. Second, even though EO-3 generally does not prevent the issuance of student visas, except to nationals of Syria, the Government has sharply reduced the issuance of student visas to nationals of the Designated Countries. For example, from January through July 2018, only 100 student visas were granted to Yemeni applicants, even though 852 student visas were granted to Yemeni applicants in 2016.

243. Third, even though EO-3 does not apply to refugee admissions, State Department data shows that the admission of Muslim refugees has almost entirely stopped since EO-3 was issued. For example, 10,786 Muslim refugees arrived from Somalia in 2016; by contrast, between January and July 2018, only 122 Muslim refugees from Somalia have entered the United States. Similarly, whereas over 15,000 Muslim refugees arrived from Syria in 2016, only 14 Muslim refugees have arrived from Syria between January and July 2018. Between January and July 2018, the United States has admitted zero Muslim refugees from Yemen, and one each from Iran and Libya.

244. These data confirm what President Trump and his advisors have repeatedly asserted: that the modifications to EO-2 and EO-3 were only ever

intended to be window dressing, and not to substantively alter the Muslim ban that Candidate Trump promised.

245. Whether EO-3 is reasonably related to a justification independent of unconstitutional grounds depends in part on whether the waiver process is sham, an issue which cannot be fully assessed without further information that is in the possession of Defendants.

### **President Trump Issues a Fourth Executive Order**

246. At a September 2017 meeting with senior officials discussing refugee admissions, a representative from the National Counterterrorism Center was prepared to present a report that analyzed possible risks by refugees entering the United States. Before the representative could do so, Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand stated that Attorney General Sessions did not “agree with the conclusions of the report,” and would not be guided by its findings. Civil servants at the interagency meeting were shocked by Brand’s statement, which not only betrayed the Government’s intention to supplant facts with an anti-Muslim agenda, but also rejected the view of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which had contributed to the assessment.

247. On October 24, 2017, President Trump signed EO-4, which continued the discriminatory practices against Muslim refugees that were contained in the Prior Orders. Although Plaintiffs do not challenge EO-4, its continuation of



President Trump’s anti-Muslim refugee ban provides important context. EO-4 suspends entry of refugees from eleven designated countries and indefinitely suspends the “follow-to-join” program, which allows refugees admitted to the U.S. to apply for admission of their spouses and children. The eleven countries are: Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Mali, North Korea, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

248. Nine of the 11 countries targeted in EO-4 are majority-Muslim countries. Five of those majority-Muslim countries were identified in EO-3 as well as the earlier iterations of the Travel Ban—Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, Yemen. EO-4 also includes four additional majority-Muslim countries—Egypt, Mali, Iraq, and Sudan.

249. Citizens of the eleven countries comprised 44 percent of the nearly 54,000 refugees admitted into the United States in the 2017 fiscal year, including Iraq, Somalia, Syria, and Iran, who account for the vast majority of refugees to the United States in recent years. In recent years, Iran and the eight other predominantly Muslim countries have been responsible for approximately 45% of the total refugees admitted to the United States, with the largest contingents coming from four countries: Iran, Iraq, Somalia, and Syria (which, together, made up 41%, 38%, and 45% of total refugees in 2016, 2015, and 2014, respectively).

250. On the same day that the Executive Order was released, then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, then-Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke, and Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats released a Memorandum to the President dated October 23, 2017, describing how that October 24 Executive Order would be implemented.

251. The October 23 Memorandum acknowledges that refugee applicants from the 11 countries specified in EO-4 were already required to go through a heightened security-screening process called the Security Advisory Opinion (SAO) process. EO-4 found that “the refugee screening and vetting process generally meets the uniform baseline for immigration screening and vetting.” EO-4 § 2(b).

252. However, the October 23 Memorandum specifies that the Departments of State and Homeland Security will prioritize refugee applications from other countries (i.e., other than the 11 countries) and will “reallocate . . . resources” that would otherwise be “dedicated to processing nationals” of the 11 countries “to process applicants” from other countries.

253. In other words, through the combination of EO-3 and EO-4 the President enacted the Muslim ban he intended to enact with EO-1 and EO-2. EO-3 provides for an even more severe indefinite ban on immigration from predominantly Muslim countries, while EO-4 enacts the Muslim refugee ban.

254. The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington issued a nationwide preliminary injunction against enforcement of EO-4 with respect to foreign nationals who have a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States. *Doe v. Trump*, 288 F. Supp. 3d 1045 (W.D. Wash. 2017). The court concluded that the plaintiffs were likely to succeed in showing that EO-4 violates the Administrative Procedure Act and the INA. *Id.* at 1077, 1081-82.

**Immigrants Were Very Carefully Screened  
Long Before the Executive Orders Were Issued**

255. Individuals applying for family or employer-based visas are subject to an extensive, demanding vetting process that was already in place long before the Executive Orders were issued. A sponsor, such as an employer or family member, must first submit a petition on behalf of the visa applicant. In the case of family-based visas, the qualified sponsoring individuals must submit their petitions along with documentation establishing their U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent resident status, as well as documentation establishing their relationship with the visa applicant. Petitioners must also pay filing fees.

256. Once petitions are approved, the applicants' information is then sent to the National Visa Center (NVC). The NVC collects additional fees, forms, and documents from visa applicants and their sponsors. Applicants must submit relevant birth certificates, adoption records, court and prison records, marriage certificates, marriage termination documents, military records, photocopies of

passports, and police certificates (for applicants 16 years old or older). Each sponsor must also submit an Affidavit of Support and demonstrate that he or she has the ability to support the applicant financially in the United States.

257. Once the NVC has received all the relevant documentation, the visa applicant must submit Form DS-260 on the Consular Electronic Application Center. This form requires that the applicant fill in fields related to previous addresses; prior work, education, and training; family information; medical and health information; and criminal history.

258. The information submitted in these various forms is screened against various federal databases to verify that the applicant is not on any U.S. terrorism watch lists and has not committed any immigration or criminal violations.

259. Visa applicants are then scheduled for an interview with a consular officer. Visa applications are not considered complete until the applicant has interviewed with a consular officer.

260. This robust vetting system works. No person from a Designated Country has killed anyone in the United States in a terrorist attack in over 40 years.

### **The Executive Orders Do Not Advance National Security**

261. There is no sound basis for concluding that Muslims generally, or Muslims from particular countries, are more likely to commit violent acts of terror than persons of other faiths or other countries.

262. Many alternatives exist that do not involve targeting individuals based on their faith or nationality as a proxy for faith, are less restrictive than EO-3, and are more closely tailored to legitimate national security concerns.

263. Though cast as measures to improve national security, the Executive Orders have been criticized by numerous national security experts as undermining their stated purpose.

264. On January 30, 2017, over 100 former U.S. intelligence officials wrote a letter opposing the First Executive Order. The authors of this letter wrote,

Simply put, this Order will harm our national security. Partner countries in Europe and the Middle East, on whom we rely for vital counterterrorism cooperation, are already objecting to this action and distancing themselves from the United States, shredding years of effort to bring them closer to us. Moreover, because the Order discriminates against Muslim travelers and immigrants, it has already sent exactly the wrong message to the Muslim community here at home and all over the world: that the U.S. government is at war with them based on their religion. We may even endanger Christian communities, by handing ISIL a recruiting tool and propaganda victory that spreads their horrific message that the United States is engaged in a religious war.

265. Many of these same officials also filed a joint statement in the Ninth Circuit in *Washington v. Trump* further explaining the dangers posed by the First Executive Order. The signatories, which included former Secretaries of State, former CIA directors, former CIA deputy and acting directors, a former National Security Advisor, and a former DHS Secretary, concluded that the January 27 Order would harm the interests of the United States in several respects, including

endangering American soldiers fighting alongside allies from the affected countries; disrupting key counterterrorism, foreign policy, and national security partnerships; endangering intelligence sources in the field; feeding ISIL recruitment efforts; disrupting ongoing law enforcement efforts; hindering family reunification and humanitarian efforts; and causing severe economic damage to American citizens and residents.

266. In a joint statement by Senators Lindsey Graham, who sits on the Senate Armed Services Committee, and John McCain, who sat on the Senate Armed Services Committee and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the two Republican Senators expressed their concerns about the poor vetting and lack of consultation between the White House and numerous federal departments tasked with protecting U.S. national security during the drafting of the First Executive Order. In their joint statement, the two senators wrote, “Our most important allies in the fight against ISIL are the vast majority of Muslims who reject its apocalyptic ideology of hatred. This executive order sends a signal, intended or not, that America does not want Muslims coming into our country. That is why we fear this executive order may do more to help terrorist recruitment than improve our security.”

267. U.S. counterterrorism officials expressed similar reservations about EO-1. Paul Pillar, former Deputy Director of the CIA Counterterrorism Center,

said, “The whole order is and will be read as another anti-Islam, anti-Muslim action by this president and his administration. It is not targeted at where the threat is, and the anti-Islam message that it sends is more likely to make America less safe.”

268. Similarly, former CIA director Michael V. Hayden discussed the efforts by U.S. diplomats, military commanders, and agency station chiefs to limit the damaging fallout from EO-1 before concluding that the Order “inarguably has made us less safe. It has taken draconian measures against a threat that was hyped. The byproduct is it feeds the Islamic militant narrative and makes it harder for our allies to side with us.”

269. The Second Executive Order did not quell the concerns of intelligence officials, military leaders and diplomats about the damage that the Executive Orders have done to national security.

270. On March 10, 2017, a bipartisan group of 134 cabinet Secretaries, senior government officials, diplomats, military service members and intelligence community professionals sent a letter to President Trump expressing their concern over the Second Executive Order. The letter states:

We are deeply concerned that the March 6, 2017 executive order halting refugee resettlement and suspending visa issuance and travel from six Muslim-majority countries will, like the prior version, weaken U.S. national security and undermine U.S. global leadership.... The revised executive order will jeopardize our relationships with allies and partners on whom we rely for vital

counterterrorism cooperation and information-sharing. To Muslims—including those victimized by or fighting against ISIS—it will send a message that reinforces the propaganda of ISIS and other extremist groups, that falsely claim the United States is at war with Islam. Welcoming Muslim refugees and travelers, by contrast, exposes the lies of terrorists and counters their warped vision....

Following the 9/11 attacks, the United States developed a rigorous system of security vetting for travelers to our homeland, leveraging the full capabilities of the intelligence and law enforcement communities. Since then, the U.S. has added enhanced vetting procedures for travelers and has revised them continuously. Our government applies this process to travelers not once, but multiple times. Refugees are vetted more intensively than any other category of traveler. They are screened by national intelligence agencies and INTERPOL, their fingerprints and other biometric data are checked against terrorist and criminal databases, and they are interviewed several times. These processes undergo review on an ongoing basis to ensure that the most updated and rigorous measures are applied, and any additional enhancements can be added without halting refugee resettlement or banning people from certain countries.

271. Although the Trump Administration had many months of notice regarding national security officials' serious concerns about the First and Second Executive Orders, the Trump Administration failed to address the problems these experts had identified when the Administration issued the Third Executive Order on September 24, 2017.

272. The primary critique of the national security experts is that the Prior Orders banned individuals from entry based merely on the fact that they are nationals of certain majority-Muslim countries, rather than on a robust and tested metric: individualized factors identified in the screening process. Like the Prior



Orders, EO-3 not only fails to identify individuals who present a risk, it undermines national security by inflaming resentment against the United States.

273. On October 15, 2017, another bipartisan group of former intelligence officials, military leaders, and diplomats issued a Joint Declaration asserting that EO-3 suffered from many of the same defects as EO-3.<sup>7</sup> The Joint Declaration states in part:

In our professional judgment, Travel Ban 3.0 would undermine the national security of the United States, rather than making us safer. If given effect, Travel Ban 3.0 would do long-term damage to our national security and foreign policy interests, and disrupt counterterrorism and national security partnerships. It would aid the propaganda effort of the Islamic State (“IS”) and serve its recruitment message by feeding into the narrative that the United States is at war with Islam. It would hinder relationships with the very communities law enforcement professionals need to engage to address the threat. And apart from all of these concerns, the Ban offends our nation’s laws and values.

274. On November 20, 2017, the Inspector General wrote a letter to Senators Durbin, Duckworth, and McCaskill, informing them, among other things, that there was no “evidence that CBP detected any traveler linked to terrorism based on the additional procedures required by the EO.” The Inspector General referenced an 87-page report “regarding the travel into the United States of

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<sup>7</sup> A version of this “Joint Declaration of Former National Security Officials” was filed in *Hawaii v. Trump*, No. CV 17-00050 DKW-KSC, ECF 383-1 (D. Haw. Oct. 15, 2017).

individuals from seven countries” that the Office of Inspector General submitted to DHS on October 15, 2017. This report has not been made public.

275. The history of EO-3 and the Prior Orders, Candidate and President Trump’s statements calling for and supporting a Muslim ban, the lack of justification for the restrictions imposed by EO-3, and the apparent operation of EO-3 as a Muslim ban despite its sanitized provisions, demonstrate that there is no rational basis for concluding that EO-3 resulted from a justification independent of anti-Muslim animus. Additional relevant facts are currently in the possession of the Government.

276. In January 2018, DHS and DOJ issued a report that stated that approximately 73 percent of individuals convicted of international terrorism-related charges in U.S. federal courts between September 11, 2001, and December 31, 2016 were foreign-born. The report has been heavily criticized by several former Government officials, including a former Assistant Attorney General for DOJ’s National Security Division. The Government’s report excludes acts of domestic terrorism committed by groups such as white supremacists, which are more likely to be supported by those born in the United States. It also includes individuals who committed crimes overseas and were brought to the United States for trial. The report’s flawed methodology results in vastly overstating the risk posed by immigrants.

**Litigation Regarding EO-3 and the  
Supreme Court's Decision in *Hawaii v. Trump***

277. On October 17, 2017, the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii issued a nationwide temporary restraining order against the enforcement of EO-3's entry restrictions on nationals from Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen. *Hawaii v. Trump*, 265 F. Supp. 3d 1130 (D. Haw. 2017). On October 20, 2017, the court converted the TRO into a preliminary injunction.

278. Defendants applied to the Supreme Court for a stay of the order of the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii granting the preliminary injunction "pending disposition of the Government's appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and disposition of the Government's petition for a writ of certiorari, if such writ is sought." *Trump v. Hawaii*, No. 17-965, Docket entry (Dec. 4, 2017). The Supreme Court granted the application for the stay on December 4, 2017. *Id.*

279. On December 22, 2017, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued its ruling on the government's appeal from the preliminary injunction. The Ninth Circuit affirmed in part and vacated in part, upholding the injunction and concluding that plaintiffs showed a likelihood of success on their statutory claims, but narrowing the scope of the injunction to give relief only to individuals with a credible bona fide relationship with the United States, pursuant

to the Supreme Court's decision in *IRAP*, 137 S.Ct. at 2088. *Hawaii v. Trump*, 878 F.3d 662 (9th Cir. 2017).

280. Also on October 17, 2017, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland issued a preliminary injunction enjoining enforcement of EO-3's entry restrictions on nationals from Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen who have a bona fide relationship with an individual or entity in the United States. *IRAP v. Trump*, 265 F. Supp. 3d 570 (D. Md. 2017). The court concluded that the plaintiffs demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits of their claims under the INA. The court also concluded that plaintiffs demonstrated a likelihood of success on their Establishment Clause claim, noting that "there are substantial reasons to question whether the asserted national security purpose" for EO-3 was the primary purpose of the ban and observing that the DHS review "was at least partially pre-ordained." *Id.* at 76. On February 15, 2018, the Fourth Circuit affirmed the preliminary injunction issued by the U.S. District Court in Maryland but—like the Ninth Circuit—stayed its decision in light of the Supreme Court's stay. *IRAP v. Trump*, 883 F.3d 233, 274 (4th Cir. 2018).

281. Defendants in the *IRAP* and *Hawaii* cases filed petitions for writs of certiorari in the Supreme Court of the United States. The Supreme Court granted the Government's petition for a writ of certiorari in *Hawaii v. Trump* on January 18, 2018. 138 S. Ct. 923 (mem.).

282. On June 26, 2018, the Supreme Court reversed the judgment of the Ninth Circuit and remanded the case for further proceedings. The Supreme Court concluded that President Trump’s issuance of EO-3 did not exceed the statutory authority of the president under the INA. *Trump v. Hawaii*, No. 17-965, 585 U.S. \_\_\_, slip op. at 24 (June 26, 2018).

283. In determining the likelihood of the plaintiffs’ success on the merits of their Establishment Clause claim, the Court “assume[d] that [it could] look behind the face of” EO-3 and “consider . . . extrinsic evidence.” *Id.* at 32. The Court determined that the plaintiffs had not marshaled sufficient evidence to show they were likely to succeed on a claim that EO-3 could “reasonably be understood to result from a justification independent of unconstitutional grounds.” *Id.* at 38.

284. The Court noted that ongoing FOIA litigation revealed that the September 2017 DHS report is 17 pages. *Id.* at 35. The Court conceded that this information “offers little insight into the actual substance of the final report, much less predecisional materials underlying it,” *id.*, highlighting the relevance of the multiple non-public reports and materials.

285. In a concurring opinion, Justice Kennedy wrote that “[w]hether judicial proceedings may properly continue in this case . . . is a matter to be addressed in the first instance on remand.” *Id.*, slip op. at 1 (Kennedy, J., concurring). Justice Breyer also observed in a dissenting opinion that “the Court’s

decision . . . leaves the District Court free to explore these issues [whether EO-3 violates the Establishment Clause] on remand.” *Id.*, slip op. at 8 (Breyer, J., dissenting).

286. On June 28, 2018, the Supreme Court granted the petition for writ of certiorari in *Trump v. IRAP*, vacated the judgment, and remanded the case to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for further consideration in light of the Supreme Court decision in *Trump v. Hawaii*.

**The Grave Harm to the Plaintiffs, Their Members and Their Clients**

287. Implementation and enforcement of the Executive Orders caused the organizational Plaintiffs, their members and their clients, as well as the Individual Plaintiffs, substantial, concrete, and particularized injury, and will continue to harm them if not permanently enjoined.

288. The Individual Plaintiffs and many of the members and clients of the organizational Plaintiffs are Muslim. The Executive Orders convey an official message of disapproval and hostility towards Muslims, making clear that the government deems them outsiders, not full members of the political community. This marginalizes them, subjects them to suspicion and scrutiny and political isolation on the basis of religion and national origin, and inflicts other stigmatic and dignitary injuries.

289. EO-3 and the Prior Orders deeply affected the Individual Plaintiffs and the members and clients of the organizational Plaintiffs by conveying to them that the United States discriminates against individuals who share their ethnicity and who hold the same religious beliefs, including members of their own families.

290. The Plaintiffs believe that, as a result of the Executive Orders, there are now a favored and a disfavored religion in the United States—in other words, that a religion has been established.

### **Arab American Civil Rights League (ACRL)**

291. The ACRL works to build coalitions, promote understanding and cooperation and combat negative stereotypes. Led by prominent civil rights attorneys and advocates, the ACRL offers the community it serves a solid commitment to ensuring that their rights are protected and preserved.

292. ACRL works with Arab Americans from around the state of Michigan, which is home to the second largest Arab American community in the United States. ACRL's members have been and continue to be affected by both EO-3 and the Prior Orders.

293. Many of ACRL's members are refugees and/or family members of people seeking to enter the United States as refugees. Many of ACRL's members are from the majority-Muslim Designated Countries and/or are family members of

people from the Designated Countries who are seeking to immigrate to, travel to, study in, work in, or remain in the United States.

294. Due to EO-3, members of ACRL live in forced separation from family members who are unable to enter the United States.

295. ACRL members were stranded abroad following issuance of the First Executive Order, and ACRL has been working continuously with these members and other impacted individuals to ensure their return to the United States. Other ACRL members face real and immediate threats of future harm, including the inability to reunite with family members from the majority-Muslim Designated Countries and the inability to travel outside the United States with assurance that they will be able to return to the United States.

296. EO-3 blocks ACRL's members, including U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents, from receiving visits from, and/or reunifying with, their family members who live in the majority-Muslim Designated Countries.

297. ACRL's members and clients who are Muslim or who are from the Designated Countries have been marginalized as a result of the anti-Muslim message conveyed by the Executive Orders and subjected to baseless suspicion, scrutiny, and social isolation on the basis of religion and national origin.

298. ACRL has also been directly affected by EO-3 and the Prior Orders because it has had to divert resources from its ordinary activities to cope with the



fall-out from the Orders. ACRL has had to devote extensive leadership, attorney, and staff resources to responding to crises facing ACRL members as a result of the Orders, as well as to address widespread confusion and fear in the community that ACRL serves.

299. ACRL's clients face numerous hurdles to bringing suit in their own name, including language and cultural barriers, lack of financial resources, rising Islamophobia which would subject them to intense scrutiny if they participate in litigation, and fear of retaliation by the Defendants given that Defendants have made anti-Islamic statements and have pledged aggressive action against immigrants and refugees.

#### **American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan**

300. The ACLU of Michigan is dedicated to protecting constitutional rights, including freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of association and equal protection of the laws. The ACLU of Michigan and its members are harmed by EO-3 and the Prior Orders.

301. As a result of EO-3 and the Prior Orders, the ACLU has had to divert its resources from other organizational activities to address the consequences of those orders. After the First Executive Order was issued, the ACLU responded to the crisis by coordinating emergency legal assistance for impacted individuals and responding to numerous individual requests for assistance. When the Second

Executive Order was enacted, the ACLU had to respond in a similar way. Now that the Third Executive Order has taken effect, the ACLU has again been forced to respond similarly. As a direct result of the Executive Orders, ACLU staff have spoken and will continue to speak at numerous community fora, have responded and will continue to respond to media requests for information, and have distributed and will continue to distribute Know Your Rights materials to impacted communities.

302. The ACLU has members who are directly affected by EO-3 and its implementation, including individuals whose immediate family members are nationals of the majority-Muslim Designated Countries.

303. EO-3 blocks the ACLU's members, including U.S. citizens, from receiving visits from, and/or reunifying with, their family members who live in the majority-Muslim Designated Countries.

304. The ACLU has members of many faiths—Islam, Christianity, Judaism and others—whose ability to live out the teaching of their faiths, to interact with co-religionists and members of other faiths, and to provide assistance to immigrants and refugees as a matter of religious conviction is directly affected by the EO-3 and the Prior Orders.

305. The ACLU has members who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents and other persons residing in the United States who wish to hear the speech of and

associate with people of all faiths who are now unable to travel to the United States because of EO-3 and the Prior Orders.

306. The ACLU regularly organizes events to educate the public on pressing matters of public concern, including speakers who address civil liberties and civil rights issues of the moment. EO-3 has chilled, and continues to chill, the participation of speakers in such events.

307. On May 3, 2018, the ACLU sponsored a local event along with partner organizations. The event included a spoken word performance, a panel discussion featuring local activists, and an interactive exhibit of stories of local Arab and Muslim community members impacted by immigration policies like EO-3 and the Prior Orders, Temporary Protected Status, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Because community members feared having their immigration status compromised or their family member's immigration process delayed, they participated in the audiovisual and storytelling exhibit anonymously.

308. On June 28, 2018, shortly after the Supreme Court's decision in *Trump v. Hawaii* was issued, the ACLU hosted an event for attorneys, community members, and individuals impacted by EO-3. Unfortunately, once again impacted family members did not speak publicly at the event for fear of Government reprisal.

309. The ACLU plans to continue hosting educational events about the impact of EO-3 and hopes to include family members and individuals from the Designated Countries. The ACLU is sponsoring an event with the Arab American National Museum on September 14, 2018 related to anti-Muslim discrimination and has been asked repeatedly to provide individuals willing to speak out about their family's own experience with EO-3. To date, the ACLU has been unsuccessful, not because there is a dearth of individuals impacted, but because the arbitrary and volatile nature of the Government's implementation of the waiver provisions has silenced those seeking to successfully navigate them.

310. Because EO-3 and Islamophobia are matters of pressing public concern, because EO-3 and the Prior Orders have created widespread fear within the Muslim and Arab-American communities in Michigan, and because the ACLU believes it is vitally important to counteract the rising tide of Islamophobia before it becomes even worse, the ACLU wishes to continue holding events related to EO-3 and Islamophobia.

311. EO-3 and the Prior Orders have and continue to directly interfere with the ACLU's ability to hold such events.

312. EO-3 will either prevent or create obstacles to the ACLU from organizing events with its desired speakers.

### **The American Arab Chamber of Commerce**

313. The Chamber seeks to promote and empower its member businesses on a local, national and international level. The Chamber seeks to strengthen its members by offering networking opportunities, events, and seminars to promote member businesses. The Chamber also seeks to promote its member businesses internationally by fostering trade between Michigan-based companies and businesses located in the Middle East, including in the Designated Countries. To this end, the Chamber provides international referrals, sponsorship of delegations and trade missions; and resources for accessing Middle Eastern business markets.

314. As the largest American-Arab business organization in the country, much of the Chamber's work focuses on building economic and cultural bridges, locally, nationally, and globally. Internationally, the Chamber fosters trade and establishes relationships between the U.S. and Middle Eastern countries, and many of the Chamber's member businesses have direct connections to Middle Eastern countries, including the Designated Countries. These efforts are largely led by the Chamber's International Business Development Committee, which pursues projects to connect Chamber members with international business opportunities. As part of its mission, the International Business Development Committee seeks to foster closer business relationships and trade through trade missions between the United States and the Middle East, including the Designated Countries.

315. In order to establish and sustain their businesses, the Chamber's members must be able to interact with businesspeople from the Designated Countries and be able to invite those businesspeople to the United States. EO-3 and the Prior Orders directly interfere with the ability of the Chamber's members to conduct such business dealings.

316. Many of the Chamber's members have employees who are immigrants from the Designated Countries or are refugees. EO-3 makes it more difficult and expensive for the Chamber's members to recruit, hire, and retain the best employees, and undermines the ability of the Chamber's members to attract talent, business, and investment to the United States.

317. EO-3 also disrupts the Chamber's mission of encouraging constructive relations and enhancing mutual understanding between the United States and Arab nations. The Chamber has received numerous inquiries from its membership as to whether the enforcement of the Executive Orders will strain relations between the United States and Arab nations, thereby undermining the Chamber's mission of promoting greater understanding between the American people and Arab nations. Members are concerned that the Executive Orders create a negative stigma on Muslims and immigrants from the Designated Countries, directly conflicting with the missions and purposes of Chamber.

318. The Chamber's membership includes businesses created or run by refugees and immigrants from the Designated Countries. Many of these business leaders are Muslim. Chamber members have been marginalized as a result of the anti-Muslim and anti-Arab message conveyed by the Executive Orders. These members have been subjected to baseless suspicion, scrutiny, and social isolation on the basis of religion and national origin.

319. The Chamber assists its members with the certification and legalization process for exports. While this service is not limited to Arab nations, given the Chamber's members and its mission, this certification process primarily deals with exports intended for Arab nations, which includes the Designated Countries. The Chamber's export certification and legalization services have been adversely affected by the Executive Orders.

320. Because of EO-3 and the Prior Orders, members of the Chamber cannot travel unencumbered and cannot complete legitimate business and social obligations unencumbered. These Executive Orders disrupt existing business ties with businesses in the Designated Countries, hinder the development of economic ties with the Designated Countries, and restrict the creation of any future business ventures between the Chamber's members and the Designated Countries.

### **The Arab American and Chaldean Council (“ACC”)**

321. ACC’s mission is to serve the Middle Eastern community of Southeast Michigan by maximizing the community’s skills, resources, and expertise, and by providing a variety of public health and behavioral health programs, many of which are directed towards immigrants, refugees, and their families. The ACC also seeks to promote understanding between the Middle Eastern community, its Middle Eastern clients and the larger community of Metropolitan Detroit. ACC has 40 outreach offices and annually serves more than 80,000 individuals in the metro Detroit.

322. Many of ACC’s clients are recent immigrants and refugees from the Middle East, and/or family members of people seeking to enter the United States as refugees or immigrants from the Middle East. Many of ACC’s clients are from the Designated Countries and/or are family members of people from the Designated Countries. Many of ACC’s clients are Muslim. Likewise, many of ACC’s staff are refugees, immigrants from the Designated Countries, or family members of refugees and immigrants from the Designated Countries.

323. EO-3 and the Prior Orders, by promoting the idea that people from majority-Muslim, Middle Eastern countries are dangerous and should be treated differently, directly interfere with ACC’s ability to carry out its mission and harm ACC’s clients.



324. As a result of EO-3 and the Prior Orders, ACC has had to divert its resources from other organizational activities to address the consequences of those orders. For example, because ACC's clients and the community it serves have been severely impacted by the Executive Orders, ACC's senior leadership, as well as front-line staff, have had to set aside other responsibilities in order to educate the community about the Executive Orders, meet with other impacted organizations, respond to extensive press inquiries, and address pressing questions from impacted clients. Due to EO-3's effect as a travel ban, ACC was forced to remove one full-time employee from its refugee health assessment program, resulting in a drastic drop in billable services.

325. EO-3 and the Prior Orders also directly interfere with many of the ACC's programs. A few representative programs that are harmed by EO-3 and the Prior Orders are described below. EO-3, like the Prior Orders, threatens these programs because many potential future clients for these programs, including immigrants and refugees, will no longer be able to enter the United States.

326. ACC's Behavioral Health Division, which consists of five outpatient clinics, offers a comprehensive, community-based, outpatient program to address the emotional and psychological needs ACC's clients. Since many of the ACC's clients are individuals from the Designated Countries who have experienced persecution or even torture, the Behavioral Health Division offers services that

focus on family, PTSD and severe trauma treatment. EO-3, by barring entry to individuals from the Designated Countries, interferes with ACC's ability to carry out these programs and directly harms the clients of this program.

327. ACC also assists refugee students and immigrant students, many of whom are from the Designated Countries, with ESL classes, career counseling, certification or professional license achievement, enrollment, and financial aid applications through three outreach offices at different Oakland Community College campus sites. EO-3 and the Prior Orders harm this program by barring admission into the United States for many future participants of the program. The Executive Orders also harm ACC's current clients in this program, who may not be able to obtain the necessary immigration documents to complete their studies, and harm ACC which must now expend resources advising these impacted students.

328. The ACC provides a variety of employment and job training services for immigrants and refugees through its PATH program. The PATH program includes job counseling, resume writing workshops, vocational training, ESL and vocational ESL classes, and job placement services. Additionally, to ensure that all individuals can pursue a career, the PATH program offers access to Child Care services. EO-3 and the Prior Orders directly harm ACC's clients in the PATH program and also interfere with the PATH Program's ability to pursue community and economic development by interfering with the ability of potential immigrant

and refugee entrepreneurs to enter the United States and by diverting resources of Growth Center staff to addressing problems faced by their clients as a result of the Executive Orders.

329. The ACC offers a range of English as a Second Language training courses as well as bilingual and trilingual services that help refugee and immigrant clients understand and complete official government documents. EO-3, by barring entry to citizens of the Designated Countries, interferes with ACC's ability to carry out these programs.

330. EO-3, by restricting the flow of clients for ACC's programs and affecting funding for those programs, will have a significant financial impact on ACC. ACC anticipates that, as a result of EO-3, it will have to lay off staff from the impacted programs, or reassign those staff to fill vacancies in other programs. EO-3 also impacts ACC's decisions whether to renew certain leases because it is unclear whether ACC will be able to continue the programs for which it had previously leased those spaces.

331. Some of ACC's clients and staff who are United States citizens or lawful permanent residents have close family members who are nationals of the Designated Countries. EO-3 prevents those ACC clients and staff from receiving visits from, and/or reunifying with, their family members who live in the majority-

Muslim Designated Countries. Due to EO-3, ACC clients live in forced separation from family members who are unable to enter the United States.

332. ACC's clients face numerous hurdles to bringing suit in their own name, including language and cultural barriers, lack of financial resources, rising Islamophobia which would subject them to intense scrutiny if they participate in litigation, and fear of retaliation by the Defendants given that Defendants have made anti-Islamic statements and have pledged aggressive action against immigrants and refugees.

#### **The Arab American Studies Association (“AASA”)**

333. The AASA facilitates communication among scholars through meetings; promotes cooperation among members of the Association and persons or organizations concerned with Arab American Studies; stimulates academic research in Arab American Studies; and explores intersections and comparative approaches among Arab American, Arab, and diasporic Arab experiences. The AASA and its members are harmed by the Executive Orders.

334. The AASA has members who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents whose national origin is from one of the Designated Countries, members with close family who are nationals of the Designated Countries, and members who engage in scholarly collaboration with nationals of the Designated Countries.

335. Many AASA members work on issues of transnational migration, which requires study of where, why and how people leave their countries of origin and where, why and how they migrate to new areas. Such research necessarily involves research in countries where transnational migration originates, as well as close collaboration with scholars from those countries.

336. Because the Designated Countries are significant sources of transnational migration, it is particularly important for the AASA members to travel to those countries for research; to recruit faculty and graduate students from those countries; and to invite scholars from those countries for academic conferences, academic exchanges, and other scholarly collaboration. EO-3 interferes with the ability of AASA members to do all of those things.

337. The AASA and its members believe that in order for Arab American Studies to move forward as a field, it is critical that U.S.-based institutions recruit faculty and students from the Designated Countries, particularly given that these countries are pivotal to current understandings of transnational migration. AASA's members who are U.S.-based faculty have, in the past, sought to recruit potential colleagues and students from the Designated Countries. Due to EO-3, AASA members can no longer recruit potential colleagues and students from many of the Designated Countries since those faculty and students will be unable to obtain visas to work or study in the United States.

338. AASA and its members have the goal of advancing learning and exchanging ideas with other scholars in the areas of Arab American studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Migration Studies and similar disciplines. This requires AASA and its members to be able to hear from, speak with, debate with and associate with scholars from the Designated Countries. EO-3 will prevent AASA and its members from inviting scholars from the Designated Countries to present at academic conferences and engage in other collaborative research and scholarship projects.

339. The AASA will be harmed by EO-3. As part of its goal to advance learning, facilitate communication and promote cooperation, AASA sponsors conferences and other events that serve as a forum for scholarship, intellectual engagement, and pedagogical innovation. Due to EO-3, scholars from the Designated Countries will not be able participate in those conferences. AASA selects papers for its conferences based on the quality of the scholarship, not the nationality of the scholar, and its ability to make such merit-based decisions will be impaired if it cannot invite scholars from the Designated Countries. The AASA also fears that it will not be able to hold academic conferences outside the United States because AASA members who are nationals of the Designated Countries currently based at U.S. institutions may be unable to attend for fear of being unable to return to the United States.

340. The AASA's members likewise host conferences, invite speakers and artists, and sponsor other events to promote scholarship, intellectual engagement and pedagogical innovation. Due to EO-3, scholars from the Designated Countries will not be able participate in those events.

341. Because, and only because, the scholars, artists and students invited by the AASA and its members are from the majority-Muslim Designated Countries, those individuals cannot enter the United States to speak with and share ideas with the AASA and its members unless these scholars, artists and students obtain a case-by-case waiver under Section 3(c) of EO-3.

342. Because Section 3(c) of EO-3 does not provide narrow, objective or definite standards for the issuance of case-by-case waivers, the AASA and its members do not know when or whether waivers will be approved, thereby interfering with the AASA's and its members' ability to plan for and organize conferences, invite speakers and artists, and sponsor other events.

343. Under Section 3(c) of EO-3, in order for the scholars, artists and students invited by the AASA and its members to speak and share ideas with their colleagues in the United States, Defendants must evaluate the proposed purpose of their travel to the United States and decide that denying those scholars, artists and students the opportunity to speak and participate in academic exchange would cause "undue hardship" and that their entry into the United States "would be in the

national interest.” Defendants cannot make such an assessment without considering the identity of the speaker and the content of the speech.

344. AASA is further concerned that the desired scholars, artists and students from the majority-Muslim Designated Countries will decline to come to the United States as a result of the Executive Orders. Some foreign speakers who are Muslim or whose national origin is in one of the Designated Countries are now refusing to come to the United States because they do not want to be subjected to possible prolonged and intrusive questioning, including questioning about their religious beliefs, as has reportedly occurred at ports of entry since issuance of the First Executive Order.

345. AASA members, particularly those who conduct research related to the Designated Countries, fear that they will be precluded from traveling to the Designated Countries when those countries institute reciprocal actions in response to EO-3 and the Prior Orders, as Iran has already done.

346. The research of AASA members within the United States has also been hampered by EO-3’s chilling effect on the speech of Muslim Americans. For example, an AASA member researching the history of Yemeni seafarers on the Great Lakes has found local Yemenis extremely hesitant or unwilling to speak about the research topic due to the increasing anti-Muslim sentiments caused by the Executive Orders.



347. Some of AASA's members who are United States citizens or lawful permanent residents have close family members who are nationals of the Designated Countries. EO-3 prevents those AASA members from receiving visits from, and/or reunifying with, their family members. For example, one AASA member, who is a United States citizen and an assistant professor for U.S.-Arab Cultural Politics at a major university, has ailing parents in Yemen, including a mother whose health is critical and for whom she wishes to obtain medical care in the United States. That AASA member cannot bring his parents to the United States. Another AASA member who is a U.S. citizen is unable to bring a family member recently diagnosed with muscular dystrophy to the United States for further diagnosis and treatment.

348. In addition, EO-3 could cause financial harm to AASA, by depriving it of membership dues and conference registration fees from individuals who cannot come to the United States as a result of EO-3.

### **The Individual Plaintiffs**

349. Plaintiffs Hend and Salim Alshawish have four children. Their two youngest children, A.A. and M.A., are U.S. citizens and are currently residing in the United States. Their two other minor children, J.A.1 and J.A.2, are citizens of Yemen and are currently in Egypt.

350. In November 2010, Mr. Alshawish petitioned for immigrant visas to bring his wife, Plaintiff Hend Alshawish, and their two Yemeni-citizen children, J.A.1 and J.A.2, to the United States.

351. Ms. Alshawish and the two minor children underwent extensive security and medical screening, and attended a consular interview.

352. On December 28, 2016, Ms. Alshawish was finally issued an IR1 spousal visa to enter the United States as a lawful permanent resident. Her visa was set to expire in six months.

353. However, upon the completion of the interview, the immigrant visas of the two minor children were not issued at the same time. Ms. Alshawish intended to wait till her children's visas were issued before traveling to the United States.

354. On January 27, 2017, the date the First Executive Order was issued, Ms. Alshawish was in Egypt with J.A.1 and J.A.2. Mr. Alshawish had traveled to Egypt around September 20, 2016 to join her and their children before traveling back to the U.S. together.

355. As a result of the January 27 Order, Ms. Alshawish was barred from traveling to the United States.

356. Ms. and Mr. Alshawish closely monitored the news regarding the Executive Order. They heard many inconsistent reports from government officials

about whether immigrant visas, such as the IR1 spousal visa Ms. Alshawish had obtained, would be revoked and whether individuals with immigrant visas would be allowed to obtain lawful permanent resident status.

357. For that reason, Ms. Alshawish and Mr. Alshawish decided to travel to the United States as soon as they learned that the First Executive Order had been enjoined by the courts, as it was unclear whether the injunction would be overturned on appeal. They booked last-minute tickets at considerable expense in order to ensure that Ms. Alshawish had the opportunity to enter the country while there was a window of opportunity to do so.

358. The decision to travel was heart-wrenching for Ms. Alshawish and Mr. Alshawish, because the immigrant visa applications for their two minor children, J.A.1 and J.A.2, were still in administrative processing and had not yet been approved. The couple had to decide whether Ms. Alshawish should travel while the injunction was in effect, allowing her to join her husband and two U.S.-citizen children in the United States and become a lawful permanent resident, even though that meant leaving her two Yemeni-citizen children behind.

359. In desperation, Ms. Alshawish and Mr. Alshawish decided to have Mr. Alshawish's sister in Egypt care for J.A.1 and J.A.2, while Ms. Alshawish, Mr. Alshawish, and their two U.S. citizen children traveled to the United States.

360. On February 5, 2017, Ms. Alshawish was allowed to board a flight to the United States, and was allowed to enter the United States. Upon entry, her status became that of a lawful permanent resident. She is currently living with her two U.S.-citizen children.

361. Mr. Alshawish returned to Egypt on March 4, 2017 to care for J.A.1 and J.A.2, but has since returned to the United States to reunite with Ms. Alshawish and their two younger children.

362. Around December 2017, Mr. and Ms. Alshawish received a letter from the U.S. Embassy in Cairo rejecting their application for a visa for J.A.1 and J.A.2. The letter stated that “[t]he consular officer [was] reviewing [their] eligibility for a waiver” and that they would be “contacted with a final determination on [their] application as soon as practicable.” Mr. and Ms. Alshawish have not received any communications since.

363. EO-3 prohibits citizens of Yemen, including J.A.1 and J.A.2, from entering the United States, and halts ordinary visa processing, as did the Prior Orders.

364. Due to EO-3, Mr. and Ms. Alshawish cannot reunite their family by bringing their two Yemeni-citizen children to the United States to be with their mother and father and two U.S.-citizen siblings.

365. Mr. Alshawish also suffers stigmatic harm because the Executive Orders reinforce stereotypes about Muslims and associates Muslims with violence, bigotry, and hatred, thereby discriminating against them and inflicting stigmatic and dignitary harms, among other types of injury.

366. Plaintiff Fahmi Jahaf, a U.S. citizen, married his wife, Basema Al Reyashi, in February 2011. Mr. Jahaf filed an immigrant petition for his wife after their marriage. The couple then waited four years to receive notice of the scheduling of a consular interview.

367. Ms. Al Reyashi is from a region in Yemen where there is intense conflict and that is bombed regularly.

368. Mr. Jahaf found out the petition for his wife's visa was dismissed in September 2015 for failure to respond to certain notices, but it was later determined that the National Visa Center has been sending notices to the wrong address. Mr. Jahaf refiled a petition in July 2016 for his wife and submitted documentation proving that the National Visa Center had been sending the letters to the wrong address. The National Visa Center expedited his petition and visa application when they learned they had made a mistake.

369. Around July 2017, Ms. Al Reyashi went to an interview at the U.S. embassy in Djibouti. She was given a document that stated, "your visa is approved." However, she was subsequently asked to provide additional

information, and she is still awaiting a final decision on her application. On July 19, 2018, Plaintiff Mr. Jahaf requested an update on the status of Ms. Al Reyashi's spousal visa application from the U.S. Embassy in Djibouti. On August 15, 2018, Mr. Jahaf received a message that Ms. Al Reyashi's application is "undergoing necessary administrative processing." Although the U.S. Embassy could not "estimate when this process will be completed," Mr. Jahaf was instructed not to request updates on the status of his wife's visa application.

370. Mr. Jahaf has been waiting for nearly eight years for his wife's visa to be approved so that she can join him in the United States. Ms. Al Reyashi is still waiting in limbo in Djibouti, unable to join her husband of seven years in the United States, and unable to return to her conflict-ridden home in Yemen.

371. The Executive Orders have prohibited citizens of Yemen, including Ms. Al Reyashi, from entering the United States, and have prevented ordinary visa processing.

372. Due to the Executive Orders, Mr. Jahaf has been unable to bring his wife to the United States.

373. Mr. Jahaf also suffers stigmatic harm because the Executive Orders, including EO-3, reinforce stereotypes about Muslims and associate Muslims with violence, bigotry, and hatred, thereby discriminating against them and inflicting stigmatic and dignitary harms, among other types of injury.

374. Plaintiff Kaltum Saleh is a U.S. citizen of over twenty years who resides in Wayne County, Michigan. Ms. Saleh's elderly mother, Sahra Abdi Noor, is a Somali national and currently resides in Uganda. Ms. Noor is disabled and requires full-time care. Ms. Saleh's sister has been caring for Ms. Noor. The family determined that Ms. Noor would join Ms. Saleh in the United States, where Ms. Saleh would care for her.

375. Ms. Saleh filed a petition for an immigrant visa for Ms. Noor on May 9, 2016. Ms. Noor attended an interview at the U.S. embassy in Nairobi, Kenya on March 20, 2018. Ms. Saleh traveled to Uganda, met her mother in Kenya for the interview, and cared for her mother during the trip.

376. At the interview, Ms. Noor was given a letter informing her that she was ineligible for a visa as a result of EO-3. The letter stated that the consular officer was reviewing her eligibility for a waiver. Ms. Noor was told that she would be notified as to her eligibility for a waiver within one week. Ms. Saleh stayed with her mother in Nairobi to await the notification.

377. After ten days had passed and Ms. Saleh and Ms. Noor had yet to receive a response, Ms. Saleh called the embassy for an update. She was again told that she could expect to receive a determination shortly. Ms. Saleh cared for her mother in Nairobi for multiple months, continually checking the status of the waiver determination online and calling the embassy for updates.

378. On May 15, 2018, Ms. Saleh sent an e-mail to the U.S. embassy in Nairobi, requesting that they expedite her mother's waiver application on humanitarian grounds. Two days later, Ms. Saleh received a reply e-mail with a generic response stating that the applicant would be contacted when a final determination was made.

379. Finally, Ms. Saleh drove her mother back to her mother's home in Uganda, and Ms. Saleh returned to Michigan to rejoin her children.

380. A determination of Ms. Noor's eligibility for a waiver from EO-3's travel restrictions is still pending.

381. Due to the Executive Orders, Ms. Saleh has been unable to bring her elderly mother to the United States. Also due to the Executive Orders, Ms. Saleh was forced to spend multiple months away from her home and children in Michigan to care for her mother in Nairobi awaiting the promised response to the visa application.

382. Ms. Saleh also suffers stigmatic harm because the Executive Orders, including EO-3, reinforce stereotypes about Muslims and associate Muslims with violence, bigotry, and hatred, thereby discriminating against them and inflicting stigmatic and dignitary harms, among other types of injury.

383. It is unclear whether the Individual Plaintiffs will be determined to be eligible for a waiver under Section 3(c) of EO-3, whether such a waiver will be



granted if they are eligible, or how much longer the process of seeking a waiver could take.

384. For the Individual Plaintiffs, pursuing a waiver on the theoretical possibility that it could be granted will involve additional time and expense. Consular processing for individuals from the Designated Countries frequently requires travel to a U.S. embassy in a third country.

385. By requiring a waiver for any visa or entry into the United States from the Designated Countries, the Third Executive Order imposes additional obstacles to the reunification of the Plaintiffs' families. Those obstacles were imposed for the purpose of preventing Muslims from entering the United States.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

386. The Individual Plaintiffs bring this action on their own behalf and on behalf of a class of all others similarly situated—that is, persons in the United States for whom EO-3 interferes with their ability to reunify with family members who are citizens of the Designated Countries (the “Plaintiff Class”). The Plaintiff Class includes but is not limited to individuals in the United States who currently have an approved or pending petition to the United States government to be reunited with family members who are nationals of the Designated Countries, or who will soon file such petition.

387. The Plaintiff Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable. According to the Annual Report of the Visa Office, in 2015, the United States issued approximately 70,000 immigrant and non-immigrant visas to nationals from the Designated Countries. As noted above, if in effect in 2016, EO-3 would have barred 12,998 Yemenis, 7,727 Iranians, 2,633 Syrians, 1,797 Somalians, and 383 Libyans from obtaining immigrant visas. The U.S. government previously estimated that between 60,000 and 100,000 people were affected by Section 3(c) of EO-1.

388. A large number of such persons reside, or have recently resided, in Michigan. Many thousands of Arab-Americans in Michigan are originally from the Designated Countries, and have family members in those countries.

389. The claims of the Plaintiff Class members share common issues of law, including but not limited to whether EO-3 violates their right to religious liberty, equal protection, freedom of speech and freedom of association under the First and Fifth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

390. The claims of the Plaintiff Class members share common issues of fact, including but not limited to whether EO-3 was adopted with the purpose of discriminating against Muslims and whether EO-3 is being or will be enforced so as to prevent Plaintiff Class members or their family members from obtaining visas and entering the United States from abroad.

391. The claims of the Individual Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of members of the Plaintiff Class.

392. The Individual Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Plaintiff Class. The Individual Plaintiffs have no interest that is now or may be potentially antagonistic to the interests of the Plaintiff Class. The attorneys representing the Individual Plaintiffs include experienced civil rights attorneys and are considered able practitioners in federal constitutional litigation. These attorneys should be appointed as class counsel.

393. Defendants have acted, have threatened to act, and will act on grounds generally applicable to the Plaintiff Class, thereby making final injunctive and declaratory relief appropriate to the class as a whole. The Plaintiff Class may therefore be properly certified under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2).

## **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

### **COUNT I**

#### **FIRST AMENDMENT ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE**

394. Plaintiffs adopt and incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

395. The Establishment Clause of the First Amendment prohibits the federal government from preferring one religion over another.

396. EO-3 and the Prior Orders constitute unlawful discrimination against Muslims, disfavoring and disadvantaging Islam as compared to other religions, and establishing a preference for one religion over another. Defendants have not pursued a course of neutrality with regard to different religious faiths.

397. EO-3 and the Prior Orders have the purpose and effect of inhibiting religion, and are neither justified by, nor closely fitted to, any legitimate, much less compelling, governmental interest.

398. Defendants' statements and actions before and during the implementation of EO-3 and the Prior Orders manifest an intent to discriminate against Muslims, disfavor and disadvantage Islam, and establish a preference for one religion over another.

399. Defendants' statements and actions before and during the implementation of EO-3 and the Prior Orders have the effect of discriminating against Muslims, disfavoring and disadvantaging Islam, and establishing a preference for one religion over another.

400. EO-3 and the Prior Orders provide no facially legitimate and bona fide reason for denying entry into the United States to nationals of the Designated Countries. References in EO-3 and the Prior Orders to non-religious justifications for the actions taken are transparently a pretext for the underlying aim to establish this preference.

401. Given the overwhelming evidence of anti-Muslim animus already in the public record, considering the numerous logical deficiencies in the scope and manner of restrictions imposed, and given that publicly available evidence indicates the waiver process is a sham, EO-3 cannot reasonably be understood to result from a justification independent of unconstitutional grounds.

402. Discovery will likely reveal further evidence that EO-3 resulted from anti-Muslim animus, that the scope and manner of the restrictions are not rationally related to legitimate national security concerns, that the waiver process is a sham, and that EO-3 therefore cannot reasonably be understood to result from a justification independent of unconstitutional grounds.

403. Through the actions described in this Complaint, Defendants have violated the Establishment Clause. Defendants' violation inflicts ongoing harm upon the Individual Plaintiffs and all those similarly situated, and on the organizational plaintiffs, their members and their clients.

## **COUNT II**

### **FIFTH AMENDMENT EQUAL PROTECTION**

404. Plaintiffs adopt and incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

405. The Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to equal protection of the laws.

406. The equal protection requirement of the Due Process Clause requires strict scrutiny of governmental classifications that are based on religion.

407. EO-3 and the Prior Orders were substantially motivated by animus and a desire to discriminate on the basis of religion and have a disparate effect on persons of the disfavored religion.

408. The equal protection requirement of the Due Process Clause requires strict scrutiny of governmental restrictions on fundamental rights.

409. EO-3 and the Prior Orders burden fundamental rights by restricting the ability of the Individual Plaintiffs and those similarly situated, and of the members and clients of the organizational Plaintiffs, to associate with their families and raise their children.

410. EO-3 and the Prior Orders were substantially motivated by animus and a desire to restrict the fundamental rights of Muslims, and have a disparate effect on the ability of Muslims versus non-Muslims to exercise their fundamental rights to associate with their families and raise their children.

411. The statements of President Trump and his advisors, as well as the other information set out in this Complaint, provide direct evidence that EO-3 and

the Prior Orders were adopted for discriminatory reasons, and that they are not tailored to the asserted government goal of promoting national security.

412. EO-3 and the Prior Orders are not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling governmental interest, and thereby violate the equal protection requirement of the Due Process Clause.

413. For the same reasons, EO-3 and the Prior Orders are not rationally related to a legitimate government interest.

414. EO-3 and the Prior Orders do not provide a facially legitimate and bona fide reason for denying entry into the United States to nationals of the Designated Countries. The ostensibly neutral reasons for denying entry that are listed in EO-3 and the Prior Orders were made in bad faith and as a pretext for denying entry of Muslims into the United States.

415. Given the overwhelming evidence of anti-Muslim animus in the public record, considering the numerous logical deficiencies in the scope and manner of restrictions imposed, and given the evidence that the waiver process is a sham, EO-3 cannot reasonably be understood to result from a justification independent of unconstitutional grounds.

416. Discovery will likely reveal further evidence that EO-3 resulted from anti-Muslim animus and cannot reasonably be understood to result from a justification independent of unconstitutional grounds.

417. EO-3 and the Prior Orders, as well as Defendants' statements and their actions to implement them, discriminate against individuals based on their religion and restrict their fundamental rights without lawful justification.

418. Through the actions described in this Complaint, Defendants have violated the equal protection guarantee of the Fifth Amendment. Defendants' violation inflicts ongoing harm upon the Individual Plaintiffs and all those similarly situated, and on the organizational plaintiffs, their members and their clients.

### **COUNT III**

#### **FIRST AMENDMENT FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSOCIATION**

419. Plaintiffs adopt and incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

420. The First Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the marketplace of ideas; the right to receive information; the right to access social, political, esthetic, moral and other ideas and experiences; and the right to association.

421. Plaintiffs have a right to speak about EO-3, the Prior Orders, and the Administration's anti-Muslim policies. They also have a right to hear, speak, debate with, and associate with individuals whose entry into the United States is curtailed by EO-3 and the Prior Orders.



422. EO-3 and the Prior Orders chill the ability of Plaintiffs to speak, since they fear that speaking will affect their ability to obtain waivers for reunification with their family members. EO-3 and the Prior Orders also restrict Plaintiffs' ability to hear from, speak with, debate with, and associate with nationals of the Designated Countries, a restriction which is based on the identity, national origin and religion of the speaker.

423. EO-3 and the Prior Orders do not provide a facially legitimate and bona fide reason for chilling speech or for denying entry into the United States to persons with whom Plaintiffs wish to speak, debate or associate, or whose ideas they wish to hear. The ostensibly neutral reasons for denying entry that are listed in EO-3 and the Prior Orders were made in bad faith and as a pretext for denying entry of Muslims into the United States.

424. Given the overwhelming evidence of anti-Muslim animus in the public record, considering the numerous logical deficiencies in the scope and manner of restrictions imposed, and given the evidence that the waiver process is a sham, EO-3 cannot reasonably be understood to result from a justification independent of unconstitutional grounds.

425. Discovery will likely reveal further evidence that EO-3 resulted from anti-Muslim animus and cannot reasonably be understood to result from a justification independent of unconstitutional grounds.

426. EO-3 and the Prior Orders chill Plaintiffs' ability to speak because they reasonably fear that this could impact their ability to obtain a case-by-case waiver under Section 3(c) of the March 6 Order and Section 3(c) of EO-3.

427. EO-3 and the Prior Orders condition Plaintiffs' ability to hear from, speak with, debate with or associate with nationals of the Designated Countries in face-to-face interactions within the United States on the ability of those nationals to obtain a case-by-case waiver under Section 3(c) of the March 6 Order and Section 3(c) of EO-3.

428. Section 3(c) of EO-3 provides that a case-by-case waiver cannot be granted unless "the foreign national has demonstrated to the [CBP] officer's satisfaction that denying entry during the suspension period would cause undue hardship, entry would not pose a threat to national security or public safety of the United States; and entry would be in the national interest."

429. Section 3(c) of EO-3 operates as a licensing scheme for speakers from the Designated Countries, but does not provide narrow, objective or definite standards for the issuance of case-by-case waivers. Section 3(c) of EO-3 gives the government unfettered discretion to determine whose speech will be permitted and whose speech will not.

430. Section 3(c) of EO-3 operates as a content-based restriction on protected First Amendment activities because it permits or requires Defendants to

evaluate the content of those activities to determine whether denying entry of a speaker from the Designated Countries would cause “undue hardship” and whether allowing Plaintiffs to hear from, speak with, debate with and associate with the speaker would “be in the national interest.”

431. Similarly, Section 3(c)(iii) of EO-3, which provides for a case-by-case waiver at the “discretion” of the consular officer or CBP agent, operates as a content-based restriction on protected First Amendment activities because it permits or requires Defendants to evaluate the content of those activities to determine whether they are an “appropriate” basis to grant entry into the United States.

432. Section 3(c) of EO-3 permits or requires Defendants to engage in unconstitutional content-based and viewpoint-based discrimination because Defendants must determine whether denying entry of a speaker from the Designated Countries would cause “undue hardship” and whether allowing Plaintiffs to hear from, speak with, debate with, and associate with the speaker would “be in the national interest.”

433. EO-3 does not provide a facially legitimate and bona fide reason for requiring nationals of the Designated Countries to seek a case-by-case waiver in order to enter the United States, thereby making it more difficult for Plaintiffs to hear from, speak with, debate with, and associate with nationals of the Designated

Countries. The ostensibly neutral reasons for requiring nationals of the Designated Countries to seek a case-by-case waiver that are listed in EO-3 were made in bad faith and as a pretext for denying entry of Muslims into the United States.

434. Defendants' violation of the First Amendment inflicts ongoing harm upon the Individual Plaintiffs and all those similarly situated, and on the organizational plaintiffs, their members and their clients.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that this Honorable Court grant the following relief:

A. Issue a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants, their officials, agents, employees, assigns and all persons acting in concert or participating with them from implementing or enforcing EO-3 against nationals of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen;

B. Enter a judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201 declaring that EO-3 is unlawful and invalid;

C. Award Plaintiffs reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act or any other applicable law; and

D. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems equitable, just and proper.

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