

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

AIDEN STOCKMAN, et al.,)
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Plaintiffs,)
v.)
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DONALD TRUMP, et al.,)
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Defendants.)
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Civil Action No. 5:17-cv-01799 (JGB)

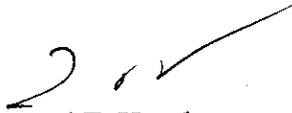
DECLARATION OF RAYMOND HOROHO

I, Raymond T. Horoho, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am currently the senior official performing duties as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) within Headquarters, Department of the Army. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and on information provided to me in the course of my official duties. I submit this declaration in support of the defendants' motion to dismiss the above-captioned action and in opposition to the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction.

2. On September 14, 2017, the Secretary of Defense issued Interim Guidance prohibiting the involuntary separation or discharge of a soldier due to his or her transgender status or diagnosis of gender dysphoria. In compliance with this guidance, the U.S. Army's current policy is to not take any action to involuntarily separate or discharge an otherwise qualified Soldier solely on the basis of a diagnosis of gender dysphoria, or his or her transgender status. Further, an otherwise qualified transgender Soldier whose term of service expires while the Interim Guidance remains in effect may, at the Soldier's request, be re-enlisted under existing procedures. This policy applies to all Soldiers currently serving in the U.S. Army.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 19 day of October 2017.



Raymond T. Horoho
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (M&RA)