

The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

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

RYAN KARNOSKI, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as
President of the United States, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-01297-MJP

**DECLARATION OF DANNI ASKINI
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS’
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION**

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:
October 6, 2017
ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED

I, Danni Askini, declare as follows:

1. Gender Justice League (“GJL”) is a non-profit organization with its principal place of business in Seattle, Washington. GJL is a civil and human rights organization that advocates on behalf of transgender individuals in Washington State. GJL’s mission is to create a community for transgender people to live their lives safely and true to themselves, and free from discrimination. GJL works to empower transgender people to combat the structural oppression, discrimination, and violence they face in their daily lives by providing education on the civil and human rights afforded all people on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

2. GJL is a membership based organization whose members include transgender individuals who wish to serve in the United States military, such as Ryan Karnoski, who is also a plaintiff in the present case, and those who currently serve in the military, such as Staff Sergeant

1 Cathrine Schmid, who likewise is a plaintiff in the present case. GJL sues on behalf of its
2 members who are currently negatively affected by the ban on open service by transgender
3 individuals in the military.

4 3. GJL has strong interests in opposing structural and unlawful discrimination
5 targeted at transgender individuals and in protecting the right of all people, including transgender
6 individuals, to serve openly in the military and pursue that career free from discrimination and
7 other violations of their constitutional rights. These interests are inherent to GJL's mission and
8 vision expressed above.

9 4. I, Danni Askini, serve as the Executive Director for GJL.

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11 I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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13 DATED: September 13, 2017

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Danni Askini

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the laws of the State of Washington that on September 14, 2017, I caused true and correct copies of the foregoing documents to be served by the method(s) listed below on the following interested parties:

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I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on September 14, 2017 at Seattle, Washington.

s/Rachel Horvitz

Rachel Horvitz, *Paralegal*