

The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

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**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 SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT**

I, Danni Askini, declare as follows:

- 1. I have actual knowledge of the matters stated in this declaration.
- 2. I serve as the Executive Director for Gender Justice League (“GJL”), 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.

1           3.       GJL is a membership based organization whose members include transgender  
2 individuals who wish to serve in the United States military, such as Ryan Karnoski, who is also a  
3 plaintiff in the present case, and those who currently serve in the military, such as Staff Sergeant  
4 Cathrine Schmid, who likewise is a plaintiff in the present case. GJL sues on behalf of its  
5 members who are currently negatively affected by the ban on open service by transgender  
6 individuals in the military.

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

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

13           Executed on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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16 Danni Askini, Executive Director  
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**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 all participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and that service of the foregoing documents will be accomplished by the CM/ECF system on January 25, 2018.

  
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