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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 CATHRINE  
SCHMID IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO  
MOTION TO STAY PRELIMINARY  
INJUNCTION PENDING APPEAL**

I, Cathrine Schmid, declare as follows:

1. My legal name is Cathrine Schmid, although I often use the nickname "Katie." I am a plaintiff in the above captioned action. I have actual knowledge of the matters stated in this declaration.

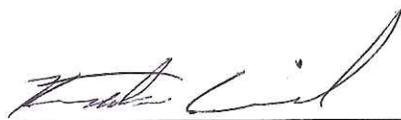
2. I am a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army and am currently stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington State.

3. The "Department of Defense Report and Recommendations of Military Service by Transgender Persons" states that "Transgender Service members who were diagnosed with gender dysphoria by a military medical provider after the effective date of the Carter policy . . . may continue to receive all medically necessary care, to change their gender marker in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), and to serve in their preferred gender."

1           4.       I was diagnosed with gender dysphoria by a military medical provider on May 13,  
2 2014, before then Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced a new military wide policy lifting  
3 the ban on transgender service members on June 30, 2016.

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5           Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. S 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of  
6 the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

7           Executed on May 11, 2018.

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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 May 14, 2018.



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