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DECLARATION OF DAVID KOENIG

I, David Koenig, certify the following to be correct and true, based upon personal knowledge of matters I am competent to testify upon.

I am a member of the Washington League for Increased Transparency and Ethics. This organization was founded to pursue public interest litigation on behalf of its members, a purpose that is germane to the instant suit.

I watched Fox News in April and Early March of 2020. Due to the misinformation and uncertainty spread by FOX News about the seriousness of Covid-19 and its downplaying of the dangers of the virus, I believed it was not very contagious and that it was not a serious health threat.

I work in construction for a general contractor. In early March we had a job at the Sea-Tac Airport. In mid-March I was diagnosed with Covid-19, and I spent 6 weeks sick at home out of work, most of this time with a fever, cough and all of the typical symptoms of the Coronavirus. I was injured in that I had to pay for medicine, and other expenses as a result of this illness and I was unable to work for an extended period.

Had I been accurately informed of the severity of Covid-19, I would have exercised much greater care in my actions: I would have worn a mask, washed my hands frequently, avoided unnecessary proximity to others and carried hand sanitizer with me, especially when in high traffic areas such as the Sea-Tac Airport.

The actions of Fox News in minimizing the danger of the Coronavirus led me to ignore a significant health threat, and to fail to take precautions against infection, and I believe it contributed to my becoming infected with the disease.

I, David Koenig, certify the foregoing to be correct and true under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington, based upon personal knowledge of matters I am competent to testify upon.

Done this day of May 11th, 2020, in Federal Way, Washington.


DAVID KOENIG