

# Exhibit A

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

BADAR KHAN SURI

*Petitioner,*

v.

DONALD TRUMP, *et al.*,

*Respondents.*

Case No. 1:25-cv-480

**DECLARATION OF BADAR KHAN SURI**

I, Badar Khan Suri, under the penalty of perjury declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, am competent to give this declaration, and testify from my own personal knowledge regarding the facts in this declaration.

2. I am an academic and scholar, and my areas of interest include peace, conflict resolution and minority rights. In 2020, I completed my Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Studies at the Nelson Mandela Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Jamia Millia Islamia in New Dehli, India.

3. In order to further my career, I decided to apply for a post-doctoral fellowship at Georgetown University, specifically to conduct research and teach at the Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding. I was awarded the fellowship, and in order to begin my work at Georgetown, I applied for a J-1 visa through the U.S. State Department. My visa was approved, and I came to the U.S. in December, 2022 to begin my program at Georgetown on January 1, 2023.

4. The focus of my research at Georgetown is on religious intolerance and pluralism in India. My goal is to make my career in academia, researching and teaching. My post-doctoral

fellowship is an important step in reaching this goal, because it provides me with time for research and writing for publication, as well as the ability to teach on my research subjects and receive feedback on my work through that process.

5. The initial period of my fellowship was one year, but because I was able to demonstrate that my work was relevant to my department and the University, I received an extension for an additional year, through December 31, 2024. I then received a second extension for an additional two years, until December 31, 2026. To receive these extensions, I filled out a form and submitted it to the Office of Global Affairs, where Georgetown personnel took care of the rest of the process.

6. During the spring semester of 2025, I started teaching at Georgetown for the first time. I was teaching a course on majoritarianism and minority rights in South Asia, which was interrupted when I was arrested and detained. A colleague took over teaching that class. The same course has been approved to be offered during the fall 2025 semester, and if my status is reinstated, I would teach that course. At the time of my arrest, I had also begun planning a second course on state building in Afghanistan and Iraq, which had not yet been approved but which I would like to teach. Because students begin registering for classes during the early summer, if I cannot commit to teaching those classes in the fall, I may lose the opportunity to teach at all that semester.

7. Up until the time of my arrest and detention, I was in active J-1 status through my program at Georgetown University. Personnel at Georgetown handled any activity related to my SEVIS record. I did not have access to that record to view or modify it.

8. I never received any written notification of any kind that my SEVIS record or my J-1 status had been terminated. The only indication I had of this at the time of my arrest was the statement made by one of the agents who arrested me, that my visa had been revoked.

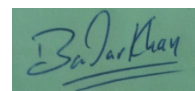
9. Once I was released from detention, I tried to log into my Georgetown email account, but I have been locked out of it. My Georgetown ID has also been deactivated. I understand that I cannot return to my program and my fellowship until my SEVIS record is restored.

10. If I am forced to sit idly for an extended period of time, it will likely be devastating to my career. Academia is a competitive field, and if someone has any kind of break in their resume or time away from the field, they are at a significant disadvantage when they try to return to the job market. I may lose my current opportunity at Georgetown, since I don't know how long my spot will remain open for me. There is also great pressure to publish one's scholarship in order to progress, which I cannot do without access to my program. I am very worried that a long period of time in which I am unable to work will be very damaging to my career and my future prospects.

11. Not being able to work and receive my stipend from Georgetown is also creating significant financial hardship for me and my family. Prior to my arrest and detention, I was the primary breadwinner for our family. Without being able to work, our family is having to accept assistance from our children's school and other members of our community to help with food and summer camps for the children. This is humiliating for me. In addition, I had been helping to support my family in India, which I am no longer able to do.

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

Executed on the 23rd day of June, 2025.



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Badar Khan Suri