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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

Zafar Iqbal,

Petitioner,

v.

Laura HERMOSILLO, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:26-cv-00040-DWC

Agency No. A



**DECLARATION OF
SHARA SVENDSEN**

I, Shara Svendsen, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney with Law Office of Shara Svendsen, PLLC, and counsel for the Petitioner in the instant proceedings.
2. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of Sworn Declaration of Anna Ciesielski, Attorney. Ms. Ciesielski provided me this declaration in support of Mr. Iqbar's petition for writ of habeas.

These documents have been marked pursuant to Local Civil Rule 10(e)(10).

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

Executed this 9th day of January, 2026.

By: /s/ Shara Svendsen
Shara Svendsen
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Attorney for Petitioner

Exhibit A

SWORN DECLARATION OF ANNA CIESIELSKI

1. My name is Anna Ciesielski. I am an immigration attorney in Portland, Oregon.
2. I represent Zafar Iqbal ("Mr. Iqbal") in his immigration matters. Mr. Iqbal has two applications pending – an asylum application at the Immigration Court and a petition for U Nonimmigrant status with USCIS. He has a work permit obtained based on his asylum application. That work permit is valid until December 3, 2029.
3. Mr. Iqbal was a victim of felony assault and filed a petition for U Nonimmigrant status which was received at USCIS on November 15, 2025.
4. Mr. Iqbal is currently detained at the Northwest ICE Processing Center in Tacoma, Washington.
5. Mr. Iqbal is a native and citizen of Pakistan. He entered the U.S. on 06/12/2023 and was released within the United States on his own recognizance.
6. While released on his own recognizance, Mr. Iqbal complied with all of ICE's requests including wearing an ankle monitor and sending weekly photos of himself.
7. Mr. Iqbal has never been arrested nor convicted for any criminal offense in the United States nor anywhere in the world.
8. Mr. Iqbal was detained by ICE agents at his home in Vancouver, Washington.

I, Anna Ciesielski, swear or affirm that the statement above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and memory.



Anna Ciesielski

01/05/2026