UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-10787-WGY

DECLARATION OF SHALINI GOEL AGARWAL

- I, Shalini Agarwal, an attorney admitted to practice before this Court, do hereby state the following under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:
- 1. I am an attorney admitted to appear and practice pro hac vice before this court. I represent Plaintiffs in the above-captioned action.
- 2. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of their Motion for Preliminary Injunction, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65.
- 3. The facts set forth herein are based upon my personal knowledge or a review of the files in my possession.
- 4. I have attached to this declaration true and correct copies of publicly promulgated or issued documents and factual declarations, as follows:
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit 43 is a true and correct copy of a PDF of a National Institutes of Health (NIH) webpage last updated September 13, 2024 and titled "Contracts." The PDF was captured on April 18, 2025. The first citation to Exhibit 16 in the Memorandum of Law in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction (ECF No. 41 at 21) was intended to

reference the document attached hereto. Plaintiffs inadvertently omitted this exhibit from the original filing and so attach it here.

- 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit 44 is a February 21, 2025 memorandum titled "Directive on NIH Priorities" issued by Matthew J. Memoli, Acting Director of NIH.
- 7. Attached hereto as Exhibit 45 is the supplemental declaration of Scott Delaney and accompanying exhibits.
- 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit 46 is the supplemental declaration of Jeremy Berg and accompanying exhibits.
- 9. Attached hereto as Exhibit 47 is a true and correct copy of NIH's current Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Short-Term Institutional Research Training Grant (Parent T35) funding opportunity, dated March 31, 2025. The previous version of the same Notice of Funding Opportunity is attached hereto as Exhibit 48, captured from the Wayback Machine as it appeared on January 22, 2025. A comparison between the two shows that all mentions of recruitment of individuals from underrepresented communities have been removed from the current version.
- 10. Attached hereto as Exhibit 49 is a true and correct copy of a PDF of an NIH webpage last updated March 25, 2025 and titled "Updates to NIH Institutional Training Grant Applications." The PDF was captured May 19, 2025.
- 11. Attached hereto as Exhibit 50 is a true and correct copy of ECF No. 276-5 from Washington v. Trump, No. 2:25-cv-00244-LK (W.D. Wash. 2025), which consists of a March 11, 2025 document with the subject line "Initial Actions Regarding President Trump's Executive Orders INFORMATION."

12. Attached hereto as Exhibit 51 is a document titled "Research General Terms and Conditions, Agency Specific Requirements for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)" and dated April 8, 2021.

13. Attached hereto as Exhibit 52 is the supplemental declaration of Plaintiff Nicole Maphis and accompanying exhibits.

14. Attached hereto as Exhibit 53 is a true and correct copy of a May 16, 2025 article from *Nature* by Smriti Mallapaty, titled *Can NIH-funded research on racism and health survive Trump's cuts?*

15. Attached hereto as Exhibit 54 is the supplemental declaration of Plaintiff Katie Edwards.

Dated: May 19, 2025

Washington, DC

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 19, 2025, a true copy of the above document was filed via the Court's CM/ECF system and that a copy will be sent automatically to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/ Shalini Goel Agarwal</u> Shalini Goel Agarwal