

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

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| TAREQ AQEL MOHAMMED AZIZ, et al., |) | |
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| Petitioners, |) | |
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| v. |) | Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-116 |
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| DONALD TRUMP, President of the United |) | |
| States, et al., |) | |
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| Respondents. |) | |

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA’S MOTION TO INTERVENE

The Commonwealth of Virginia respectfully moves to intervene as a plaintiff in this case under Rule 24 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Commonwealth is entitled to intervene of right under Rule 24(a) because no existing party adequately represents Virginia’s interest in protecting its residents from the ongoing unlawful enforcement of the recent Executive Order, “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States,” signed by President Donald J. Trump on January 27, 2017.

The Commonwealth has substantial interests justifying its intervention. Virginia has a substantial interest in protecting its public universities and their faculty and students from the academic and fiscal disruption posed by the Executive Order. The Executive Order impairs the ability of students who are lawful permanent residents or present on student visas from continuing to attend Virginia’s public colleges and universities. That impairment will hamper the ability of Virginia’s colleges and universities to attract and retain foreign students in the future and result in a significant loss of tuition revenue to the Commonwealth. The Executive Order also hinders the travel of faculty members and other educational personnel employed by

