

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AIDEN STOCKMAN, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 5:17-cv-01799 (JGB)
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DONALD TRUMP, et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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DECLARATION OF CPT JOHN KARETA
(Pertaining to Plaintiff Jaquice Tate)

I, John Kareta, hereby declare as follows:

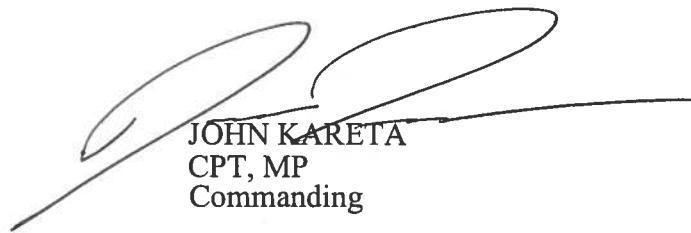
1. I am a Captain in the U.S. Army currently serving as the Commander, United States Army Garrison Military Police Company, at West Point, New York. I have been in the Army for over 4 years, and I have been in my current position since June 2017. As a company commander, I am the senior officer within my unit and responsible for all the personnel and equipment within my unit, including processing personnel actions for Soldiers under my command.

2. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and on information provided to me in the course of my official duties. I submit this declaration in support of the defendants' motion to dismiss the above-captioned action and in opposition to the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction. In particular, I address below the current status of Sergeant (SGT) Tate, a Soldier in my company, in the present litigation.

3. On September 14, 2017, the Secretary of Defense issued Interim Guidance prohibiting the involuntary separation or discharge of a Soldier due to his or her transgender status or diagnosis of gender dysphoria. In compliance with this policy, no Soldier in my unit, to include SGT Tate, is currently pending separation or discharge due to their transgender status or gender dysphoria diagnosis. Nor will any Soldier in my unit face such a separation on that basis, absent a change

in the existing policy. Further, no Soldier in my unit whose term of service expires while the Interim Guidance is in effect will be denied re-enlistment due to his or her transgender status. Accordingly, SGT Tate will not be discharged due to transgender status while the Interim Guidance is in effect.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 17th day of October 2017.



JOHN KARETA
CPT, MP
Commanding