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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

CITIZENS OF EBEY'S RESERVE FOR A HEALTHY, SAFE & PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT,

NO. 2:13-cv-01232-TSZ

Plaintiffs.

v.

DECLARATION OF ISOBEL KAMEROS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY; ADMIRAL BILL GORTNEY, in his official capacity as the Commander, Fleet Forces Command; and COMMANDER MIKE NORTIER, in his official capacity as Commander Naval Air Station Whidbey Island,

Federal Defendants.

I, ISOBEL KAMEROS, declare as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify in this matter. The information in this declaration is based on my personal belief.
- 2. I am Isobel Kameros, age 64, and married to Douglas Oliver, age 64. We are both retired. My career was a Database Administrator at Boeing, and Doug was a Long Haul Truck Driver.

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- 3. In August of 2003 we decided to move to the Coupeville area on Whidbey Island, the heart of The Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, described on the National Park Service Website as "almost a Paradise of Nature." We bought a 1.5 acre waterfront parcel on scenic Penn Cove. It was paradise and we proceeded to invest our retirement savings into building a beautiful custom home on the property, 190 feet of waterfront.
- 4. Everything was wonderful until 2010 and 2011 when the Navy really ramped up its transition to the EA 18G Growler aircraft and ramped up operations at OLF Coupeville. All of a sudden we were directly under these ear splitting jets just 200 feet over our house for up to four hours a day, often until 1:00 a.m. and up to five days a week. The noise is horrendous and the vibrations get into the core of your body. There is no escape from the noise, vibration and jet exhaust, even with all of the windows closed.
- 5. An example of this horrific occurred the week before Father's Day in 2012. Growlers performed the race track pattern over our home continuously over our home until 1 AM. We had no hearing protection available the first night it occurred that week. The next morning and for an entire week afterward we both had ringing in our ears, and Doug suffered ear pain. Our dog was completely deaf the following morning, with no prior hearing problems.
- 6. During 2011 and 2012 the Growlers were conducting FCLPs at treetop level above our home often until 1:00 A.M. for up to four or five nights some weeks. Presently they fly mostly nights until midnight or later and we cannot sleep until they stop.
- 7. With the arrival of the Growlers I developed extreme anxiety and depression. Her family doctor, Ann Dannhauer in Coupeville diagnosed anxiety disorder

caused by excessive, toxic jet noise exposure and manifesting in emotional distress, insomnia and difficulty functioning in her daily activities. I am still taking Celexa, an anti-depressant/anxiety prescription, as prescribed by Dr. Dannhauer. It helps some.

- 8. We have had our "dream home" listed for sale on and off for over two years. It has been listed below assessed value, and we pay over \$7,000.00 per year in property taxes. Due to the Growler noise and public health emergency it is creating, we have had no offers on our house. The stress of having it listed for so long without any interest has caused Isobel to experience serious health issues. We feel trapped.
- 9. Doug built a noise bunker in our unfinished basement complete with a queen size blow up bed on the floor. It is the only way we can sleep or get away from the noise when the Growlers are training.

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

Dated this 15 day of March, 2015, in Coupeville, Washington.

Isobel Kameros

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