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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

UNEMPLOYMENT LAW PROJECT, et al.

Petitioners,

v.

SUZAN LEVINE, COMMISSIONER FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE EMPLOYMENT
SECURITY DEPARTMENT,

Respondent.

DECLARATION OF WILLIAM F. BURRIS SR.

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I, William F Burris SR, make the following statement based on personal knowledge.

1. I am a Vietnam Navy Veteran and currently reside in the city of Bremerton in Kitsap County, WA.

2. I was wrongfully terminated by my employer on 1/16/2020.

3. I applied for unemployment benefits on 1/16/2020. I had to go through a special adjudication process with the Special Wage and Benefits Unit before I was to be approved and allowed unemployment benefits.

4. On 5/22/2020, I received a letter requesting additional information regarding my identity.

5. In response, I mailed a photocopy of my driver's license, DOD identification, Veterans Medical Card, and my Government Badge .

6. My last check was on 5/16/2020.

7. I have done everything the Washington Unemployment Division has asked me to do, before and after Covid19 Emergency. I waited 3 months to receive benefits in the first place. I thought I was already cleared to receive benefits and now here I am / family waiting for the second round of approval.

8. This financial burden forced me to move from my home. I

cannot pay my medical bills for my PTSD or Physician.

9. I am not able to care for my family. I was denied food stamps because DSHS said I am getting unemployment benefits.

10. I feel like I am drowning, I earned these benefits and I am not receiving them through no fault of my own.

11. I fought for this country and I worked for my fellow Veterans for years and I feel unfairly treated by Washington State.

12. On a scale of 1-10 my level of fear and stress is a 7, because I cannot afford to see my Psychologist for PTSD and I cannot take care of my family's needs.

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

DATED this 9th day of June, 2020 in Seattle, Washington.

/s/ William F. Burris
William F. Burris

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Tony Dondero, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington and the United States that, on June 23, 2020, I served the document to which this Certificate is attached to the party listed below in the manner shown.

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Dated this 23rd day of June 2020.

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