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The Honorable Catherine Shaffer
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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
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VET VOICE FOUNDATION; et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STEVE HOBBS, et al.,

Defendants.

NO. 22-2-19384-1 SEA

DECLARATION OF
WILLIAM MCGINTY IN SUPPORT
OF DEFENDANT STEVEN HOBBS'
MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE

1. My name is William McGinty. I am over the age of eighteen years, and competent to testify to the matters stated herein, and do so from my personal knowledge.

2. On December 21, 2022, I wrote an email to David Hackett and Ann Summers, attorneys for Julie Wise, Susan Slonecker, and Stephanie Cirkovich in this matter. I indicated that Secretary Hobbs was considering moving to change venue to Thurston County and asked what their position would be if such a motion were brought. Mr. Hackett wrote back and said that his clients would prefer that venue remain in King County.

3. I followed up with Mr. Hackett and Ms. Summers on January 18, 2023, and asked for a meeting to discuss the issue. Mr. Hackett wrote me back on January 20, 2023, and again wrote that his clients would prefer venue to remain in King County, and that he saw no need to discuss the matter further.

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

3 DATED this 26th day of January 2023, at Olympia, Washington.

4 s/ William McGinty
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