

The Honorable Robert J. Bryan

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA**

UGOCHUKWU GOODLUCK NWAUZOR,  
FERNANDO AGUIRRE-URBINA,  
individually and on behalf of all those  
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants,

v.

THE GEO GROUP, INC.,

Defendant/Counter-Claimant.

Case No. 3:17-cv-05769-RJB

**DECLARATION OF BRUCE SCOTT IN  
SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT THE GEO  
GROUP, INC.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT**

**DECLARATION OF BRUCE SCOTT**

I, Bruce Scott, hereby declare:

1. I am the Assistant Facility Administrator of the Northwest ICE Processing Center (“NWIPC”), a facility that is operated by the GEO Group (“GEO”). I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein. If called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto under oath.

2. In my role, I am responsible for administration of the NWIPC.

3. I am familiar with the operations of the NWIPC and the operations related to its detainees and employees.

4. All detainees at the NWIPC, who participate in the Voluntary Work Program (“VWP”), are in the legal custody of ICE.

5. The NWIPC has never allowed a non-detainee to participate in the VWP.

1 6. All participants in the VWP are detainees in the custody of ICE.

2 7. All participants in the VWP live within the NWIPC.

3 8. All participants in the VWP sleep within the NWIPC.

4 9. All detainees, at no cost to them, are provided a living area, clothing, bedding,  
5 regular meals, and healthcare.

6 10. GEO does not classify any participants in the VWP as employees.

7 11. GEO does not currently have a formal system in place for uniformly tracking how  
8 many hours each detainee participates in the VWP per day.

9 12. GEO operates in a number of different jurisdictions and has regional human  
10 resources departments that work with in-house and outside counsel to ensure compliance with  
11 relevant employment laws as they relate to GEO's employees.

12 13. GEO currently has approximately 340 employees at the NWIPC.


13 14. If GEO's detainees at the NWIPC were to be classified as employees, this would  
14 result in at least 400 additional employees on any given day.

15 15. To accommodate that number of additional employees, GEO would need to hire  
16 additional human resources personnel, including those with expertise obtaining work  
17 authorization paperwork.

18 16. Additionally, GEO would eventually need to restructure and renegotiate the  
19 pricing of its contracts with ICE to account for the increased cost.

20 17. Implementing these changes, and the associated costs, would be a significant  
21 burden.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the  
23 foregoing is true and correct and that I executed this Declaration on the 2nd day of January,  
24 2019, in Tacoma, WA.

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27 Bruce A. Scott Jr., Declarant