## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NATIONAL TREASURY EMPLOYEES UNION, et al., Plaintiffs,

v.

RUSSELL VOUGHT, in his official capacity as Acting Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 25-cv-0381-ABJ

## **DECLARATION OF JUANITA WEST-TILLMAN**

I, Juanita West-Tillman, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ("NAACP") and the former Secretary of the Pasadena branch. I am more than 18 years of age and competent to testify about the facts contained in this declaration. The statements made in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge.
- 2. I live in Altadena, California, which was recently devastated by a fire that destroyed thousands of buildings and took nearly twenty lives. I, and other members of my NAACP branch, lost everything in the Altadena fire, including my house and all my possessions therein.
- 3. Following the fire, there were numerous financial scams and predatory schemes targeted at fire victims—fraudulent loans, loans with illegal terms, mortgage scams. A multitude of types of financial fraud was, and is, being targeted at people who, like me, have just lost their homes. I had a difficult time determining what assistance was legitimate and what was fraudulent. I know other members of the Altadena Branch of the NAACP who had the same experience.

4. When the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau stopped work in early February 2025, NAACP members were already taking advantage of the Bureau's assistance to help them avoid predatory financial schemes, educate fellow members about them, and provide direct assistance, including connecting us with resources that could help us get back on our feet. I was intending to take advantage of and rely on such assistance. But the CFPB abruptly stopped offering it. Without the CFPB, I and other NAACP members who are victims of the Altadena fire will be unable to recover money lost to financial predators.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 27, 2025, in Los Angeles, CA.

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Juanita West-Tillman