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DECLARATION OF BAKARI JACOBY ETTER

I, BaKari Jacoby Etter, declare as follows:

1. I am 15 years old. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called to testify, could and would competently testify to them.

2. I live with my grandma in Vallejo, California, where I attend high school. I am about to start 10th grade. I have two older sisters, Auvionce and Cierra. They both have the same mom and dad as me.

3. My dad is Jacoby Etter. He has been in jail at Stanton Correctional Facility in Solano County for nearly two years.

4. I have always had a connection with my dad. Before he was in jail, I saw him at least once or twice a month. I knew him well. I was so grateful to have a dad and to tell people about him. I always treasured my time with him. When we were together, I would always learn something new. I could tell he cared about who I was becoming. He'd come to my sports games and it would mean so much to me.

5. There's one memory of my dad that is especially important to me. It was around 2020, when I was about six or seven. My dad and I were at a park, and I wanted him to buy me something: a Voltron action figure. He said, "no" and I had a really bad reaction. I yelled at him and called him names. But instead of reacting back, my dad used it as a teaching moment. He talked to me about how to keep my cool, and he gave me advice about how to make something of myself. In the end, he got me the thing I had asked for, and he gave me some cash too. He told me to do something creative with it. That is the kind of thing my dad would do to teach me how to be a better man. That is the kind of interaction I feel I can't really have with my dad anymore since we can't see each other in person.

6. My dad always had a special way of teaching me things. Sometimes he would give me life advice in the form of a riddle, and I loved unpacking the wisdom hidden inside. Right before he went to jail, my dad told me one of these riddles. I'm still trying to figure out

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what that riddle means. I would love to be able to go into the jail and talk it through with him in person.

7. Since my dad has been in jail, we mostly stay in touch by talking on the phone. It's nice to talk to my dad, but it's not the same as being together in the same room. Plus, the phone calls cut off in the middle of conversation sometimes. And there are people listening in on the calls. I don't feel like I can say everything I want to say to my dad on those phone calls.

8. My older sisters use iWebVisit to have video calls with my dad. Sometimes I join in their calls, but not too often. I do not really get much out of the video calls. If I can't see my dad in person, I don't really see the point of a video call.

9. Ever since my dad went to jail, I haven't been able to hug him, touch him, or be in the same room as him. I feel our relationship changing. I notice myself feeling less connected to him. I can tell that I'm distancing myself from him even though I don't want to; I notice myself cutting our calls shorter, losing interest in our conversations, and giving shorter responses. Some days are extra hard, like my birthday and Father's Day. On those days, I feel especially sad that the jail won't let me see him.

10. If the Solano County jail permitted contact visits, I would definitely go visit my dad in person. I want to see him with my own eyes. I want to give him a hug. I want to have a conversation that is just between him and me, without someone listening on the line. I'd try to see him as much as possible. There are some conversations that are better to have in person and I want desperately to have those conversations with my dad again. I'd want to talk to him about my love life, my friendships, my school life and my life outside of school. And I'd want him to see how much I've grown physically.

11. I know that seeing my dad in person would be really emotional. I don't think I could keep my composure. But I'd visit him anyways because it's so important. I don't take it for granted that I have a dad. I have many friends who don't have dads, either because their dads died or were never around to begin with. I feel lucky that I have a dad and that he wants to be involved in my life. So, even if it were emotional to visit, it would still be a big priority for me.

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12. I understand that this case is about restoring contact visits at the Solano County jails so that kids like me can see our parents. I have talked with my lawyer about what it means to be involved in a class action lawsuit. I want to be involved in the case so that other kids and families do not have to go through what my family and I are going through.

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

Executed this 15 day of July, 2026, in Vallejo, California.

Signed by:
Bakari Etter
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