

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

<p>SUSAN WEBBER, JONATHAN ST. GODDARD, RHONDA MOUNTAIN CHIEF, DAVID MOUNTAIN CHIEF, AND DOES 1-100,</p> <p>Plaintiffs,</p> <p>and</p> <p>MONTANA FARMERS UNION,</p> <p>Plaintiff-Intervenor</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and, in her official capacity, KRISTI NOEM,</p> <p>Defendants.</p>	<p>Cause No. 4:25-cv-00026-DLC</p> <p>DECLARATION OF SARAH DEGN</p>
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I, Sarah Degn, under penalty of perjury, declare as follows:

1. I grew up in Montana, lived out of state for 13 years to pursue other career opportunities, and moved back to my family's farm in Sidney, Montana, in 2019 so my father could retire. My great grandparents homesteaded in Montana in

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the 1920s and I am the fourth generation to farm in Richland County.

2. I attended both Montana State University and Northwest College, and obtained a degree in Photographic Communications. I am speaking based on my personal knowledge and background as a farmer, as well as a representative of the Montana Farmers Union.

3. I have owned and operated Fresh Hopped Farm in Sidney, Montana, since 2017.

4. I have been a member of Montana Farmers Union for 8 years and on the Board of Directors for 6 years. I currently serve on the Board of Directors and we voted to seek intervention in this litigation.

5. Most of the members of Montana Farmers Union are not enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe.

6. As part of my work as a farmer and rancher and with Montana Farmers Union, I interact with the agriculture community across Montana, as well as into Canada. I understand the deep relationships we have with our international partners, especially Canada, and the amount of trade we do across the border.

7. I, as well as my fellow farmers and ranchers, rely on stability in the trade market and conduct years of planning to position our businesses for success.

8. I do not have sufficient reserves to overcome the sudden loss of the soybean, corn, and wheat international markets.

9. I am worried that if the tariffs are ever enjoined, reduced, or removed, my previous trading partners will no longer seek to do business with Fresh Hopped Farm again.

10. To make matters worse, the steel and aluminum tariffs make it exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to maintain my existing facilities and build new ones.

11. Because Fresh Hopped Farm has done business in the international market for decades, I believe these tariffs will create even more pain than we have already experienced, which will last for a long time and be difficult to recover from.

Executed on this 17 day of April, 2025



Sarah Degn