UNITED STATES SENATE SENATOR RON JOHNSON

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DECLARATION OF LT CHAD R. COPPIN

- 1. My name is LT Chad R. Coppin. I am over 18 years of age, and I am not suffering under any mental disability and am competent to make this declaration under penalty of perjury. I am able to read and write, and I make this Declaration voluntarily and of my own free will and accord. No one has used any threats, force, pressure, or intimidation to make me sign this Declaration, nor has anyone offered or given to me any monetary or non-monetary compensation or reward for making this Declaration. I understand that I am making this Declaration under the penalty of perjury. I have read the statements in this Declaration, and they are my understanding of the facts. I have personal knowledge, experience and understanding of these matters, and I make this Declaration in support of the truth of the contents contained herein.
- 2. This Declaration is a communication and testimony solicited by and made to a Member of Congress. I make this Declaration as a whistle blower under the Military Whistleblower Protection Act, Title 10 U.S.C. § 1034.
- 3. I am a Lieutenant in the United States Coast Guard (USCG) currently serving at Sector Juneau as the Prevention Chief of Inspections Division. My next rotation date for future assignment is 01 July 2024, which also coincides with my retirement eligibility date after attaining 22 overall years of active-duty service with 10 years as a commissioned officer.
- 4. I enlisted in the USCG in March 2002. Upon graduating Basic Training I was assigned to USCGC HEALY, an icebreaker out of Seattle, WA. After two deployments conducting missions in the Arctic Circle and down south to McMurdo, Antarctica, I was selected to attend the Airman program in North Bend, Oregon in pursuit of Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) A-school. Upon successful completion and graduation from AMT A-school I was advanced to E-4 in December 2003 and began my USCG aviation career. I served at AIRSTA Barber's Point, Hawaii and AIRSTA Sacramento, CA spanning 2004-2014 as an aviation mechanic and aircrew aboard the mighty HC-130H Hercules. I earned my Basic Aircrew, Dropmaster, Sensor Systems Operator (Instructor), and Flight Engineer (Instructor) qualifications. As an E-5 Flight Engineer, my command entrusted me with the greatest level of responsibility acting as the conduit between the Pilots (commissioned officers) and the enlisted aircrew. Our missions included long range Search and Rescue (SAR), Law Enforcement (LE) and medical evacuation missions with an area of responsibility spanning the Pacific Ocean, from Japan to Central and South

America. I was in charge of running aircraft systems, managing in-flight emergency procedures, conducting ground maintenance evolutions while deployed to foreign countries and qualifying other enlisted members into various aircrew positions. During my tour at AIRSTA Sacramento, I completed my Bachelor's Degree (Magne Cum Laude) in Aeronautical Science through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and was selected to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) at the US Coast Guard Academy. I departed AIRSTA Sacramento and reported to OCS in January 2014.

- 5. I received my commission as an Ensign (O1-E) in May 2014 and transferred to Sector Puget Sound in Seattle, WA to start my new career path as an Operational Ashore Prevention Officer. I earned numerous vessel inspection qualifications, provided new construction oversight for small passenger vessels, inspected large foreign container ships, oil tankers and the Washington State Ferry System. I interacted daily with the public and advised on federal regulations while maintaining commercial vessel operator compliance within our maritime transportation system. I transferred to USCG District Thirteen in Seattle, WA in 2017 working for District Prevention Waterways (dpw), whose office is responsible for managing federal waterways, Aids to Navigation (ATON) and ensuring the safety of the boating public in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. In August 2020 I transferred to my current unit Sector Juneau, AK where I now serve as Chief of Inspections Division responsible for regulatory oversight of foreign and domestic vessel operations within Southeast Alaska. Since recruit training, I have now served honorably for over 20 years, and I will continue to do so, God willing.
- 6. As a commissioned officer in the United States Coast Guard, it is my responsibility to uphold the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. It is for this reason that I present the following information that brings into question the ability of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to continue to push the lawful order of making service members partake in the injection of the "Comirnaty labeled" Covid-19 shots that recently appeared at select military installations across the country. On June 10th, 2022 a shipment of 60 Comirnaty vials packaged in six boxes of ten vials, was received by my Coast Guard medical clinic in Juneau, AK. I found this interesting as they arrived unannounced to any service members and to date, FDA approved Comirnaty labeled vials had never been seen in the USA. Prior to this date, only emergency use authorization shots have been available to fulfill the DoD/DHS mandate. I inquired to my medical staff as to where these Comirnaty labeled vials came from and it was revealed that the vials were shipped to our medical clinic from the US ARMY at Ft. Detrick, MD. I called Ft. Detrick with the information I had received in an email regarding the shipping and arrival instructions of Comirnaty to our Coast Guard unit. A US Army civilian contractor answered my call and confirmed they had sent our unit the package of 60 vials (6 boxes of 10 vials each) of Comirnaty "grey cap". He explained to me that the Comirnaty labeled vials were sent to Ft. Detrick from the Kalamazoo, MI Pfizer plant and Ft. Detrick then shipped them to our USCG bases. I requested any information about manufacturing locations of this product and he mentioned that I would have to call Pfizer at Kalamazoo, MI for any additional information and that he had nothing further to provide me.

- 7. After many hours working through Pfizer's customer service phone numbers to no avail, I eventually made contact with a Pfizer customer service representative on July 7, 2022 who could assist me with my question. The Pfizer Customer Service representative was able to look up our Lot number FW 1331 and stated as heard in the recording I have provided, that Lot FW1331 was manufactured in France. It was manufactured on January 28th, 2022 and expires on December 31, 2022. No other specific information regarding what Pfizer location, city or address in France was provided.
- 8. The significance of the France manufacturing location is that it is not an authorized manufacturing location as per the FDA's Comirnaty BLA Supplement Approval letter dated December 16, 2021. As written in the supplement approval letter to Mr. Patel, it states, "We have approved your request submitted and received on November 18, 2021, to supplement your Biologics License Application (BLA) under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA (COMIRNATY), to include a new 30 microgram dose formulation (Tris/Sucrose) of COMIRNATY manufactured at the Pfizer Manufacturing Belgium NV, Puurs, Belgium (Pfizer, Puurs) facility."
- 9. The significance of this to service members is that we are being told that our military medical clinics at select locations across the country have the FDA approved Comirnaty. Pfizer has stated on this recorded phone call that Lot number FW 1331 was manufactured in France which makes this not an FDA approved version for distribution in the United States of America according to the approved manufacturing locations declared in its BLA license. This invalidates the claim presented by Commanding Officers at Department of Defense and United States Coast Guard installations that the Comirnaty labeled vaccine being offered is actually FDA approved. Commanding Officer's are using this shipment of Comirnaty from Ft. Detrick to try and convince and coerce the remaining unvaccinated service members into compliance with their order to receive a fully FDA approved Covid-19 vaccine.
- 10. It is my hope that this information will generate an investigation to confirm the manufacturing locations of Comirnaty Lot FW1331 and other Lot numbers being shipped to US military installations from Ft. Detrick, MD. To date, Coast Guard medical clinics nor Pfizer has produced any documentation attesting to the manufacturing location of the Comirnaty labeled vials currently being offered to service members.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 30, 2022.

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Chad R. Coppin, LT