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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

ABDIQAFAR WAGAFE, et al., on)
behalf of themselves and)
others similarly situated,)
)

Plaintiffs,)CASE NO.

)17-cv-00094 RAJ

vs.)

DONALD TRUMP, President of)
the United States, et al.,)
)

Defendants.)

_____)

VIDEO-RECORDED REMOTE DEPOSITION
OF KELLEY COSTELLO
TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA
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1 Must be statutory but...CARRP gives you
2 additional latitude. Are we normally going to deny
3 for failure to notify of a change of address,
4 returning to one's country of claimed persecution,
5 or lack of attachment? Not normally - but in CARRP,
6 we don't take anything off the table.

7 BY MS. CHO:

8 Q Have you ever denied a CARRP case for
9 failure to notify of a change of address?

10 A No.

11 Q Have you ever denied a non-CARRP case on
12 that basis?

13 A No.

14 Q Have you ever denied a CARRP case for
15 returning to one's country of claimed persecution?

16 A I have not -- no.

17 Q Have you ever denied a non-CARRP case on
18 that basis?

19 A I personally have not, no. But there is
20 a process of abandonment in asylum.

21 Q Understood.

22 Have you ever denied a CARRP case for
23 lack of attachment?

24 A No.

25 Q Is lack of attachment a reason to deny an

1 asylum case?

2 A Not that I'm aware of.

3 Q Can you think of any bases you have
4 relied on to deny CARRP cases that have not resulted
5 in denials for non-CARRP cases that you have
6 adjudicated?

7 A No --

8 MS. BRAGA: Objection.

9 THE WITNESS: Sorry, Victoria, I think
10 you were saying something.

11 MS. BRAGA: I said objection to form.

12 You can answer.

13 THE WITNESS: No. If I'm going to refer
14 a case, it's going to be the same reasons for a
15 CARRP case as it would be for a non-CARRP case.

16 MS. CHO: Okay. Thank you. I'm going to
17 briefly stop sharing.

18 BY MS. CHO:

19 Q In your experience, does USCIS inform
20 applicants when their asylum applications are in
21 CARRP?

22 A I have not personally been involved in
23 discussions notifying applicants of that. So to my
24 knowledge, no. But I'm not the one who's dealing
25 with the -- the person who deals with inquiries.