

EXHIBIT PX-26

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

WHITEWOOD *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WOLF *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action

No. 13-1861-JEJ

DECLARATION OF MARLA CATTERMOLE

I, Marla Cattermole, declare as follows:

1. I am 55 years old, a Pennsylvania resident, and a senior benefits manager for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I currently work for the Public School Employees' Retirement System.

2. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment in the matter of *Whitewood et al. v. Wolf et al.* to briefly describe the importance of marriage to me and how the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's refusal to recognize my marriage is stigmatizing and hurtful.

3. I have lived in Harrisburg with Julia Lobur since 1986. Julia and I married in my hometown of Carroll, Iowa in 2009. I want our marriage to be recognized in Pennsylvania.

4. I have reviewed the Declaration of Julia Lobur, which was also made in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment. That declaration is accurate, and I agree with Julia's statements in her declaration.

5. I agree that Pennsylvania's non-recognition of our marriage disrespects and devalues my love for Julia and the commitment that I have made to her.

6. In addition, I want to emphasize that Pennsylvania's non-recognition of our marriage caused us undue frustration, stress, and added cost in obtaining the "domestic partnership" benefits available to state employees. To obtain family medical leave and to put Julia on my health benefits, we could not just produce our marriage certificate. Instead, we had to produce substantial documentation proving our relationship. Similar benefits are afforded to married opposite-sex couples without having to jump through hoops. Not only did the process of obtaining these benefits make me feel like a second-class citizen, it also made me feel that I am not valued or trusted as a Commonwealth employee.

7. Like Julia, I want to be able to declare myself as "Married" on my Pennsylvania income tax return. I am married to Julia, so checking the "Single" box feels wrong.

8. Like Julia, when she and I die, I want our death certificates to reflect our marriage. And, like Julia, I worry about the effect of the Pennsylvania inheritance tax on the survivor's financial wellbeing.

9. I make this declaration from my own knowledge of the facts and circumstances set forth above. If necessary, I could and would testify to these facts and circumstances.

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

Executed on: April 15, 2014



Marla Cattermole