

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

VAGUELY QUALIFIED PRODUCTIONS  
LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION  
AUTHORITY (the "MTA"); THOMAS F.  
PRENDERGAST, in his official capacity as  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the  
MTA, and JEFFREY B. ROSEN, in his  
official capacity as the Director of the MTA  
Real Estate Department,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:15-cv-04952-CM (GWG)

**DECLARATION OF DEAN OBEIDALLAH**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Dean Obeidallah, declare as follows:

1. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Plaintiff Vaguely Qualified Productions LLC's Motion for Preliminary Injunction. It is based upon my personal knowledge unless otherwise noted.

2. I am a comedian, writer, director, and producer. I obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Fordham University and obtained a Juris Doctor from Fordham Law School. After approximately five years of practicing law, I decided to pursue a career in comedy and the performing arts.

3. I co-starred on Comedy Central's television comedy special, *The Axis of Evil*. I am the co-creator of ComedyCentral.com's critically acclaimed Internet series, *The Watch List*, featuring a cast of Middle Eastern comedians performing stand up and sketch comedy. I am also

the co-creator and co-producer of the New York Arab-American Comedy Festival. This year, I co-produced the first annual Muslim Funny Fest, the first ever Muslim stand-up comedy festival in the United States.

4. I am a columnist for *The Daily Beast*, and write frequently for CNN.com and other publications. I also host a weekly radio show on SiriusXM. I have appeared on numerous international and national television and radio programs including *The View*, *The Situation Room*, *Newshour with Jim Lehrer*, *Nightline*, *20/20*, and *All Things Considered*. I was profiled in the television special, *Stand Up: Muslim-American Comics Come of Age*.

5. In 2013, I co-directed and co-produced the documentary, *The Muslims Are Coming!*, that follows a band of American Muslim comedians as they perform stand-up comedy and interact with residents in big cities, small towns, and rural villages across the United States. I co-directed and co-starred in the film with the director of Vaguely Qualified Productions, LLC, Negin Farsad.

6. Since the Metropolitan Transportation Authority adopted a revised advertising policy on April 29, 2015, it has displayed advertisements in the subway system. An example of one such advertisement that I personally viewed on July 30, 2015, is as follows:



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

Executed on August 9, 2015.



Dean Obeidallah