Confidential Exhibit in Support of Complaint Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and 40 C.F.R. Part 7 Regarding Discrimination by the State of Mississippi Gravely Adversely Impacting the Drinking Water System for the City and the Health and Well Being of the People of Jackson, Mississippi

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А	Declaration Of <sup>(b)(6)</sup> Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

## EXHIBIT A

## DECLARATION OF IN SUPPORT OF TITLE VI COMPLAINT

I, declare as follows:

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1. I am August, my family and I have experienced constant water issues. When our water is good, it trickles out of our faucets. But it's often brown, and sometimes we don't have any water at all. Every day, I wake up and pray that we will have water and that it will be clear.

2. I lost my husband in August. Our water problems made our lives much more difficult while he was sick. At least once, I had to wash him with tea-colored water before a doctor's appointment at the VA Hospital in Jackson, which was a horrible experience. Even when our water wasn't brown, our water intermittently cuts out, and when it does flow, it comes slowly from the taps, so I usually had to wake up very early have sufficient water to try to get ready for his doctors' appointments or, when he was in the hospital, to make it to visit him.

3. When he died this August, I hosted family members for his funeral. While they were with me, we only rarely had water. I was always anxious about whether we'd have water, and I worried nonstop about how my family could wash themselves, cook, or even just flush the toilet. One of my family members had the water go out in the middle of taking a shower.

4. Even under less terrible circumstances, our water takes a toll on us. I think that our water has caused health problems for at least me and my niece, who lives with us part time. In the past, when we used water from our taps to brush our teeth, the water made my niece sick to her stomach. To keep me and my family healthy, I am always forced to pay more money than I should for water. I try to cook, make coffee, or brush my teeth with bottled water to be as safe as possible, even though I am on the public water supply. But sometimes I can barely afford to buy that water. At the same time—and even when we don't have water—I have to try to pay my water bill in addition to that.

5. When I can, I get out of Jackson to visit family members who have clean water. I like to take a really good bath and not worry about whether my water supply will stoo or be dirty. Before I go back to Jackson, I try to call home to see whether we have water.

I DECLARE THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Executed this 27 day of September, 2022.

