## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE DIVISION

YIFAN SHEN, an individual, ZHIMING XU, an individual, XINXI WANG, an individual, YONGXIN LIU, an individual, and MULTI-CHOICE REALTY LLC, a limited liability corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WILTON SIMPSON, in his official capacity as Commissioner of Agriculture for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, MEREDITH IVEY, in her official capacity as Acting Secretary of the Florida Department of Economic **Opportunity**, PATRICIA FITZGERALD, in her official capacity as Chair of the Florida Real Estate Commission, R.J. LARIZZA, in his official capacity as State Attorney for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, MONIQUE WORRELL, in her official capacity as State Attorney for the 9th Judicial Circuit, KATHERINE RUNDLE, in her official capacity as State Attorney for the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:23-cv-208-AW-MAF

## **SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF JIAN SONG**

I, Jian Song, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am authorized on behalf of Multi-Choice Realty, LLC ("Multi-Choice Realty"), a plaintiff in the above-captioned action, to make this supplemental declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration, and if called to testify in this matter, I could and would competently testify to the facts contained herein.

2. Multi-Choice Realty's customers—which include Chinese people who live in China and are neither citizens nor legal permanent residents of the United States; and Chinese people who reside in the United States on a variety of non-immigrant visas and are at substantial risk of being deemed "domiciled" in China—are already being harmed by SB 264.

3. In addition to the harms described in my earlier declaration, mortgage lenders are now refusing to originate loans in the state of Florida for Chinese citizens, including a Multi-Choice Realty customer.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of email correspondence sent from mortgage broker Liu Han of Leader Funding to me, at my email address mymultichoice@gmail.com, dated July 6, 2023. The email contains forwarded correspondence from Jason Sheridan of Acra Lending to Ms. Han, dated July 5, 2023.

5. In the forwarded correspondence, Acra Lending states that it "can not proceed with the new loan" for a Multi-Choice Realty client, Qing Zhou, who is seeking to purchase a residential property in Florida. It continues: "The original loan would have needed to fund on 6/30/23. Due to recent changes in Florida law, Acra is not able to originate new loans in Florida for Chinese citizens."

6. Specifically, because of SB 264, Acra Lending is refusing to provide a mortgage to Qing Zhou, who is a Chinese citizen, ethnically Chinese, and

domiciled in China. Mr. Zhou is neither a citizen nor legal permanent resident of the United States; he has a tourist visa to enter the United States and is seeking to purchase property in Florida with the assistance of Multi-Choice Realty.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of email correspondence sent from Ms. Han of Leader Funding to me, at my email address mymultichoice@gmail.com, dated July 6, 2023. The email contains forwarded email correspondence from Oliver Burik of AD Mortgage to Ms. Han, dated July 6, 2023.

8. In the forwarded correspondence, AD Mortgage states that it "won't be able to originate . . . any loans really in the state of Florida for Chinese citizens."

9. Specifically, because of SB 264, AD Mortgage is refusing to provide a mortgage to Qing Zhou, the same Multi-Choice Realty client described above.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 11th day of July, 2023.

/s/ Jian Song

Jian Song

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# EXHIBIT 1

------ Forwarded message ------From: Liu Han <<u>liu.han@leaderfunding.com</u>> Date: Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 11:05 PM Subject: Fwd: Appraisal transfer To: <<u>mymultichoice@gmail.com</u>>

Fyi

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jason Sheridan <<u>jason.sheridan@acralending.com</u>> Date: July 5, 2023 at 11:15:46 AM EDT To: Liu Han <<u>liu.han@leaderfunding.com</u>> Cc: Lynn Liu <<u>lynn@leaderfunding.com</u>> Subject: RE: Appraisal transfer

Good Morning,

I have reviewed the transaction and unfortunately we can not proceed with the new loan. The original loan would have needed to fund on 6/30/23.

Due to recent changes in Florida law, Acra is not able to originate new loans in Florida for Chinese citizens.

See note from my system regarding the program.

Please reach out with any questions.

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♥ 06/01/2023 7:27 AM	< Lisa LC Curry : 6/01/2023 7:27 AM CDT > Approval u is no longer available in the state of Florida. Existing a be directed to Trisa Nelson or Lisa Curry Updated App
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Thank You,

Jason Sheridan

Vice President, Area Sales Manager



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FIX N FLIP / FIX N KEEP, BRIDGE LOANS QUOTE REQUEST



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#### Mortgagee Clause

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From: Liu Han <<u>liu.han@leaderfunding.com</u>> Sent: Monday, July 3, 2023 3:23 PM To: Jason Sheridan <<u>jason.sheridan@acralending.com</u>> Cc: Lynn Liu <<u>lynn@leaderfunding.com</u>> Subject: Appraisal transfer

**External:** Please proceed with caution.

Jason,

For appraisal report as attached, can you please advise whether Acra Lending, the wholesale lender, or Financial Triangle, the mortgage broker, should provide the appraisal transfer letter to another wholesale lender. Thanks!

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# EXHIBIT 2

------ Forwarded message ------From: Liu Han <<u>liu.han@leaderfunding.com</u>>

Date: Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 11:04 PM Subject: Fwd: Zhou, Qing - FL - Chinese foreign national - contract To: <<u>mymultichoice@gmail.com</u>>

Fyi

Begin forwarded message:

From: Oliver Burik <<u>oliver.burik@admortgage.com</u>> Date: July 6, 2023 at 8:15:50 AM EDT To: Liu Han <<u>liu.han@leaderfunding.com</u>> Subject: Re: Zhou, Qing - FL - Chinese foreign national - contract

Good morning Liu,

I'm afraid we must comply with that new law. We won't be able to originate that loan if the borrower is a citizen of China, or any loans really in the state of Florida for Chinese citizens.

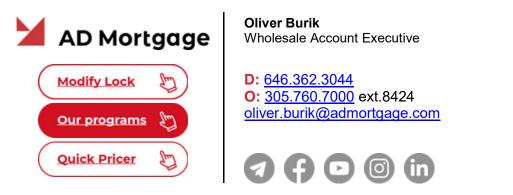
Let me know if you have something else, I can help you with. Best regards,

From: Oliver Burik <<u>oliver.burik@admortgage.com</u>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 5:20 PM
To: Liu Han <<u>liu.han@leaderfunding.com</u>
Subject: Re: Zhou, Qing - FL - Chinese foreign national - contract

Hi Liu,

I sent an email to our Legal department regarding that question. I should receive an answer shortly.

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A&D Mortgage, LLC is an Equal Housing Lender. NMLS ID #958660 (www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org).

From: Liu Han <<u>liu.han@leaderfunding.com</u>>
Date: Wednesday, 5. July 2023 at 23:45
To: Oliver Burik <<u>oliver.burik@admortgage.com</u>>
Subject: Re: Zhou, Qing - FL - Chinese foreign national - contract

#### [Non-ADM Sender]

Oliver,

You know Florida just passed a law which does not allow China citizens to purchase properties in Florida since 7/1/23. But this contract was signed in 2019. Can you please ask your legal department if your company can do this foreign national's DSCR loan? Thanks!

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