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On the Complaint of:	)	AFFIDAVIT OF ASH BRUXVOORT
Sharon Wegner	)	
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Nate Boulton	)	
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On November 20, 2015, I met my friend, Sharon Wegner, at The Continental in the East Village prior to Drag King at Wooly’s. I had recently come out as a lesbian and moved back to Des Moines and Sharon was attending the event with me as a supportive friend. While we were at The Continental, then-candidate Nate Boulton and his wife Andrea entered a large group of people, mostly friends of Sharon’s. Sharon introduced Nate to me as a fellow lawyer, New Leaders Council alumna (which Sharon and I also were) and informed me that he was running for the state Senate. This was the first time I met Senator Nate Boulton and it is the only personal interaction I have ever had with him, although we became Facebook friends during his campaign.

Before arriving at The Continental I had been in attendance at the Iowa Farmers Union state convention the whole day. Sharon informed then-candidate Boulton that I was from a farming family and worked in agriculture. Boulton was very interested in this and we had a one-on-one conversation while standing in the larger group about my experiences growing up

on a farm east of Des Moines, working on farms in different parts of the country, and my work with the Iowa Farmers Union and local sustainable agriculture groups. Boulton gave me his business card that night and asked me to email him so we could discuss family farms in regards to his campaign. I do not believe I followed up on this request because I felt uncomfortable being alone with him based on events I will outline in the following paragraphs.

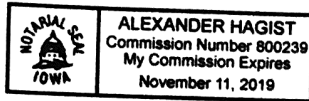
After Nate and I finished our conversation a group of us, including Senator Boulton and his wife, went to Wooly's to attend Drag King. There were other queer women I knew at the event and I moved in between the group that included Sharon, Nate, and Andrea, and other friends throughout the night. At one point a photographer approached the group for a photo and Sharon, Nate, myself, and one other person who I didn't know were photographed standing together. I recall thinking that being photographed attending Drag King was probably a good political move for then-candidate Boulton to show support for gay rights.

Shortly after this photo was taken I was standing near the circle which included Sharon, Nate, and Andrea. At this point, I witnessed Nate put his hand on Sharon's butt and Sharon looked back at me. We exchanged looks and then Sharon and I left the circle to have a conversation at the bar. At that point, Sharon informed me that Nate had been touching her butt throughout the night. I was surprised, but also didn't feel like I could do anything about it because I didn't know him other than as a candidate for office and felt like he held more power in the situation than me.

Once the show at Drag King ended a group of queer women I knew informed me that they were going to an after party at the Beechwood Lounge. I invited Sharon to come with me and she was eager to leave Wooly's and leave Senator Boulton. On the walk to the Beechwood Lounge, we further discussed how Senator Boulton had repeatedly made advances toward her during the show and how uncomfortable she was. I was sorry to hear that she had that experience and was happy we were changing venues. In the basement of the Beechwood Lounge, it was very hard to move around because the room was wall-to-wall queer women dancing. Shortly after Sharon and I arrived I met another woman who asked me to dance with her. Sharon encouraged me to go and have fun, so I did. After I had been dancing for awhile Sharon came over and informed me that she was leaving and I ensured her I would get a safe

ride home. I did not witness Senator Boulton's arrival at the Beechwood Lounge that night and did not witness him inappropriately touching Sharon, but I do recall seeing him there and waving at him.

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Subscribed and Sworn to me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

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