Exhibit 2

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- 1. I am Robert Marra, and I am over the age of eighteen.
- 2. Since January, I have become disgusted and outraged by the conduct of the federal government, both domestically and in foreign affairs; in particular the current Administration's behavior vis-à-vis Ukraine, an ally dedicated to democracy, and Russia, a dictatorship run by a war criminal, Vladimir Putin.
- 3. Since early this year, I have participated in demonstrations on overpasses with a loose group of people called the Visibility Brigade.
- 4. I first learned of the Visibility Brigade by discussing it with a friend, Katherine Hinds, in late January or early February 2025. She shared with me some information about a group in New Jersey that had engaged in protests on highway overpasses.
- 5. I first attended a bridge protest in late January or early February 2025, on Stevens Avenue in West Haven.
- 6. I have since then protested with the group about once a week from then until July.
- 7. In early protests that I took part in, the Brigade was bungee-cording posterboards to the inside of the chain link fencing on overpasses, with each posterboard displaying a letter. The posterboards together spelled out various messages.
- 8. We stopped doing that after the state police claimed that we were "erecting" signs over the highway, even though the attachments were temporary and the signs could never have fallen onto the road because they were on the inside of the fence.
- 9. I have never witnessed objects being thrown or dropped at one of our overpass protests, nor would I ever do so, and if I saw anyone doing that I would insist that they stop.
- 10. To avoid being accused of "erecting" signs, we changed to holding signs or banners against the fencing, or, holding up signs with poles or sticks.
- 11. For some of our protests, I have held the ends of a printed vinyl banner, of which we have several, that have broadly worded messages, such as "Due Process Is The Law," "Resistance is Not Futile," and "Love Liberty? Reject Tyranny."

- 12. Over time, the Visibility Brigade has held a variety of signs and banners with similar messages, including, "Deport Musk," "These voices melt ICE," "No kings. Been There, Done That" and "Hands Off Our Judges."
- 13. We hold the banner up for display by attaching it to poles, and then having one person hold each pole. On windy days, we have a person holding up the middle of the banner, as well.
- 14. At some protests, I have waved a Ukrainian flag, because Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the United States's abysmal comportment on behalf of the Ukrainian people is distressing, and very important, to me.
- 15. I keep a sign with me in my car, which might be very handy to have if our banner or the poles we use to display it become damaged. This sign says "This is the government the Founders warned us about."
- 16. To me, a vital part of our protests is showing our faces and waving while holding the signs. It creates a human connection between me and the people who see the sign.
- 17. When they see our signs and see us waving, people sometimes honk and wave back. Sometimes they give us the middle finger, or yell things. But interacting with them makes the protest better than just putting up a yard sign, or attending a rally consisting entirely, or nearly, of like-minded people. People can see that we are people who live in this area who care enough about our country to take the time to try connecting with others and change minds.
- 18. I live in Southern Connecticut, and I-95 is an important place to connect with people. It's kind of the main street of New Haven and Fairfield Counties.
- 19. There is nothing like I-95 for volume. When we display our signs there and wave, we can reach many more people than we could on a local road.
- 20. From decades of living in Southern Connecticut and traveling on I-95, it has been my experience that the interstate is almost always heavily trafficked.
- 21. In the mornings, traffic headed south on I-95 is always very heavy and moving slowly. In the evenings, traffic headed north on I-95 is the same.
- 22. Each of the times on which I have protested on an overpass, traffic has been typically heavy.
- 23. One of the protests I attended was on Howard Avenue in New Haven on Yale University's graduation day in May. We held up signs and banners congratulating the graduates, and waved at traffic as always.
- 24. A state trooper named Joshua Jackson appeared on Howard Avenue.

- 25. He claimed that we were trespassing by being on the sidewalk and holding signs. He told us that we could not attach signs to the fence, and he tore down our signs. He seemed very mad.
- 26. On that day, on the other side of Howard Avenue, there was an American flag ziptied to the inside of the fencing. We did not put it there, but it looked like it had been out in the sun for a long time. Mr. Jackson did not tear down the flag.
- 27. Mr. Jackson told us that he would arrest us, and demanded that we give him our driver's licenses so he could check for outstanding warrants.
- 28.I thought that was a little much. Most of the Visibility Brigade is retired, and people were standing around on a nice day drinking coffee. We do not appear threatening in any way.
- 29. Mr. Jackson could not tell us what law exactly makes it illegal to display signs from overpasses. He seemed to be making things up and changing his explanation for why what we were doing was 'illegal.'
- 30. At some point, one of Jackson's coworkers drove up, and they conferred.
- 31. Jackson then told us that we were "lucky" because he had to go to an emergency elsewhere.
- 32. In July, I was with others on Stevens Avenue in West Haven, holding up our signs and waving to cars.
- 33. The West Haven police appeared and were friendly. They told us that the state police sent them copies of the "unauthorized signs" statute, and asked them to get us to stop.
- 34. The state police appeared while we were talking with the West Haven police.
- 35. The state police were more courteous than Joshua Jackson, and they asked us to end the demonstration, referencing the same "unauthorized signs" statute that they had earlier shared with the West Haven police.
- 36. From speaking with them, it seemed that their explanation for why we were not allowed to demonstrate was unspecific and rather fluid. It gave me the definite impression that the state police felt like they could arrest us if they wanted to right then, or at any future protest.
- 37. Speaking with them that day, I understood that my right to free speech was not going to be resolved on the sidewalk by talking to the police.

- 38.I am aware that one of our Visibility Brigade members, Katherine Hinds, has been arrested twice by Joshua Jackson and is being prosecuted for protesting on overpasses.
- 39. Katherine's arrest was absolutely a reason why I decided to stop protesting for now. I am not sure who will be next.
- 40. When I made my decision to stop protesting, I had also heard that other groups in the state were being ticketed or harassed by the police for protesting. It seemed to me that it was more likely than not that continuing to show up and protest could lead to a similar outcome.
- 41. I do not want to be arrested or prosecuted for my free speech. Based on the state police's view that overpass protests are illegal, and their evident ability to arrest and prosecute at their discretion, I decided to stop protesting on overpasses until I can get a court ruling in my favor.
- 42. If I had a ruling making clear that my free speech rights protect my ability to show signs from overpasses, I would return to protesting immediately.

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

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