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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 8 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
 9 **FRESNO BRANCH**

10 SANDRA L. KEPHART,
 11 Plaintiff,

Case No.: 1:20-cv-00516-BAM

12 vs.

**STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR THE
 AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES
 PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS
 TO JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)**

13 ANDREW SAUL,
 14 Commissioner of Social Security,
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 16 Defendant

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 18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their undersigned
 19 counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees under the
 20 EAJA in the amount of TWO-THOUSAND FIVE-HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN dollars and
 21 TWENTY-FIVE cents (\$2,597.25). This amount represents compensation for all legal services
 22 rendered on behalf of Plaintiff, to date, by counsel in connection with this civil action, in
 23 accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

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 25 After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff, the government
 26 will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff's
 27 attorney. Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010), the ability to honor the
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1 assignment will depend on whether the fees and expenses are subject to any offset allowed under
2 the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees
3 and expenses is entered, the government will determine whether they are subject to any offset.
4 Fees and expenses shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury
5 determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the
6 payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made directly to Shellie Lott, pursuant to the
7 assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to Plaintiff's counsel.
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9 This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA
10 attorney fees and expenses, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of
11 Defendant under the EAJA. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release
12 from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's counsel may have relating to
13 EAJA attorney fees and expenses in connection with this action.
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15 This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's counsel to seek Social Security
16 Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406, subject to the offset provisions of the EAJA.
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19 Respectfully submitted,

20 Dated: April 26, 2021

21 /s/ Shellie Lott
22 SHELLIE LOTT
23 Attorney for Plaintiff

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25 United States Attorney
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28 Date: April 26, 2021

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(As authorized via email on 4/22/21)
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18 Based upon the parties' Stipulation for the Award of Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal
19 Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), filed on April 23, 2021 (Doc. No. 23.):

20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that attorney fees under EAJA, in the amount of TWO-
21 THOUSAND FIVE-HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN dollars and TWENTY-FIVE cents
22 (\$2,597.25), are awarded to Plaintiff, subject to the terms of the stipulation.

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24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: April 26, 2021

26 /s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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