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Plaintiff's attorney. Pursuant to <u>Astrue v. Ratliff</u>, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2010 WL 2346547 (2010), the ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees, expenses, and costs are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees and expenses and costs is entered, the government will determine whether they are subject to any offset.

Fees, expenses, and costs shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of fees, expenses, and costs to be made directly to Sengthiene Bosavanh, pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to Plaintiff's counsel.

This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney fees and expenses and costs, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from and bar to any and all claims Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's counsel may have relating to EAJA attorney fees and expenses and costs in connection with this action.

This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's counsel to seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406, subject to the provisions of the EAJA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 21, 2011

s/Sengthiene Bosavanh
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## **ORDER**

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

DATED: March 21, 2011

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE