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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 17 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 18 SACRAMENTO DIVISION

19 KRIS BRANDY SANDSTROM,
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 21 Plaintiff,
 22 v.
 23 KILOLO KIJAKAZI,
 24 Commissioner of Social Security,
 25 Defendant.

Case No. 2:20-cv-1919-KJN
 STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR THE
 AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES UNDER
 THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT
 (EAJA) 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), AND COSTS
 PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1920

26 TO THE HONORABLE KENDALL J. NEWMAN MAGISTRATE JUDGE OF
 27 THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT:
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1 The Parties through their undersigned counsel, subject to the Court's approval,
2 stipulate that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees in the amount of SEVEN THOUSAND,
3 TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS and 00/100 (\$7,200.00) under the Equal Access to
4 Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), and no costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920. This
5 amount represents compensation for all legal services rendered on behalf of Plaintiff by
6 counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).

7 After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Plaintiff, the government will
8 consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to counsel. Pursuant to
9 *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 598, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 177 L.Ed.2d 91 (2010), the ability
10 to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to any offset
11 allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After
12 the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will determine whether they are
13 subject to any offset.

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

19 This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for
20 EAJA fees, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant
21 under the EAJA. Payment of SEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS and
22 00/100 (\$7,200.00) in EAJA attorney fees. These payments shall constitute a complete
23 release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and Plaintiff's attorney,
24 Meghan O. Lambert, may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with this
25 action.
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1 This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's attorney to seek Social
2 Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the savings clause
3 provisions of the EAJA.

4 Respectfully submitted,

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6 Dated: 11/16/2021

/s/ Meghan O. Lambert
MEGHAN O. LAMBERT
Attorney for Plaintiff

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9 Dated: 11/17/2021

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17 (*Permission to use electronic signature
18 obtained via email on 11/17/2021).

19 SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: November 18, 2021

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KENDALL J. NEWMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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