UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

## ZULMA ANGELICA LARRAZABAL,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 8:23-cv-2081-VMC-PRL

COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

## ORDER

This matter comes before the Court upon consideration of United States Magistrate Judge Philip R. Lammens's Report and Recommendation (Doc. # 19), entered on May 20, 2024, recommending that the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying benefits be affirmed.

As of this date, neither party has filed an objection to the Report and Recommendation, and the time for the parties to file such objections has elapsed.

## Discussion

After conducting a careful and complete review of the findings and recommendations, a district judge may accept, reject, or modify the magistrate judge's report and recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); <u>Williams v.</u> Wainwright, 681 F.2d 732 (11th Cir. 1982). In the absence of

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specific objections, there is no requirement that a district judge review factual findings *de novo*, <u>Garvey v. Vaughn</u>, 993 F.2d 776, 779 n.9 (11th Cir. 1993), and the court may accept, reject or modify, in whole or in part, the findings and recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). The district judge reviews legal conclusions *de novo*, even in the absence of an objection. <u>See Cooper-Houston v. S. Ry. Co.</u>, 37 F.3d 603, 604 (11th Cir. 1994); <u>Castro Bobadilla v. Reno</u>, 826 F. Supp. 1428, 1431-32 (S.D. Fla. 1993), aff'd, 28 F.3d 116 (11th Cir. 1994).

After conducting a careful and complete review of the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, and giving *de novo* review to matters of law, the Court accepts the factual findings and legal conclusions of the Magistrate Judge.

Accordingly, it is now

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED:

- (1) The Report and Recommendation (Doc. # 19) is **ACCEPTED** and **ADOPTED**.
- (2) The decision of the Commissioner of Social Security is AFFIRMED under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).
- (3) The Clerk is directed to enter judgment accordingly and, thereafter, CLOSE this case.

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DONE and ORDERED in Chambers in Tampa, Florida, this <u>4th</u> day of June, 2024.

VIRCINIA M. HERNANDEZ COVINGTON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE