

If Plaintiff does not owe a preexisting debt subject to a federal administrative offset, then Defendant will direct the payment of the \$8,000.00 award to Plaintiff's attorney. (Doc. 24).

Here, the Court **FINDS** the requested attorney fees and expenses are proper under § 2412(d)(1)(A) and (B). The Court **FURTHER FINDS** an award of \$8,000.00 is reasonable. Accordingly, the parties' Joint Motion is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff is awarded \$8,000.00 for attorney fees and expenses in full satisfaction of any and all claims that may be payable to Plaintiff in this matter under the EAJA, § 2412. Any fees paid belong to Plaintiff, not to Plaintiff's attorney, and can be offset to satisfy any preexisting debt that Plaintiff owes to the United States of America. *See Astrue*, 560 U.S. at 593. If Defendant can verify that Plaintiff does not owe such a preexisting debt subject to an offset, Defendant shall direct that the award be made payable to Rory Linerud under the EAJA assignment. If the payment is mailed, as compared to electronically deposited, it shall be mailed to counsel's address of record: 1144 Wallace Road NW, #212, P.O. Box 5734, Salem, OR 97304.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 5, 2024

s/ David W. Dugan

DAVID W. DUGAN
United States District Judge