# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

# FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

# PORTLAND DIVISION

## MELISSA RATERMAN,

CV No.: 6:18-cv-00997-SU

#### Plaintiff,

## ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT

## ANDREW SAUL, COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

This Court, having reviewed Plaintiff's Motion and Declaration, along with the arguments presented by Plaintiff and Defendant, hereby awards Plaintiff attorney fees in the amount of \$7,984.29 and costs in the amount of \$400.00 for a total award of \$8,384.29, pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

The EAJA attorney fees and costs will be paid to Plaintiff's attorney subject to verification that Plaintiff does not have a debt which qualifies for offset against the awarded fees, pursuant to the Treasury Offset Program as discussed in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If Plaintiff has no such debt, then the check for EAJA fees and costs shall be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney, Robyn M. Rebers, based upon Plaintiff's assignment of these fees to her attorney, and mailed to Plaintiff's attorney at: P.O. Box 3530, Wilsonville, OR 97070.

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If Plaintiff has a qualifying debt, then the check for any remaining funds after offset of the debt shall be made out to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel, Robyn M. Rebers, at the address stated above.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this <u>10th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2020.

/s/ Patricia Sullivan PATRICIA SULLIVAN United States Magistrate Judge

Presented by: Robyn M. Rebers OSB# 034309 Attorney for Plaintiff