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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 10 LAURA MARIE MESSEE, CASE NO. 2:16-CV-01259-DWC 11 Plaintiff, ORDER ON STIPULATED MOTION 12 v. FOR EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT FEES 13 NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, 14 Defendant. 15 This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 and Local 16 Magistrate Judge Rule MJR 13. See also Notice of Initial Assignment to a U.S. Magistrate Judge 17 and Consent Form, Dkt. 5; Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge, Dkt. 6. 18 This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's "Stipulated Motion for Attorney Fees Pursuant to 19 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)." Dkt. 17. 20 Based on the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, ("EAJA"), the Stipulation of 21 the parties (Dkt. 17), attorney time itemization (Dkt. 17-2), and the relevant record, the Court 22 orders EAJA attorney's fees of \$5,896.01 ("EAJA Award"), be awarded to Plaintiff. Astrue v. 23 Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 591–97 (2010). 24

1	The Acting Commissioner shall contact the Department of Treasury after this Order is
2	entered to determine if the EAJA Award is subject to any offset. If the U.S. Department of the
3	Treasury verifies to the Office of General Counsel that Plaintiff does not owe a debt, the
4	government will honor Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA Award and pay the EAJA Award directly
5	to Dellert Baird Law Offices, PLLC, Plaintiff's counsel. If there is an offset, any remainder shall
6	be made payable to Plaintiff, based on the Department of the Treasury's Offset Program and
7	standard practices, and the check shall be mailed to Plaintiff's counsel, Dellert Baird Law
8	Offices, PLLC, at P.O. Box 97301, Lakewood, WA 98497.
9	Dated this 10th day of April, 2017.
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11	David W. Christel
12	United States Magistrate Judge
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