## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY & ETHICS IN WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINSITRATION,

Defendant.

Case 1:17-cv-01336-KBJ

## STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSAL

Defendant the United States General Services Administration ("Defendant") and Plaintiff Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("Plaintiff") (and, collectively, "the Parties"), by and through their respective counsel, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. The Parties do hereby agree to settle and compromise the above-entitled action under the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- 2. Defendant shall pay Plaintiff a lump sum of Four Hundred dollars and zero cents (\$400.00) in costs in this matter in complete satisfaction of any and all claims of attorney's fees, expenses, costs, interest, and any other sums related to this litigation.
- 3. Payment of such costs will be made by an electronic transfer of funds to a bank account specified by Plaintiff. Upon filing the Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal, the Parties will promptly cause the documentation necessary to effectuate this payment to be completed and transmitted.
- 4. This Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal shall represent full and complete satisfaction of all claims arising from the allegations set forth in the Complaint filed in this action, including full and complete satisfaction of all claims for costs, attorneys' fees, search, review, or

processing fees that have been, or could be, made in this case. In particular, this Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal shall include all claims for attorneys' fees and costs, as well as search, review, and processing fees incurred by either Party in connection with the administrative Freedom of Information Act process, the District Court litigation process, and any other proceedings involving the claims raised in this action.

- 5. This Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal shall not constitute an admission of liability or fault on the part of the Defendant or the United States or their agents, servants, or employees, and is entered into by both parties for the sole purpose of compromising disputed claims and avoiding the expenses and risks of further litigation. This Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal is understood not to preclude or prevent Plaintiff from seeking through the Freedom of Information Act or other means records not sought in the Freedom of Information Act request that gave rise to this action.
- 6. This Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- 7. The parties agree that this Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal will not be used as evidence or otherwise in any pending or future civil or administrative action against Defendant or the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- 8. Execution and filing of this Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal by counsel for Plaintiff and by counsel for Defendant shall constitute a dismissal of this action with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii).
- 9. This Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal may be executed in counterparts as if executed by both parties on the same document.
  - 10. This Court may retain jurisdiction for the sole purpose of enforcing this Stipulation.

Counsel for Defendant is authorized to file this stipulation on behalf of Plaintiff.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of October 2017,

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**SO ORDERED** on this 19th day of October, 2017

Ketanji Brown Jackson

The Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson United States District Judge