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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION

IN RE HONDA IDLE STOP LITIGATION

Case No. 2:22-cv-04252-MCS-SK

This Document Relates to:

Hon. Mark C. Scarsi

ALL ACTIONS

**DECLARATION OF ABBY
O'NEILL IN SUPPORT OF FINAL
APPROVAL**

1 I, Abby O’Neill, hereby declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28
2 U.S.C. § 1746 as follows:

3 1. I am a named plaintiff in the above-captioned case. I have personal
4 knowledge of the facts stated herein and, if called upon to testify, would be
5 competent to do so.

6 2. In 2022, I purchased a 2018 Honda Pilot in Mattoon, Illinois.

7 3. My vehicle suffered from the No Restart defect on numerous
8 occasions, approximately 20, between the date I purchased it and the date that I
9 received the replacement starter, as discussed below.

10 4. Prior to the filing of the First Amended Complaint in this action, I
11 contacted Class Counsel regarding the No Restart defect, and I retained Class
12 Counsel to represent me in this case. I agreed to act as a representative plaintiff in
13 a class action litigation, with the understanding that I agreed to act in the best
14 interests of the class.

15 5. My interests are aligned with those of the Settlement Class.
16 Throughout the course of the litigation, I have sought to help purchasers and
17 lessees of vehicles suffering from, or subject to, the No Restart defect receive
18 reasonable relief from Honda. I do not have any interests that are antagonistic to
19 or conflicts with the interests of the Settlement Class.

20 6. Since joining the case, I have communicated with my attorneys to
21 keep myself updated regarding what was happening in the case and to answer my
22 attorneys’ questions regarding my individual facts and circumstances. The
23 communications included, among other things, initial conversations regarding the
24 issues with my vehicle, verifying information prior to joining this action, updating
25 my attorneys on any change in status in my efforts to get the No Restart defect
26 repaired, discussing the status of the litigation, and discussing the status of
27 settlement discussions.

28 7. I searched for and produced responsive documents in response to

1 Honda's document requests, and I provided information in response to Honda's
2 interrogatories. On February 12, 2024, I testified in a deposition, conducted by
3 Honda's counsel, lasting approximately four hours.

4 8. I estimate that I have spent approximately 25 hours participating in,
5 and performing work relating to, this action.

6 9. I have reviewed the terms of settlement and believe that the benefits
7 provided by the settlement represent an excellent result for the Settlement Class.
8 Specifically, I believe that Honda's agreement to provide a free starter replacement
9 without requiring that its dealers or service centers first verify that a vehicle is
10 suffering from the No Restart defect is a very significant benefit. From my own
11 experience with the No Restart defect, I know that it happens intermittently and
12 that one cannot reasonably expect that the problem can be duplicated, or verified,
13 by any service center or dealership.

14 10. I understand that under the settlement, Class Counsel will request
15 that the Court award each Class Representative, including myself, an incentive
16 award of \$7,500.

17 11. I have been informed and understand that whether I receive an
18 incentive award payment and, if so, in what amount, is entirely up to the Court. I
19 also understand that the incentive awards are to be considered by the Court
20 separately from whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and that
21 if the Court declines to award the requested incentive awards, that determination
22 will not affect the validity or finality of the settlement. My support of the
23 settlement is not conditioned on an incentive award.

24 12. I also endorse the application for attorneys' fees by Class Counsel. I
25 believe Class Counsel should be awarded fair compensation for their significant
26 efforts since before the inception of this litigation, for the excellent result achieved,
27 and the substantial risks undertaken in this litigation.

28 13. I recommend the settlement based on my belief that it is fair and

1 reasonable and in the best interest of the proposed class.

2 **I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.**

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4 Dated: March 19, 2026

By: /s/ Abby O'Neill
Abby O'Neill

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