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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 HAMID
BOLOOKI IN SUPPORT OF
FINAL APPROVAL**

1 I, Hamid Bolooki, 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 October of 2015, I purchased a 2016 Honda Pilot in Miami,
7 Florida.

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

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

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

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

1 7. I searched for and produced responsive documents in response to
2 Honda's document requests, and I provided information in response to Honda's
3 interrogatories. On February 21, 2024, I travelled to Chicago and testified in a
4 deposition, conducted by Honda's counsel, lasting between three and four hours.

5 8. I have spent an extensive amount of time on this issue since 2017
6 trying to get the car repaired, meeting with my lawyers who I started working with
7 in 2021, I have been participating in, and performing work relating to this action
8 since that time yet I did not keep detailed time records but I assure that my time
9 expenditure has been significant. I believe that I was the person who first brought
10 the AIS issue to the attention of my lawyers.

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

19 10. My vehicle suffered from the No Restart defect after receiving the
20 software update described in the Honda service bulletins referenced in the
21 Settlement.

22 11. Prior to implementation of the amended service bulletins, pursuant
23 to the Settlement, I attempted to receive a remedy to the No Restart defect and the
24 service center at Braman Honda in Miami where I bought the car, I had the original
25 less powerful starter changed several times as well as the battery which did not
26 stop the problem. Neither could the dealer on multiple occasions duplicate the
27 condition when I brought the car in for service.

28 12. Eventually, during this lawsuit, I was able to receive a free starter

1 replacement from Braman Honda with the new more powerful starter.

2 13. I understand that under the settlement, Class Counsel will request
3 that the Court award each Class Representative, including myself, an incentive
4 award of \$7,500.

5 14. I have been informed and understand that whether I receive an
6 incentive award payment and, if so, in what amount, is entirely up to the Court. I
7 also understand that the incentive awards are to be considered by the Court
8 separately from whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and that
9 if the Court declines to award the requested incentive awards, that determination
10 will not affect the validity or finality of the settlement. My support of the
11 settlement is not conditioned on an incentive award.

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

16 16. I recommend the settlement based on my belief that it is fair and
17 reasonable and in the best interest of the proposed class.

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

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20 Dated: March 19, 2026

By: /s/ Hamid Bolooki
Hamid Bolooki, with permission.

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