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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AHMED, ABDUL, AMIR, SIDDIQA,
RAHMATULLAH, FATIMA, and MURSAL
SADAT, on behalf of themselves and all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY; ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, in
his official capacity as Secretary of Homeland
Security; U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION SERVICES (USCIS); UR
MENDOZA JADDOU, in her official capacity
as Director of USCIS; TED H. KIM, in his
official capacity as Associate Director of the
Refugee, Asylum and International Operations
Directorate at USCIS,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:23-cv-01892-JST

Honorable Jon S. Tigar

**~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

Hearing Date: September 11, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Courtroom 6

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Upon consideration of the Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Approval of Proposed Class Action Settlement, the Court, having considered the papers submitted, all other related filings and materials, and the oral argument presented by counsel, **HEREBY ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Motion is **GRANTED**.
2. The capitalized terms in this Order Granting Approval of the Proposed Class Action Settlement shall have the same meaning as defined in the Settlement Agreement.
3. The Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, ECF No. 44, is **GRANTED** for purposes of settlement only. The Court certifies the following pursuant to Rule 23(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

All individuals identified under Section 2502(a)(1)(A) of the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L. No. 117-43, 135 Stat. 344 (2021), who have filed or will file an application for asylum.

4. The Court finds that the proposed Settlement resulted from arms-length negotiations between highly experienced counsel under the auspices and with the assistance of an experienced and neutral mediator, the Honorable Susan van Keulen.

5. Pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court hereby grants final approval of the Settlement on grounds that it is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate as to, and in the best interests of, the members of the Class, within the meaning of, and in compliance with all applicable requirements of, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.

6. The Court will retain continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the Parties and the Settlement Agreement to interpret, implement, administer, and enforce the Settlement Agreement according to its terms.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 11, 2023



HONORABLE JON S. VIGOR
United States District Court Judge