

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

POLICY & RESEARCH, LLC, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	Civil Action No. 18-CV-346 (KBJ)
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v.)	
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

Plaintiffs, Policy & Research, LLC, Sexual Health Initiative for Teens North Carolina (SHIFT NC), South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and Project Vida Health Center (“Plaintiffs”), and Defendants, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Alex M. Azar (“Defendants”), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby enter into this settlement agreement as follows:

1. Defendants shall pay the amount of fifty-nine thousand, six hundred sixty-one dollars and nine cents (\$59,661.09) in full and complete satisfaction of Plaintiffs’ claims for attorney’s fees, costs and litigation expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”) in the above-captioned matter. This payment shall constitute full and final satisfaction of any and all of Plaintiffs’ claims for attorney’s fees, costs, and litigation expenses in the above-captioned matter, and is inclusive of any interest. This payment shall be made payable to Public Citizen Foundation and shall be transmitted within 90 days of the date of execution of this Settlement Agreement.

2. Upon execution of this Settlement Agreement, Plaintiffs hereby release and forever discharge Defendants and their successors, the United States of America, and any department, agency, or establishment of the United States, and any officers, employees, agents, successors, or assigns of such department, agency, or establishment, from any and all past, present, or future claims for attorney's fees, costs, or litigation expenses incurred in connection with the above-captioned litigation.

3. The parties acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement is entered solely for the purpose of settling and compromising Plaintiffs' demand for attorney fees, costs, and litigation expenses under the EAJA, without further litigation, and it shall not be construed as evidence or as an admission regarding any issue of law or fact, or regarding the truth or validity of any allegation or claim raised in this action, or as evidence or as an admission by the Defendants regarding Plaintiffs' entitlement to attorney's fees and other litigation costs under the EAJA. This Settlement Agreement shall not be used in any manner to establish liability for fees, amounts, or hourly rates in any other case or proceeding.

4. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and is effective on the date by which both parties have executed the Agreement.

5. The undersigned Plaintiffs' counsel represent and warrant that they have been authorized by Plaintiffs to execute this Agreement on Plaintiffs' behalf.

6. The undersigned Defendants' counsel represent and warrant that they have been authorized by Defendants to execute this Agreement on Defendants' behalf.

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