

Exhibit M
Affidavit of John Bloss

NORTH CAROLINA
GUILFORD COUNTY

GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
23 CVS 5934

TIMOTHY MCQUEEN and CARLA
WALTERS, individually and on behalf of
those similarly situated, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AUTOMONEY, INC. and AUTO
MONEY NORTH, LLC,

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN BLOSS

John F. Bloss, being first duly sworn, avers as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify as to all matters contained herein as the same are of my personal knowledge. I am a citizen and resident of Guilford County, North Carolina.

2. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina. My North Carolina State Bar No. is 23947. At all times relevant to the Unopposed Petition for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and an Incentive Award for Plaintiffs I practiced law in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina with the law firm Higgins Benjamin, PLLC.

3. I became involved in the representation of plaintiffs and the putative class in about August 2024 primarily to assist with class issues. I have represented clients in complex litigation cases since I was licensed in North Carolina on April 11, 1997. I have acted as class counsel in numerous class actions, including service

as co-lead counsel in *Durham v. City of Charlotte*, 3:21-cv-00638-RJC-DSC (W.D.N.C.); *Doris Robinson v. 3rd Group Properties, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 1:18-cv-00646 (M.D.N.C.); *Adolphus L. Keese v. Global Financial Credit, LLC d/b/a MedChex*, 15 CvS 1472 (Rockingham County Superior Court); *Thompkins v. Key Health Medical Solutions, Inc.*, No. 1:2012cv00613 (M.D.N.C.); *McLaney v. First Carolina Communications, Inc., et al.*, No. 96-CVS-194 (Sup. Ct., Watauga Cty., N.C.); *Suggs v. Physicians Weight Loss Ctrs. of America, Inc.*, No. 00-CVS-7190 (N.C. Business Court), 173 N.C. App. 663; 620 S.E.2d 232 (2005), *cert. denied*, 360 N.C. 290; 628 S.E.2d 381 (2006); *Bussian v. DaimlerChrysler Corp.*, 1:04cv00387 (M.D.N.C.); and *Odell v. Legal Bucks, LLC*, 192 N.C. App. 298, 665 S.E.2d 767 (2008), *disc. rev. denied*, 363 N.C. 258, 676 S.E.2d 905 (2009).

4. I, along with my co-counsel, have and will continue fairly and adequately to protect the interests of the class in this litigation.

5. I spent 9.60 hours of time in this litigation from August 6, 2024 through and including 26 September 2024, the date that this Court entered its Order preliminarily approving the class action. My time during that time frame included meeting with Drew Brown, James Faucher, and Jeff Peraldo at their offices to discuss class settlement issues; performing research on potential class issues including class settlements involving proofs of claim, the scope of the Anti-Injunction Act, etc.; attending and participating in a virtual mediation in the South Carolina action; numerous email, telephone, and zoom communications with plaintiffs' counsel; reviewing and editing documents relating to the proposed class

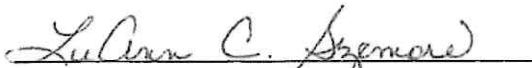
settlement; attending a WebEx hearing in this action on the parties' motion for preliminary approval of class settlement. From the date of the preliminary approval Order up to the time of this declaration, I have spent an additional 1.7 hours in this matter, including numerous email and telephone communications with co-counsel on questions arising from communications with defense counsel, the fee petition, etc. All told, to date I have spent a total of 11.30 hours of attorney time in this matter. At my regular hourly rates of \$500.00 for this type of complex civil litigation, this represents \$5.650.00 in attorney time.

This the 30th day of October, 2024.



John F. Bloss
Counsel for Plaintiffs

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this the 30th day of October, 2024


Notary Public's Signature

LUANN C. SIZEMORE, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 06/25/2028

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