

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

In re ENVISION HEALTHCARE) Civil Action No. 3:17-cv-01112
CORPORATION SECURITIES LITIGATION) (Consolidated with Case Nos.
) 3:17-cv-01323 and 3:17-cv-01397)
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This Document Relates To:) CLASS ACTION
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ALL ACTIONS.) Honorable William L. Campbell, Jr.
) Magistrate Judge Jeffery S. Frensley
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DECLARATION OF DAVID A. COOK IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND PLAN OF ALLOCATION,
AND CLASS COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION
EXPENSES AND LEAD PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF
LITIGATION EXPENSES

I, DAVID A. COOK, declare as follows:

1. I am the Co-Chairman of United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 655 Food Employers Joint Pension Fund ("UFCW" or the "Fund"), a named plaintiff and proposed class representative in the above-captioned securities class action (the "Action").¹

2. The Fund is a Taft-Hartley Trust established in 1965 in order to provide retirement benefits to workers in retail food and non-food, manufacturing, packing houses, distribution centers, laboratories and hair care. The Fund has more than 16,345 participants and beneficiaries and is governed by a Board of Trustees that oversees more than \$730,995,925 million in assets.

¹ Unless otherwise indicated herein, capitalized terms have those meanings contained in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated September 22, 2023.

3. I submit this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Plan of Allocation, Class Counsel's Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses, and Lead Plaintiff's Application for Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. I have personal knowledge of the matters related to the Fund's application, and of the other matters set forth in this Declaration, as I, or others working under my direction, have been directly involved in monitoring and overseeing the prosecution of the Action on the Fund's and the Class's behalf, and I could and would testify competently thereto.

I. Work Performed by the Fund on Behalf of the Class

4. The Fund understands that the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA") was intended to encourage institutional investors to manage and direct securities class actions. The Fund is an institutional investor that committed itself to prosecuting this litigation, through trial and appeal if necessary. In seeking to serve as a named plaintiff and class representative in this Action, the Fund understood its fiduciary duties to serve in the interests of the class by participating in the management and prosecution of the Action.

5. During the past six years of litigation in this Action, the Fund has, among other things: (a) conferred with Lead Counsel (Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP) and outside Fund Counsel Hammond and Shiners, P.C. on the overall strategy for prosecuting the Action; (b) reviewed significant pleadings and motion papers filed in the Action; (c) met with Lead Counsel and reviewed periodic reports from Lead Counsel concerning the progress of the Action; (d) collected and produced documents for discovery; (e) provided responses to interrogatories; (f) prepared for and attended a deposition of the Fund; and (g) communicated with Lead Counsel and Fund Counsel regarding settlement negotiations and documentation.

6. As Co-Chairman of the Fund, I monitored the litigation, communicated with Lead Counsel and Fund Counsel on major developments in the case, including Lead Counsel's negotiation and approval of the Settlement.

II. The Fund Endorses the Court's Approval of the Settlement

After seriously considering the grounds for the settlement, as well as the risks and uncertainties associated with continued litigation, including Envision's declaration of bankruptcy, the trial and appeal (if Lead Plaintiffs prevailed), the Fund's Board of Trustees authorized Lead Counsel to settle this Action for \$177,500,000. Based on its involvement during the prosecution and resolution of the Action, the Fund believes that that the Settlement represents a recovery that would not have been possible without the diligent efforts of Lead Counsel. In agreeing to the Settlement, the Fund considered the real possibility that its remaining claims may not ultimately succeed, or that a jury could significantly limit the Class's damages. The Fund also understood that even if Lead Plaintiffs prevailed at trial, the Defendants would likely appeal that decision and that the appeal process would, at a minimum, substantially delay any recovery by the Class. Weighing these substantial risks against the immediacy and noteworthy amount of the recovery, the Fund believes that the \$177,500,000 Settlement is an excellent result for the Class, and that its approval is in the best interest of each Class Member.

III. The Fund Supports Lead Counsel's Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses and Its Request for Reimbursement of Its Expenses Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 78u(4)(a)(4)

7. Recognizing that the determination of attorneys' fees and expenses is ultimately left to the Court, the Fund supports Lead Counsel's request for a 30% attorneys' fee award plus up to \$1.9 million in expenses incurred by Lead Counsel in litigating this case. The Fund believes that Lead Counsel's request is fair and reasonable in light of the settlement they obtained on behalf of Lead Plaintiff and the Class.

8. The Fund has evaluated Lead Counsel's fee request by considering, among other things: the amount and quality of work performed; the recovery obtained for the Class, which would not have been possible without the tremendous efforts of Lead Counsel; the complexities, challenges, and novel legal arguments that counsel faced and overcame; and the customary fees in

similar cases. The Fund further believes that the litigation expenses requested by Lead Counsel are reasonable, and represent costs and expenses necessary for the prosecution and resolution of this complex securities action. Based on the foregoing, and consistent with its obligation to obtain the best result at the most efficient cost on behalf of the Class, the Fund supports Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses.

9. In addition, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 78u(4)(a)(4), the Fund requests that the Court award it reasonable costs and expenses incurred while serving as a representative on behalf of the Class. I, as the Fund's Co-Chairman, spent 55 hours discussing litigation strategy and case developments with Lead Counsel and Fund Counsel; collecting and reviewing materials for discovery; and preparing for a deposition and providing deposition testimony. Based on my overall level of compensation, I believe an hourly rate of \$100.00 for his time is reasonable and appropriate and therefore request a total of \$5,500.00. Accordingly, the Fund respectfully requests reimbursement in the amount of \$5,500 for expenses incurred in its service as a name plaintiff.

IV. CONCLUSION

10. The Fund was closely involved in the prosecution and settlement of the claims in this Action, and based on its experience representing the Class, respectfully requests that the Court grant final approval of the Settlement, Lead Counsel's attorneys' fee and expense application, and its application for an award of \$5,500.00, in consideration of the time and expenses the Fund incurred in representing the Class in this Action.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I have the authority to execute this Declaration on behalf of the Fund. Executed this 9th day of February, 2024.



DAVID COOK

Co-Chairman of United Food and Commercial
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that on February 15, 2024, I authorized the electronic filing of the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the email addresses on the attached Electronic Mail Notice List, and I hereby certify that I caused the mailing of the foregoing via the United States Postal Service to the non-CM/ECF participants indicated on the attached Manual Notice List.

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