

Exhibit 10

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**IN RE BANK OF AMERICA
CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT
BENEFITS LITIGATION**

Case No. 3:21-md-02992-GPC MSB

**DECLARATION OF ROLAND
OOSTHUIZEN IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR CLASS
CERTIFICATION**

This Document Relates to All Actions

Judge: Hon. Gonzalo P. Curiel

1 I, ROLAND OOSTHUIZEN, declare as follows:

2 1. I am one of the named Plaintiffs in this case. I submit this declaration in
3 support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification. I have personal knowledge of the
4 facts in this declaration, to which I could and would testify if called upon to do so.

5 2. In April 2020, I began receiving EDD unemployment insurance benefits
6 that were paid through a Bank of America EDD debit card ("EDD debit card") that was
7 directly linked to a Bank of America EDD debit card account ("EDD debit card
8 account") in my name.

9 3. My Bank of America EDD debit card had a magnetic stripe, but there was
10 no EMV chip in the card.

11 4. On or around September 28, 2020, I logged into my EDD debit card
12 account online to check the balance and I noticed daily unauthorized withdrawals from
13 Bank of America ATMs on five successive days beginning September 24, 2020,
14 through September 28, 2020, in the amount of \$1,000 each, totaling \$5,000.

15 5. Immediately after discovering the unauthorized ATM withdrawals, I used
16 Bank of America's (the "Bank") online portal to suspend my card. I then called the
17 Bank using the number on the back of my card to report these unauthorized withdrawals
18 and to attempt to get reimbursed for the money that had been taken from my account. I
19 spent three hours on hold before being disconnected. The next day, I again called the
20 Bank and, after waiting on hold for approximately two and a half hours, I was finally
21 able to reach a representative in the claims department. I identified the specific ATM
22 withdrawals that I had not authorized, informed the Bank's representative that I had the
23 card in my possession at all relevant times and did not authorize anyone to make the
24 withdrawals, and was told by the Bank's representative that my claim had been filed
25 and would be investigated.

26 6. In mid-October 2020, I received a letter in the mail from the Bank dated
27 October 1, 2020—just one business day after I filed my claim—informing me that the
28 Bank had closed my claim and would not be reimbursing me for the \$5,000 taken from

1 my account. The letter provided no explanation of the Bank's findings, stating only:
2 "Your claim has been closed because we believe the account or the claim have been the
3 subject of fraud or suspicious activity."

4 7. After receiving the Bank's letter denying my claim, I again called the Bank to
5 re-open my claim. A Bank representative advised me to send the Bank information about
6 my claim and any police report I had filed by fax.

7 8. On November 5, 2020, I faxed Bank of America a written statement
8 regarding the theft and my request to re-open my claim with information regarding the
9 police report I had filed with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reporting the theft and
10 other documentation, including documentation showing I was at work when some of the
11 unauthorized ATM withdrawals occurred. In my fax, I specifically asked the Bank to
12 provide me with the information it had discovered in any investigation it conducted before
13 denying my fraud claim. I never received a response to my fax.

14 9. Between September 28 and November 15, 2020, I called the Bank to
15 request assistance with my unauthorized transaction claim on multiple separate
16 occasions, typically waiting on hold for more than an hour and often not being able to
17 reach a representative. The Bank did not offer me any option to receive a call back
18 when the next agent became available. Calling the Bank's toll-free number was the only
19 option the Bank provided me for reaching a customer service representative. I am not
20 aware of any communication from the Bank advising me, or other EDD debit
21 cardholders, of any other options for reaching a customer service representative, such as
22 by email or online.

23 10. After I filed a class action lawsuit against the Bank on January 26, 2021, I
24 received a letter from the Bank dated January 27, 2021, stating that the Bank had
25 "completed an additional review" of my claim and, "[a]s a result of [the Bank's]
26 research" had credited me with the \$5,000 that had been stolen from me the previous
27 September. I received this credit 120 days after I submitted my unauthorized transaction
28 claim to the Bank.

1 11. In this case, I seek to be appointed as a class representative.

2 12. Since becoming involved in this case, I have had many communications with
3 my attorneys regarding discovery, case updates, case filings, and other matters. I have also
4 searched for and produced documents and have responded to written discovery requests
5 and verified my responses. I was deposed by the Bank's attorneys in March 2024. I intend
6 to continue working with my attorneys, and if appointed by the Court as a class
7 representative, I intend to continue to pursue this case by, among other things, reviewing
8 important case filings, participating in the discovery and trial process, staying informed
9 and participating in discussions with my attorneys regarding significant developments in
10 the case. I am committed to working with my attorneys to obtain the best possible result
11 for the class consistent with good faith and sound judgment.

12 13. I understand that if I am appointed as a class representative, I will be
13 responsible for overseeing the prosecution of this case by my attorneys. My interests in
14 this matter are consistent with, and not antagonistic to, the interests of the members of
15 each of the classes that I seek to represent. I understand and will fulfill the duties of a class
16 representative, including the duties to prosecute this case on behalf of each class as a
17 whole, and to consider the interests of each class as a whole just as I consider my own
18 interests.

19 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on
20 July 27, 2024, at COLTON, California.

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