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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT **Steven T. Salata, Clerk**  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA **Charlotte Division** *JSW*

In re: )  
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 PACER Fee Exemption )  
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JUDGEMENT ENTERED ON MAY 12 2021

**ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF PACER FEES**

**THIS MATTER** is before the court upon the application and request by Omeed Maghzian for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. The court finds that Omeed Maghzian is a Ph.D. candidate at Harvard University. He is researching the financial costs that households face when filing for personal bankruptcy. His focus is on geographic differences in filing patterns and, in particular, how the ability of households to access the bankruptcy system varies across jurisdictions by the composition of assets and debts. He plans to use information from docket reports and documents from both Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 filings to evaluate the economic consequences of barriers limiting bankruptcy filings for both the local economy and households.

Mr. Maghzian's preliminary analysis indicates that he will need to access a 10% sample of filings from the years 2007-2015 as

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the minimum amount needed to successfully carry out his research project.

Mr. Maghzian falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Maghzian has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Mr. Maghzian shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Mr. Maghzian shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

- I. this fee exemption applies only to Omeed Maghzian, PACER account number 6435248, and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
- II. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
- III. by accepting this exemption, Mr. Maghzian agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Maghzian is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases; and
- V. this exemption is valid through January 19, 2022.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

It is so ORDERED.

Date: May 12, 2021

Laura Turner Beyer  
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Chief United States  
Bankruptcy Judge