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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CORY HAZDOVAC, individually and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MERCEDES BENZ USA, LLC, and DOES  
MBUSA 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 20-cv-00377-RS

**CLASS ACTION**

**DECLARATION OF ARI Y. BASSER IN  
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION  
FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS  
ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Judge: Hon. Richard Seeborg

Date: June 25, 2026

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Courtroom: 12, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor

**DECLARATION OF ARI Y. BASSER**

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2 I, Ari Y. Bassar, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of  
3 America as follows:

4 1. I am of counsel with the law firm of Pomerantz LLP (“Pomerantz”), one of the  
5 counsel of record for Plaintiff Cory Hazdovac (“Plaintiff”) and the Settlement Class in the  
6 matter captioned *Cory Hazdovac v. Mercedes Benz USA, LLC*, Case No. 20-cv-00377-RS. My  
7 firm was preliminarily appointed as Class Counsel. ECF 125. I am admitted to practice law in  
8 the United States District Court of the Northern District of California and in the State of  
9 California. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this declaration (the  
10 “Declaration”), and if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the matters  
11 stated herein.

12 2. This Declaration is made in support of Plaintiff’s Motion for Final Approval of  
13 Class Action Settlement (“Motion”).

14 3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is the Declaration of Jordan Bakondy of  
15 EisnerAmper in Connection with Final Approval of Settlement (“Bakondy Declaration”)  
16 Regarding Notice Plan, Implementation, Opt-Outs and Objections in Support of Final Approval  
17 of Class Action Settlement.

18 4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** is a copy of an article regarding the settlement  
19 published on Claim Depot.com dated March 10, 2026 (available at  
20 <https://www.claimdepot.com/settlements/hazdovac-emissions-warranty-settlement>).

21 5. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is the Declaration of Brian Repucci of Hemming  
22 Morse in Support of Final Approval of Class Action Settlement (“Repucci Declaration”).

23 6. In conjunction with the claims process and in addition to the work performed by  
24 the Settlement Administrator, I personally communicated with Class members regarding the  
25 Settlement. In particular, I fielded telephone calls and other inquiries from Class members  
26 concerning the claims process, applicable deadlines, claim submission requirements, and the  
27 terms and benefits of the Settlement. During those communications, I answered Class members’  
28 questions, provided clarification regarding Settlement eligibility and required documentation,

1 and generally assisted Class members in understanding the Settlement and their rights and  
2 options thereunder and filing timely claims. Specifically, I spoke with Karim Kamal, Nancy  
3 Evans, Marshall Jones and Elizabeth Sherry regarding the submission of their claims and, more  
4 generally, MBUSA's alleged failure to provide coverage for emissions-related parts on their  
5 Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

6 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the  
7 foregoing is true and correct.

8 DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026 at Los Angeles, California.

9 /s/ Ari Y. Basser

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