

-EXHIBIT A-

DECLARATION OF BEN SMITH

I, Ben Smith, declare the following under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am over 18 years of age and of sound mind. The statements in this Declaration are based on my personal knowledge and, if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently to these facts.

2. From 2014 through 2019 I worked as a claims adjuster for several insurance carriers.

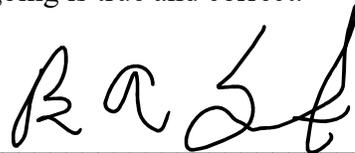
3. Since 2019, I have been working as a Certified Property Appraiser and Umpire (CPAU) at my company, BAS Consulting and Services LLC. I estimate that, during that time, I have appraised over 1,000 properties.

4. In my time as a claims adjuster for insurance companies and in my time as an appraiser I have come to know many other appraisers and umpires in the field.

5. To that end, I am familiar with Charles Gasser, Arlo Gough, Jr., and Kurt Ehlers. I know that all three of these individuals work primarily for insurance carriers and earn a significant majority of their income by working and consulting for insurance companies. I do not believe that any of these individuals could function as an impartial umpire as respects the claim made by Mr. and Mrs. Bosak.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED on February 24, 2026



Ben Smith