UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

In the Matter of:

HAKEEM ADEKOYA,

Petitioner.

Docket No. 24-AF-0094-AG-064 (Claim No. 721021165)

February 1, 2024

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On December 29, 2023, the Tribunal received Petitioner's request for a hearing concerning a proposed repayment schedule incident to a wage garnishment order sought by the Secretary. The Secretary initiated wage garnishment proceedings in an attempted to seek repayment on a debt allegedly owed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

On January 18, 2024, Petitioner filed documentary evidence in support of his position that repayment of this alleged debt in the manner proposed by the Secretary would cause financial hardship.

Having reviewed Petitioner's filing, the Secretary now moves for dismissal of the matter explaining that HUD agrees that garnishment of Petitioner's wages, at this time, would cause Petitioner financial hardship. The Secretary further explains that HUD reserves the right to seek collection of the subject debt via alternative means, e.g. Administrative Offset, and may resume Administrative Wage Garnishment activities in the future should Petitioner's financial circumstances improve.

For good cause, the Secretary's *Motion to Dismiss* will be **GRANTED**, and this matter is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

SO ORDERED,

ALEXANDER Digitally signed by: ALEXANDER FERNANDEZ-PONS

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Alexander Fernández-Pons Administrative Law Judge