

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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ADAM STEELE, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Civil Case No. 14-1523 (RCL)
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Defendant.)	
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ORDER

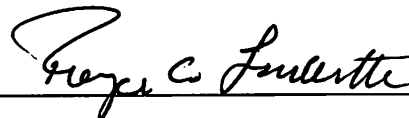
Currently before the Court is the plaintiffs’ Motion for Class Certification [46]. For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion issued this date, it is hereby

ORDERED that the plaintiffs’ Motion for Class Certification is GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART. As it relates to plaintiffs’ request for declaratory relief, the Court hereby certifies the following class under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2): “All individuals and entities who have paid an initial and/or renewal fee for a preparer tax identification number (PTIN), excluding Allen Buckley, Allen Buckley LLC, and Christopher Rizek.”

Further, the Court will deny plaintiffs’ motion for certification as it relates to plaintiffs’ request for restitution, finding that plaintiffs have not yet demonstrated that the Court has subject matter jurisdiction over that aspect of the case.

This ruling is subject to reconsideration, if needed, after the parties more fully brief issues relating to jurisdiction, with specific attention paid to the doctrine of sovereign immunity.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Royce C. Lamberth
United States District Judge

Date: 2/9/16