From: Christi Grab

Subject: Re: Public Comment Follow Up FTB Board Meeting Item 5 EDR2 Update March 24, 2025

Date: March 28, 2025 at 8:32 PM

To: Emran, Hasib

Cc: Hofeling, Shane@FTB

Bcc: XXXXXXXX

Dear Mr. Emran:

Thank you for the prompt response. I genuinely appreciate it.

Re: "FTB disagrees collection agents intentionally overcharged constituents."

In the Statements of Undisputed Facts and Supporting Evidence in Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment (SUF) that was submitted in the SDSC case Christine N. Grab v. The California Franchise Tax Board, FTB never denied the allegations that Carrey Burton-Beilby and Alexis Bear had each directed me to send in more money than was due, then falsified FTB's internal records to make it look like that was always the correct amount due. I am not looking at the paperwork now, but if I remember correctly, the excess funds collected by Alexis Bear were moved into a second demand fee penalty and the excess funds collected by Carrey Burton-Beilby were added to the interest.

In their response to the *SUF*, FTB did not deny the allegations; instead FTB stated that they were irrelevant for the case. Per <u>CCP § 431.20(a)</u>, failure to deny constitutes admission: Any material allegation in the complaint that is not effectively denied is deemed admitted. [see Hennefer v. Butcher (1986) 182 CA3d 492, 504, 227 CR 318, 325].

It is too late for FTB to try to deny this now. I do not believe that FTB has ended the multiple unlawful schemes to overcharge constituents that were documented in *Grab v. FTB*. Thanks to Newsom spending like a drunken sailor for the past few years, California is desperately in need of money. I do not believe the State of California would give up its secret cash cows now.

If you recall, when I realized that I had been overcharged by Burton-Beilby and Bear, I sent the proof to the FBI. FTB retaliated against me by conspiring with Deputy Attorney General Anna Barsegyan to publish my and my husband's social security numbers online. Anna Barsegyan claimed it was "inadvertent," but too many people made too many "mistakes" for it to not have been intentional. I hope you will not try to retaliate again.

Regards,

Christine Grab

On Mar 28, 2025, at 7:33 PM, Emran, Hasib wrote:

Hi Ms. Grab,

Personally following up here as I promised. In regards to Item 5 ERD2 Public Comment, you stated the following:

Is it still possible for collection agents to manually inflate balances due or whether that option taken out of the system?

My formal response on behalf of FTB is here below:

FTB disagrees collection agents intentionally overcharged constituents. FTB's practice is to collect the correct amount of tax, penalties, and interest consistent with the law. The EDR2 system will allow FTB employees to manually adjust a



balance where the adjustment is required to make sure the balance reflects the correct amount of tax, penalties, and interest consistent with the law.

Thank you again for your attention to this matter and participation. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns, I have cc'd my colleagues here. Have a nice weekend.



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