

# **EXHIBIT A**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

In re UNDER ARMOUR SECURITIES LITIGATION	)	Civil No. RDB-17-388
	)	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
This Document Relates To:	)	
ALL ACTIONS.	)	
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**DECLARATION OF GRAHAM BUNTAIN IN SUPPORT OF FINAL APPROVAL OF  
PLAINTIFFS’ PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

I, Graham Buntain, declare as follows:

1. I am the Investment Officer of Class Representative Aberdeen City Council as Administrating Authority for the North East Scotland Pension Fund (“NESPF”). As Investment Officer, I participate in, and oversee decisions regarding the administration of NESPF. I have overseen NESPF’s participation in this matter since April 2017, when NESPF decided to file a motion seeking to serve as lead plaintiff in this Action. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of final approval of the proposed settlement (the “Settlement”).
2. NESPF administers the Local Government Pension Scheme for employers located throughout the North and North East of Scotland. NESPF manages assets of over £5.8 billion and provides a pension for employees of Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, and The Moray Council as well as around 40 other public or charitable bodies.

3. Following its appointment as Lead Plaintiff, NESPF expended substantial time actively participating in the prosecution of this case. Specifically, NESPF has participated in numerous meetings and conference calls with Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP (“Lead Counsel”), closely followed the procedural developments in the case, reviewed motions and briefs with the Court, responded to discovery requests, and participated in settlement discussions. For example, in my role as Investment Officer, I personally reviewed and produced hundreds of pages of documents and answered interrogatories. I also spent a considerable amount of time preparing for and providing deposition testimony.

4. As part of its duties as Class Representative, NESPF was committed to optimizing the outcome of this Action. NESPF believes that the proposed Settlement Amount of \$434 million represents an outstanding result for the Class and the proposed Settlement merits the Court’s approval.

5. While NESPF understands that the determination of attorneys’ fees is left to the Court, NESPF supports Lead Counsel’s application for 25.83% of the Settlement Amount and expenses in an amount not to exceed \$5 million. NESPF believes the request is fair, reasonable and appropriate as this Settlement would not have been possible without the diligent efforts of Lead Counsel, which vigorously litigated this case right up to the scheduled trial date.

6. NESPF also understands that payment of class representatives’ reasonable expenses is authorized under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4). Accordingly, NESPF seeks reimbursement for the time I spent on this Action, including the time for my oversight and direction of the Action that would have otherwise been devoted to the daily operation of NESPF. Although other employees, including support staff, also spent significant time involved in discovery and monitoring of this case, NESPF has limited

its request for reimbursement for the time expended by me. A summary of the minimum time expended by NESPF is as follows:

Name	Hours
Graham Buntain Investment Officer for Aberdeen City Council as Administrating Authority for the North East Scotland Pension Fund	400 hours Review of case pleadings and briefs, relevant documents, prepare for and provide deposition testimony, correspondence, meetings and discussions regarding case strategy and oversight and settlement negotiations.

7. NESPF respectfully requests that the Court grant final approval of the Settlement and approve Lead Counsel’s application for an award of attorneys’ fees and expenses. NESPF also respectfully requests that the Court approve payment of \$30,000 to NESPF, which, based upon compensation during the period of the Action, represents an average rate of \$75.00 per hour for the time I expended representing class members in this Action.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 26 day of September, 2024, at Gleneagles.

Signed by:  
  
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 GRAHAM BUNTAIN