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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, Plaintiff,

v.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL BENEFITS CENTER, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No.<u>18-cv-00806-SBA</u> (JSC)

ORDER REGARDING EX PARTE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

The Court has recently received many emails regarding this case at its email address intended for the receipt of proposed orders and at its email address intended for the receipt of settlement conference statements. The emails appear to be from Defendants' employees. As these are ex parte communications regarding this case, they are attached to this Order for filing on the public docket. While the Court can understand why these employees and former employees may have thought it appropriate to communicate with the Court through this means, given the ex parte nature of the communications and the purpose of those email addresses it is not a proper method of communication. The Court directs counsel to meet and confer on how to respond to the email concerns.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 12, 2018

United States Magistrate Judge