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**ORDER**

**Misc. File No.** 3:24-mc-538-TMC

**In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by  
Mr. Cody Plante**

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by **Mr. Cody Plante** for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.


The Court finds that **Mr. Cody Plante**, an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, **Mr. Cody Plante** has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, **Mr. Cody Plante** shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of researching civil rights cases with suit codes 440, 441, 442, 443, and 444 to develop a software tool for identifying hate speech, sexual harassment, and other nefarious acts within organizational communication systems.

**He** shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to **Mr. Cody Plante** and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
3. by accepting this exemption, **Mr. Cody Plante** agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. **Mr. Cody Plante** is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet based databases;
5. this exemption is valid until **December 31, 2026**.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

Dated this 17 day of July, 2024.

  
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**Chief Judge Timothy M. Cain**