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7 **STATE OF WASHINGTON**
THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

8 DANIELLE PIERCE, ET AL.,

NO. 20-2-02149-34

9 PLAINTIFFS,

DEFENDANTS' REPLY

10 V.

11 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING,
12 ET AL.,

13 DEFENDANTS.

14 **I. ARGUMENT**

15 **A. Plaintiffs' Claims Are Not Justiciable**

16 Plaintiffs must satisfy all four justiciability factors to invoke the Court's jurisdiction, but
17 have failed to invoke the third and fourth factors.

18 Under the third justiciability factor, Plaintiffs must demonstrate that they have a direct
19 and substantial interest in the dispute. *To-Ro Trade Shows v. Collins*, 144 Wn.2d 403, 411,
20 27 P.3d 149 (2001) (discussing justiciability test). DOL argued that Plaintiffs' licenses were not
21 suspended because of DOL's failure to include a process to determine their "ability to pay." *See*
22 *Defs.' Opp'n to Pls.' Mot. for Summ. J. and Cross-Mot. for Summ. J. (Opp. Br.)* at 9-10. Rather,
23 Plaintiffs' licenses were suspended because they committing traffic violations and failed to
24 request or satisfy the ability to pay processes available at the courts. *Id.* Plaintiffs now argue for
25 the first time that their interests in avoiding *finis* they could not afford should alone satisfy the
26 third justiciability factor. *Pls.' Reply* at 23-24. In contrast, Plaintiffs' complaint alleged that DOL

1 lacks an “ability to pay” process when it suspends licenses, and did not allege dissatisfaction
2 with the court’s fee setting authority under RCW 46.63.110. Plaintiffs cannot now rely on this
3 new alleged harm caused by a different unnamed defendant (the court) to satisfy this factor.
4 Plaintiffs also argue that they have a direct and substantial interest because their licenses could
5 be suspended at a future point in time. However, mere potential harm does not satisfy this factor.
6 *To-Ro Trade Shows*, 144 Wn.2d at 411 (plaintiffs must show direct, not potential, interests).¹

7 The fourth factor is also not met because Plaintiffs’ desired relief is not available. *To-Ro*
8 *Trade Shows*, 144 Wn.2d at 411 (requiring a dispute for which a judicial determination will be
9 final and conclusive). Plaintiffs deny that an ability to pay process at DOL would unnecessarily
10 duplicate the ability to pay process at the courts. Pls.’ Reply at 24-25. They deny that having
11 DOL evaluate a violator’s ability to pay, after the court has just done so, places DOL in the
12 untenable position of reviewing court orders, which only a superior court can do. *Id.* RALJ 2.2;
13 *See Brown v. Owen*, 165 Wn.2d 706, 720-21, 206 P.3d 310 (2009) (under separation of powers,
14 one branch may not interfere with another branch where doing so will “threaten [] the
15 independence or integrity or invade [] the prerogatives of another [branch]”). But these denials
16 are disingenuous. By asking for a duplicate hearing at DOL, Plaintiffs necessarily believe that
17 the courts’ fee determinations are flawed and a DOL process would correct the court’s
18 determination. Though it is obvious that Plaintiffs’ solution lies with the courts who manage the
19 payment of fines on a discretionary basis, Plaintiffs have not challenged RCW 46.63.110(6) that
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26 ¹ Moreover, Plaintiffs are not likely to lose their licenses in the future if they take advantage of the court process to make payments or perform community service. Whittaker Decl. ¶ 6 (Pierce is on a payment plan for \$15 per month in Everett); Martin Decl., ¶ 9 (Comack is paying \$10 per month on her Skagit County cases).

1 gives the courts that authority. Thus, Plaintiffs have not presented a dispute for which the Court
2 can issue a final and conclusive determination to satisfy the fourth justiciability factor.^{2, 3}

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4 **B. DOL Is Not Required to Determine Ability to Pay Court-Imposed Monetary
Obligations Before Suspending the Driving Privilege**

5 Plaintiffs fail to establish that procedural due process compels DOL to inquire into ability
6 to pay before imposing a suspension, under the three-part test set forth in *Mathews v. Eldrige*,
7 424 U.S. 319, 96 S.Ct. 893, 47 L. Ed. 2d 18 (1976).⁴ First, while a driver's license is an important
8 private interest for purposes of due process,⁵ the right is already protected by the existing court
9 process that determines a violator's ability to pay before the driving privilege is suspended.⁶ If
10 Plaintiffs disagree with the monetary obligation or payment plan imposed by the court, Plaintiffs
11 have a remedy to bring a challenge in the superior court. *See, e.g.*, RALJ 2.2.⁷ Second, there is
12 no risk of *erroneous* deprivation if DOL does not evaluate ability to pay because DOL's existing
13 pre-suspension administrative review process ensures that DOL has accurate information about
14 the identity of the violator and that the violator is subject to suspension.⁸ Third, the state's interest
15 in protecting the public from injury and death as a result of moving violations is substantial. *Opp.*
16 *Br.* at 19-22. Finally, there is no dispute that the additional fiscal and administrative burdens of
17 creating and administering a process to evaluate the ability to pay of every person who is

18 ² Senate Bill 5226 passed the Legislature and goes into effect January 1, 2023, effectively mooting
19 Plaintiffs' claims under the first justiciability factor. The new law eliminates the Department's authority to suspend
20 licenses for failure to pay traffic infractions for moving violations. *See* [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/5226-
S.PL.pdf?q=20210420111805](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/5226-S.PL.pdf?q=20210420111805), Sec. 3(6)(a)&(b), Sec. 4, Sec. 5(1), & Sec. 6(5).

21 ³ Plaintiffs cite *Grant County Fire Protection District No. 5 v. Moses Lake*, 150 Wn. 2d 791, 83 P.3d 419
(2004) urging the Court to adopt a less rigid test for standing. *Pls.' Reply* at 24. But *Grant County* did not apply the
22 less rigid test, and Plaintiffs do not provide any argument here for why the less rigid test applies.

23 ⁴ *See Opp. Br.*, n.13.

⁵ *City of Redmond v. Moore*, 151 Wn. 2d 664, 670-71, 91 P.3d 875 (2004).

24 ⁶ The court assesses monetary obligations following a violation, considers the possibility of a reasonable
25 payment plan for those monetary obligations based on the driver's ability to pay, and notifies DOL when a driver
has failed to pay the court-imposed monetary obligations. RCW 46.63.110(6); RCW 46.64.025. However, courts
routinely modify these orders to allow lower payments or more time to pay both before and after suspension.
RCW 46.63.289; *see, e.g.*, *Martin Decl.*

26 ⁷ There is no right to appeal an order mitigating an infraction. RCW 46.63.100; RALJ 2.2(a)(1).

⁸ *See* RCW 46.20.245 (providing for administrative review); *City of Bellevue v. Lee*, 166 Wn.2d 581, 589,
210 P.3d 1011 (2009) (finding DOL's process satisfied due process).

1 suspended for failing to pay a fine are significant.⁹ Thus, the *Matthew v. Eldridge* factors weigh
2 in favor of DOL.

3 Plaintiffs do not cite any cases on point holding that DOL must have an ability to pay
4 process before suspending a driver’s license to satisfy the due process clause. The four cases
5 Plaintiffs cite —*Bearden v. Georgia*, 461 U.S. 660, 103 S.Ct. 2064, 76 L. Ed. 2d 221 (1983),
6 *Tate v. Short*, 401 U.S. 395, 91 S. Ct 668, 28 L. Ed. 2d 130 (1971), *Williams v. Illinois*, 399 U.S.
7 235, 90 S. Ct 2018, 26 L. Ed. 2d 586 (1970), and *State v. Blank*, 131 Wn.2d 230, 930 P.2d 1213
8 (1997) are inapposite. Pls.’ Reply at 12. In the federal cases cited, the consequence of failing to
9 pay monetary obligations was imprisonment, not the temporary suspension of the driving
10 privilege.¹⁰ In *State v. Blank*, defendants challenged a statute that allowed an appellate court to
11 order convicted indigent defendants to pay appellate costs. *Blank*, 131 Wn.2d at 246. The Court
12 rejected the defendants’ challenge. *Id.* The Court held that because “ability to pay (and other
13 financial considerations) must be inquired into before enforced payment or imposition of
14 sanctions for nonpayment” and the statute “allows a defendant to seek remission at any time”,
15 sufficient guidelines were in place to satisfy due process. *Id.* That is the circumstance here—the
16 courts that adjudicate traffic infractions, like the appellate courts in *Blank*, have authority to
17 inquire into ability to pay, and violators can seek a payment plan at any time. These cases do not
18 require DOL to also evaluate Plaintiffs’ ability to pay.

19 Similarly, *State v. Johnson*, 179 Wn.2d 534, 315 P.3d 1090 (2014), does not compel that
20 result. As explained previously, the *Johnson* Court *did not reach* the due process issue, holding
21 that *Johnson* lacked standing because he could not demonstrate constitutional indigence.
22 Plaintiffs similarly lack standing because they have not presented any argument or offered any
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24 ⁹ The administrative burden to DOL is made heavier by the fact that when it receives a notice from the
25 court to suspend a licensee, the notice does not differentiate between drivers who are suspended for *failure to pay* a
26 traffic infraction, and those suspended for any other reason under RCW 46.20.289. Weaver Decl., ¶ 9.

¹⁰ At least three federal cases have declined to extend *Bearden* to suspension of drivers’ licenses for failure
to pay traffic tickets: *Johnson v. Jessup*, 381 F. Supp. 3d 619 (M.D. N.C. 2019), appeal docketed, No. 19-1421
(4th Cir. Apr. 18, 2019); *Mendoza v. Garrett*, 358 F. Supp. 3d 1145 (D. Or. 2018), appeal docketed, No. 19-25506
(9th Cir. June 11, 2019), and *Fowler v. Benson*, 924 F.3d 247 (6th Cir. 2019).

1 evidence that they are constitutionally indigent, and DOL does not concede this point. Plaintiffs
2 do not escape the requirements of standing because they seek relief from a suspension rather
3 than from a criminal conviction. Pls.' Mot. at 23. As was the case in *Johnson*, Plaintiffs must
4 demonstrate standing because they base their claims on indigence and on the fact that such
5 indigence was not evaluated before suspension.

6 Plaintiffs complain that drivers are not universally or uniformly afforded an opportunity
7 to enter into a payment plan. Pls.' Reply Br. at 13-14. But, they do not point to any authority that
8 due process demands uniformity in every court. The court administrator's declarations and the
9 court websites demonstrate that the courts offer reasonable payment plans, based on ability to
10 pay to all drivers, and some offer community service, including to these Plaintiffs.¹¹

11 Plaintiffs' assertion that the existing court practices are biased and do not provide a
12 competent and impartial tribunal is misplaced. Pls.' Reply Br. at 13-14. Unlike the cases
13 Plaintiffs cite, where a defendant was deprived of a fair trial due to excluding African Americans
14 from jury selection, *Peters v. Kiff*, 407 U.S. 493, 501-502, 33 L. Ed. 2d 83 (1972), and where
15 parents were deprived of an impartial tribunal where a guardian ad litem committed misconduct,
16 *Matter of Dependency of A.E.T.H.*, 9 Wn. App. 2d 502, 446 P.3d 667 (2019), there is no evidence
17 here that the courts administer their programs in a manner resulting in bias. To the contrary, the
18 court administrators' declarations establish the lengths courts go to provide payment plans to
19 violators.
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22 ¹¹ See, e.g., Chelan District Court payment plan [https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/district-](https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/district-court/pages/payments?parent=Fees%20And%20Payments)
23 [court/pages/payments?parent=Fees%20And%20Payments](https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/district-court/pages/payments?parent=Fees%20And%20Payments); Snohomish County District Court payment plan
24 [SignalManagement-ServicesTime-Pay-Application-PDF](https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/SignalManagement-ServicesTime-Pay-Application-PDF) ([snohomishcountywa.gov](https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov)); Lynnwood Municipal Court
25 [payment plan https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/municipal-court/collections/fillable-pre-](https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/municipal-court/collections/fillable-pre-collect-tp-application-english.pdf)
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<https://skagitcounty.net/Departments/DistrictCourt/relicense.htm>; Whatcom County District Court payment plan
<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/427/Online-InfractionsPayment-Plan-Requests>; Snohomish County District Court
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[Pay-Application-PDF?bidId=](https://snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4670/SignalManagement-ServicesTime-Pay-Application-PDF?bidId=); and Everson-Nooksack Municipal Court payment plan
https://www.ci.everson.wa.us/departments/make_court_payment.php.

1 The inability to challenge monetary obligations in the *suspension process* does not
2 violate Plaintiffs' due process rights. Plaintiffs have failed to meet their heavy burden of
3 demonstrating a due process violation beyond a reasonable doubt. *State v. Hennings*, 129 Wn.2d
4 512, 524, 919 P.2d 580 (1996).

5 **C. RCW 46.20.289 Does Not Violate Equal Protection**

6 Plaintiffs have the burden of demonstrating that the suspension statute violates equal
7 protection, but have failed to meet their burden. *Merseal v. Dep't of Licensing*, 99 Wn. App. 414,
8 420, 994 P.2d 262, 266 (2000). They have not demonstrated that equal protection analysis
9 applies to DOL's suspension statute, or that the statute does not withstand scrutiny.

10 **1. Equal protection analysis does not apply**

11 **a. There is no facial classification**

12 Plaintiffs maintain that DOL's suspension statute makes a classification on its face, but
13 they make no argument for how the statute's actual language makes such a classification.
14 Statutes that classify on their face do so in obvious fashion. *See, e.g., State v. Shawn*, 122 Wn.2d
15 553, 559, 859 P. 2d 1220 (1993) (carving out a "class" of minor teenagers, aged 13 to 17, and
16 imposing mandatory license revocations for consuming or possessing liquor). DOL's statute
17 requires it to suspend licenses for everyone who fails to respond, fails to appear, and fails to
18 comply with a citation for a moving violation. RCW 46.20.289. Because it applies equally to all
19 drivers it does not create a class on its face.

20 **b. The statute does not have the effect of burdening the Plaintiffs**

21 Plaintiffs do not demonstrate that RCW 46.20.289 has the effect of creating a class that
22 burdens them. Plaintiffs merely restate their argument that those who lack financial ability to
23 pay face indefinite suspension and risk of criminal sanctions if they continue to drive. Pls.' Reply
24 at 18. But, as explained above, these Plaintiffs fail to show their suspension was caused by
25 DOL's lack of process. None of the Plaintiffs have alleged that they sought, but could not obtain,
26 payment plans from any courts to avoid suspension. In addition, Plaintiffs' suspensions are not

1 indefinite. Danielle Pierce and Janie Comack are eligible to drive now and are making minimal
2 payments on their payment plans.¹² Lacy Spicer paid her fine in full in Marysville, but has yet
3 to seek an available payment plan from Chelan County District Court.¹³ Amanda Gladstone may
4 ask the Snohomish County district court to pull her cases from collections and create workable
5 payment plans which the court routinely does.¹⁴ She may ask for similar relief or ask to perform
6 community service at Everson-Nooksack Municipal court.¹⁵ Finally, any further enforcement
7 for these Plaintiffs would not result from DOL's process, but from failing to follow through or
8 choosing to drive suspended rather than seeking alternatives such as other forms of
9 transportation.

10 **2. If Equal Protection analysis applies, Plaintiffs' claims are not subject to**
11 **intermediate scrutiny because Plaintiffs have not established that there is a**
12 **semi-suspect class or that a license is an important right**

13 **a. There is no purposeful semi-suspect classification**

14 Plaintiffs offer no argument for how the Legislature purposefully sought to burden the
15 poor with its enactment of RCW 46.20.289. Thus, Plaintiffs have not identified a semi-suspect
16 class in order to invoke intermediate scrutiny rather than rational basis review. *Pers. Adm'r of*
17 *Mass. v. Feeney*, 442 U.S. 256, 272, 274, 279, 281, 99 S. Ct. 2282, 60 L. Ed. 2d 870 (1979);
18 *Macias v. Dep't of Labor and Indus.*, 100 Wn.2d 263, 267, 668 P.2d 1278 (1983); Opp. Br. at 16-
19 17. Plaintiffs attempt to cast off their burden of proof to show a purposeful act of the Legislature
20 by arguing that the cited cases do not apply, while making no argument of their own or citing
21 any authority. Pls.' Reply at 18-19, n. 57. But, Plaintiffs misread *Feeney*. *Feeney* addressed
22 allegations that a statute created a classification in effect based upon gender by giving preference
23 for public employment to veterans (who were primarily male). Employment is not a fundamental
24 right and gender is not a suspect class. *Feeney*, 442 U.S. at 273; *see, e.g., Craig v. Boren*, 429

25 ¹² Weaver Decl., ¶¶ 5, 7; Whittaker Decl. ¶ 6 (Pierce pays \$15 per month to Everett Municipal Court);
Martin Decl. ¶ 9 (Comack pays \$10 per month to Skagit County District Court).

26 ¹³ Elsner Decl. ¶ 9; Garner Decl., ¶¶ 5-14.

¹⁴ Boggie Decl., ¶ 8-9.

¹⁵ Hanowell Decl., ¶¶ 6-8, 13.

1 U.S. 190, 97 S.Ct. 451, 50 L. Ed 2d 397 (1976). Thus, like this case, *Feeney* is not a strict scrutiny
2 case. In contrast, *Macias* is a strict scrutiny case but it nevertheless applies here. It would make
3 no sense if a Legislature’s innocent act affecting a suspect class satisfied constitutional scrutiny,
4 but the Legislature’s innocent act affecting an alleged semi-suspect class did not. Plaintiffs’
5 failure to present argument on how the statute’s alleged effect on the poor was purposeful leads
6 to the inevitable conclusion that there is not a semi-suspect classification.

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8 **b. Plaintiffs are not a semi-suspect class**

9 Plaintiffs fail to cite any federal cases holding that the poor are a semi-suspect class.
10 Pls.’ Reply at 19. ¹⁶ Further, their attempt to fit this case under the indigent prisoners line of
11 cases, arguing for the first time that the rights at issue here are liberty interests, is without support.
12 Plaintiffs cite *Matter of Mota*, 114 Wn.2d 465, 474, 788 P.2d 538 (1990), and similar cases. But,
13 the Washington Supreme Court has not extended semi-suspect status to the poor as an entire
14 class. Rather, it has applied intermediate scrutiny to a unique setting involving *both* indigent
15 prisoners *and* a loss of physical liberty. *See Mota*, 114 Wn.2d at 474 (“A higher level of scrutiny
16 is applied to cases involving a deprivation of a liberty interest due to indigency.”). Moreover,
17 *Mota* and the other indigent prisoner cases Plaintiffs cite are distinguishable because Plaintiffs
18 were not imprisoned at the time they incurred fines for their traffic infractions or when their
19 licenses were suspended. Plaintiffs argue *Mota*’s reference to “classes not accountable for their
20 status” applies here, but Plaintiffs provide no argument in response to DOL’s argument for how
21 Plaintiffs meet this criterion. Opp. Br. at 17-18; Pls.’ Reply at 19-20. Plaintiffs have not
22 established that they are members of a semi-suspect class.
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25 ¹⁶ The Supreme Court recognized the potential impact of doing so: “[I]n a sense, every denial of welfare to
26 an indigent creates a wealth classification as compared to non-indigents who are able to pay for the desired goods
or services. But this Court has never held that financial need alone identifies a suspect class for purposes of equal
protection analysis.” *Harris v. McRae*, 448 U.S. 297, 323, 100 S. Ct. 2671, 65 L. Ed. 2d 784 (1980).

1 **c. A driver’s license is not an important right for equal protection**
2 **analysis**

3 Plaintiffs do not refute DOL’s controlling authority but instead cite inapplicable due
4 process cases, and baldly state that the authority DOL cites is “implicitly overruled”. *Merseal* is
5 still good law. Plaintiffs attempt to distinguish *Merseal* because it involved a commercial
6 driver’s license, but the *Merseal* court did not ground its decision in the type of driver’s license
7 the plaintiff held. Rather, its holding rested on the fact that a driver’s license is a privilege not a
8 right. *Merseal*, 99 Wn. App. at 420-21 (needing a driver’s license to maintain one’s current job
9 did “not alter the nature of the license extended by the State. It remains a privilege.”). *Merseal*
10 is not alone in making this pronouncement. The *Merseal* court relied on *Crossman v. Dep’t of*
11 *Licensing*, 42 Wn. App. 325, 329, 711 P.2d 1053 (1985), where the Court of Appeals refused to
12 find that a *personal* license was an important right for purposes of applying strict scrutiny. *Id.*,
13 99 Wn. App. at 420–21. Moreover, Plaintiffs’ due process cases do not apply. Though
14 “possession of a driver's license is recognized as an important interest for *procedural* due process
15 analysis...the same interest cannot be ‘important’ for equal protection analysis”. *Crossman*,
16 42 Wn. App. at 328-329. Plaintiffs have not met their burden of establishing a semi-suspect class
17 or an important right and therefore intermediate scrutiny does not apply.

18 **3. DOL’s statute passes the rational basis and intermediate scrutiny tests**

19 In response to DOL’s argument, Plaintiffs offer only a theory that the Legislature’s
20 purpose for enacting RCW 46.20.289 was fiscal and not intended to protect public safety as
21 DOL’s evidence establishes. Pls.’ Reply at 21. DOL suspends licenses for nonpayment of fines
22 because, if a fine is not paid, the state requires an additional means of enforcing moving
23 violations. Opp. Br. 19-22. Plaintiffs have failed to meet their heavy burden of showing that the
24 Legislature did not have a rational basis for enacting the suspension statute and have failed to
25 refute DOL’s argument that the suspension statute furthers a substantial interest of the state under
26 intermediate scrutiny.

1 **D. Plaintiffs Cannot Establish an Excessive Fines Violation**

2 Plaintiffs cite *Austin v. United States*, 509 U.S. 602, 609-10, 113 S. Ct. 2801, 125 L. Ed.
3 2d 488 (1993), involving a civil forfeiture of a body shop and home, for the proposition that a
4 *fine* may be punitive if it is intended, at least in part, to punish. Pls.’ Reply at 22. This analogy
5 fails because Plaintiffs have not challenged the underlying court fines in this lawsuit or cited any
6 authority establishing that an *administrative license suspension* is equivalent to a *fine* or civil
7 forfeiture for constitutional purposes. In fact, Plaintiffs cite no authority in which a license
8 suspension of any type has been invalidated under the Excessive Fines Clause. Moreover, courts
9 have “almost universally held” that license suspensions are remedial, not punitive, because they
10 protect the public. *State v. Scheffel*, 82 Wn.2d 872, 879, 514 P.2d 1052 (1973); *State v. Griffin*,
11 126 Wn. App. 700, 705, 109 P.3d 870, 873 (2005). Plaintiffs’ attempt to parse suspensions,
12 arising under RCW 46.20.289, from those for DUI or habitual traffic offenders, Plaintiffs’ Reply
13 Brief at 22, overlooks that the moving violations committed by Plaintiffs (e.g., speeding) are
14 dangerous and the fines and suspensions work together to protect public safety.

15 Plaintiffs argue that their suspensions are grossly disproportionate because they may
16 persist indefinitely, but suspensions last only as long as the fine is unpaid. As explained above,
17 suspensions are proportionate because individuals can avoid losing their licenses, and may
18 readily obtain them back by complying with reasonable payment plans or performing community
19 service. RCW 46.20.289; *see United States v. Bajakajian*, 524 U.S. 321, 336-37, 118 S. Ct. 2028,
20 141 L. Ed. 2d 314 (1998) (a forfeiture is proportional if it bears some relationship to the gravity
21 of the offense).

22 Finally, *Blake v. City of Grants Pass*, No. 1:18-CV-01823-CL, 2020 WL 4209227, at *11
23 (D. Or. July 22, 2020), is also inapposite as it involved a fine, not a license suspension. Plaintiffs
24 have never argued that the underlying fine, which they have not challenged, punishes individuals
25 for “unavoidably human acts” like sleeping or resting outside as was the case in *Blake*. *Id.* at *6.

1 Nor could they, given that the underlying traffic infractions that gave rise to Plaintiffs'
2 suspensions are related solely to unlawful driving behavior.

3 Plaintiffs do not show a violation of the Excessive Fines Clause.

4 **II. CONCLUSION**

5 For the foregoing reasons, the Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant
6 Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment and deny Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary
7 Judgment.

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