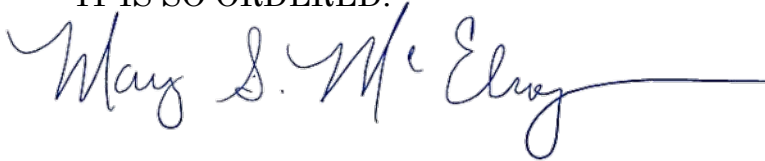


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND)	
and THE COMMONWEALTH OF)	
MASSACHUSETTS <i>ex rel.</i> MICHELE)	
BISBANO and STEFANIE)	
PAOLINO,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	C.A. No. 1:18-CV-00176-MSM-LDA
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CLARIS VISION, LLC et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	

Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond filed a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) on January 16, 2024, (ECF No. 54) in this qui tam action recommending that this Court grant the Relators’ Motion for Award of Reasonable Expenses, Attorneys’ Fees, and Costs (ECF No. 29) in part; that is, solely as to the legal determination that the Relators are entitled to an award for reasonable expenses, attorneys’ fees, and costs pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(d)(1) and to defer consideration of the reasonableness of the claimed expenses to further proceeding after this Court acts on the R&R.

After having reviewed the relevant papers and relevant law, and having heard no objections, the Court ACCEPTS the R&R (ECF No. 54) and adopts the recommendations and reasoning set forth therein.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mary S. McElroy", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Mary S. McElroy
United States District Judge

February 15, 2024