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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF SPOKANE**

In re: JUDITH KUENNIGER-GUINN, and WILLIAM KUENNIGER,	Petitioner, Respondent.	No. 24-3-00791-22 Response Declaration of William Kuenniger
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WILLIAM KUENNIGER hereby declares and states as follows:

I do not believe the amount requested for Spousal Support is warranted given the income and circumstances surrounding this case. I am not opposed to paying Spousal Support but hope that it can be set at a reasonable amount and not the \$5,000 asked for by Judith. My hope was that we could figure all these issues out in mediation rather than going to court, but I understand that these things can be necessary to proceed.

I first want to address the history of our relationship. We were married in December 2006. We do not have children of our own, but when we were together, I helped provide for and take care of her children. I deny ever being controlling or abusive as is claimed in the declarations. I always tried to be a good father and a good husband. Judith and I separated in

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1 October 2022 when she went down to California to visit her daughter. I was shocked and a
2 little hurt when she informed me she was not coming back. It was also hard because I had to
3 balance working and taking care of my ailing mother while dealing with the issues of
4 separation.

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6 As far as I am aware, Judith has since our separation lived with her daughter in
7 California. Her daughter's father owns a Casino down in California and I know that her
8 daughter works for the Casino and makes a lot of money in that business. I am not saying this
9 in any way to get out of my obligation for Spousal Support, but merely to show that Judith is
10 supported by her family and that her need is not as big as she lets on.

11 Throughout the relationship, I always worked to support the family and due to
12 medical issues, Judith worked off and on. Prior to her leaving, both of us worked for the same
13 company. I am currently still employed at the same company and am looking at retiring in a
14 year, but Judith misrepresents my income in her declaration. I have provided a financial
15 declaration to the court to show my monthly income and what my monthly expenses are.
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17 My financial declaration provided to the court shows that I make only \$4440.40 net
18 income. While the company does provide me housing, it still comes out of my paycheck which
19 I noted in my monthly expenses. I also still have many of the same expenses that I had when
20 we were together to take care of the house and for food, medical and other expenses. My total
21 expenses are approximately \$4,107.00 a month. I thus do not have much money for Spousal
22 Support. Like I previously stated, I am not opposed to paying Spousal Support, but her request
23 of \$5,000 a month is too egregious given my actual financials.
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25 I have previously provided her money in the amount of \$1000 in June. I also
26 recently sent her the vehicle she typically drove worth approximately \$16,000. This vehicle

1 was in my name, and I did transfer title to her and am glad to hear that she is able to use it. I
2 have no problem with Judith's request that we coordinate to have her belongings retrieved and
3 put back in her possession.

4 I have very limited ability to pay for Spousal Support as shown by my financial
5 declaration. Also, while Judith's financial declaration does show she has need, she is also
6 supported by family down in California. I have no issue with paying Spousal Support, but
7 cannot afford the amount she wants and I have only limited funds. I ask the court to set the
8 support at a reasonable amount based on our financials. I also do not make enough to try and
9 pay both my own and Judith's attorney fees in trying to bring this motion. As I stated earlier,
10 my hope was to get all this settled in mediation and I believe attorney fees should be denied.
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14 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing
15 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Signed at Spokane, Washington
on 01/10/24 .

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