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Hon. Hala Y. Jarbou, Chief Judge  
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WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
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**Re: *Dalton, et al. v. ChoiceOne Bank,*  
1: 2026-cv-00163 (HYJ) (RK)**

Dear Judge Jarbou:

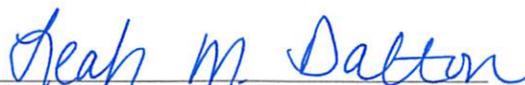
Plaintiffs are in receipt of the Order referring the above-referenced matter to Magistrate Judge Ray Kent. We object to the order of referral and respectfully invoke on our rights to have this matter heard by an Article III judge.

On January 27, 2026, we submitted a letter to the Clerk of Court requesting that the Nature of Suit be corrected. To date, it has not been corrected. This is concerning because the incorrect Nature of Suit entered by the Clerk discredits us and our legitimate claims.

Kindly vacate the order of reference at your earliest convenience. We look forward to having our forthcoming motion for summary judgment and expedited consideration addressed by an Article III judge.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

  
Leah M. Dalton

cc: (via regular mail)

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