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**Subject:** Re: Nuha Sayegh--Retainer Draft-2025.10.27 copy  
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Dear Xiaoye (Melody) Zhou,

Thank you for all of your help Melody. I received the DocuSign credit card authorization form, but I cannot sign it as-is due to a critical mismatch with our signed retainer agreement.

ISSUE: The form contains "Pre-Authorization for Auto-Pay" language suggesting recurring billing, but Section 5 of our signed retainer agreement specifies a one-time "\$7,500 REFUNDABLE retainer."

REQUEST: Please modify the DocuSign form to explicitly state:  
"ONE-TIME RETAINER PAYMENT OF \$7,500 ONLY - NO RECURRING CHARGES - NO AUTO-PAY AUTHORIZATION"

FINANCIAL CONTEXT: I have invested \$40K+ in this case and explicitly cannot afford monthly recurring charges. The signed retainer agreement provides the budget structure we agreed to work within.

I'm ready to proceed immediately once the form matches our retainer terms.

Thank you,  
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