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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>PROOF Acquisition Sponsor I, LLC</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2021	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PROOF Acquisition Corp I [ PACT ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <input type="checkbox"/>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O PROOF ACQUISITION CORP I</u> <u>11911 FREEDOM DRIVE, STE 1080</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) <u>RESTON VA 20190</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Class B Common Stock</u>	(1)	(1)	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>5,750,000<sup>(2)(3)</sup></u>	(1)	<u>D</u>	

## Explanation of Responses:

- The shares of Class B common stock have no expiration date and will automatically convert into shares of Class A common stock at the time of the Issuer's initial business combination, subject to adjustment as set forth in the Issuer's registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-261015).
- Includes up to 750,000 shares subject to forfeiture depending on the extent to which the underwriters' over-allotment option is exercised, if at all. This amount does not reflect the repurchase by the Issuer of an aggregate of 400,000 shares of Class B common stock (or 460,000 shares if the underwriter's over-allotment option is exercised in full) from the Reporting Person in connection with the closing of the offering and the reissuance of such shares to funds and accounts managed by subsidiaries of BlackRock, Inc., as described in the Registration Statement.
- The Reporting Person is the sponsor (the "Sponsor") of the Issuer. The Sponsor is controlled by its manager, PROOF Sponsor Management LLC (the "Manager"). The managing members of the Manager are John C. Backus, Jr., Steven P. Mullins and Michael W. Zarlenga. No person individually has the power to vote or control the interests of the Sponsor. Each individual disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. Accordingly, none of the managing members is deemed to have or share beneficial ownership of the founder shares held by the Sponsor.

/s/ Michael W. Zarlenga

11/30/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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