UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF COLORADO

CHRISTOPHER GUIDA, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 1:22-cv-02350-GPG-MEH

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GAIA, INC.,

Hon. Gordon P. Gallagher

Defendant.

CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement ("Agreement" or "Settlement Agreement") is entered into by and among (i) Plaintiff Christopher Guida ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and as a representative of the Settlement Class (as defined herein), and (ii) Defendant Gaia, Inc. ("Gaia" or "Defendant"). Plaintiff and Defendant are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties." This Agreement is intended by the Parties to fully, finally, and forever resolve, discharge, and settle the Released Claims (as defined herein), upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and subject to the final approval of the Court.

RECITALS

1. On September 12, 2022, Plaintiff filed his putative class action complaint against Gaia in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado alleging violations of the Video Privacy Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2710 *et seq.* (the "VPPA"). (Dkt. 1.) The material allegations of the complaint center on Defendant's alleged

disclosure of its subscribers' personally identifiable information to Facebook without consent.

- 2. On November 9, 2022, Gaia moved to dismiss the class action complaint under Rules 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6) arguing, *inter alia*, that Plaintiff lacked standing, and the complaint failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted. (Dkt. 20.) Plaintiff filed an opposition to Gaia's motion to dismiss on December 7, 2022. (Dkt. 24.) Gaia filed a reply in support of its motion to dismiss on December 21, 2022. (Dkt. 25.)
- 3. On August 18, 2023, the Parties sought a stay of the litigation for the purpose of engaging in formal mediation. (Dkt. 49.) The Court granted the Parties' joint request for a stay on August 19, 2023. (Dkt. 50.) The Court also ruled the motion to dismiss moot in light of the stay. (Dkt. 51.) On November 3, 2023, the Parties sought an extension of the stay (Dkt. 52), which the Court granted that same day. (Dkt. 53.) On December 22, 2023, the Parties sought a further extension of the stay (Dkt. 54), which the Court granted. (Dkt. 55.) On January 29, 2024, the Parties sought a further extension of the stay (Dkt. 56), which the Court granted. (Dkt. 57.) On February 28, 2024, the Court granted the Parties' request to lift the stay of discovery. (Dkt. 60.) On March 1, 2024, the Court granted the Parties' request to modify the Scheduling Order. (Dkt. 61.) On March 8, 2024, Defendant re-filed its motion to dismiss. (Dkt. 62.) Plaintiff re-filed his opposition on March 11, 2024 (Dkt. 63), and Defendant re-filed its reply on March 13, 2024. (Dkt. 66.)
- 4. From the outset of the case and including during the pendency of the motion to dismiss, the Parties engaged in direct communications, and as part of their obligations

under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26, discussed the prospect of resolution. Those discussions led to an agreement between the Parties to engage in mediation, which the Parties agreed would take place before The Honorable Suzanne H. Segal, who is a former United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Central District of California, and a neutral at Signature Resolution.

- 5. The mediation took place on November 29, 2023. While the Parties engaged in good-faith negotiations, which at all times were at arms' length, they failed to reach an agreement that day.
- 6. Over the following weeks and months, the Parties engaged in additional rounds of arms' length negotiations facilitated by Judge Segal. On May 31, 2024, Judge Segal made a double-blind mediator's proposal for a full, class-wide settlement of the Action. On June 5, 2024, Judge Segal informed the Parties that they had both agreed to the mediator's proposal. Having reached agreement on all material terms of a class action settlement, the Parties thereafter executed a term sheet.
- 7. At all times, Defendant has denied and continues to deny any wrongdoing whatsoever and has denied and continues to deny that it committed, or threatened or attempted to commit, any wrongful act or violation of law or duty alleged in the Action. Nonetheless, taking into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation, Defendant has concluded it is desirable and beneficial that the Action be fully and finally settled and terminated in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement is a compromise, and the Agreement, any related documents, and any negotiations resulting in it shall not be construed as or deemed to

be evidence of or an admission or concession of liability or wrongdoing on the part of Defendant, or any of the Released Parties (defined below), with respect to any claim of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever.

- 8. Plaintiff believes that the claims asserted in the Action against Defendant have merit and that he would have prevailed at summary judgment and/or trial. Nonetheless, Plaintiff and Class Counsel recognize that Defendant has raised factual and legal defenses that present a risk that Plaintiff may not prevail. Plaintiff and Class Counsel also recognize the expense and delay associated with continued prosecution of the Action against Defendant through class certification, summary judgment, trial, and any subsequent appeals. Plaintiff and Class Counsel have also taken into account the uncertain outcome and risks of litigation, especially in complex class actions, as well as the difficulties inherent in such litigation. Therefore, Plaintiff believes it is desirable that the Released Claims be fully and finally compromised, settled, and resolved with prejudice. Based on their evaluation, Class Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, and that it is in the best interests of the Settlement Class to settle the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement.
- 9. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among Plaintiff, the Settlement Class, and Defendant, by and through its undersigned counsel that, subject to final approval of the Court after a hearing or hearings as provided for in this Settlement Agreement, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties from the Agreement set forth herein, that the Action and the Released Claims shall be

finally and fully compromised, settled, and released, and the Action shall be dismissed with prejudice, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

1. **DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Settlement Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below.

- **1.1.** "Action" means *Guida v. Gaia, Inc.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-02350-PAB-MEH, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.
- 1.2. "Approved Claim" means a Claim Form submitted by a Settlement Class Member that: (a) is submitted timely and in accordance with the directions on the Claim Form and the provisions of the Settlement Agreement; (b) is fully and truthfully completed by a Settlement Class Member with all of the information requested in the Claim Form; (c) is signed by the Settlement Class Member, physically or electronically; and (d) is approved by the Settlement Administrator pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.
- 1.3. "Claim Form" means the document substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, as approved by the Court. The Claim Form, to be completed by Settlement Class Members who wish to file a Claim for a payment, shall be available in electronic and paper format in the manner described below.
- **1.4.** "Claims Deadline" means the date by which all Claim Forms must be postmarked or received to be considered timely and shall be set as a date no later than forty-five (45) days after entry of the Final Approval Hearing. The Claims Deadline shall

be clearly set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order as well as in the Notice and the Claim Form.

- 1.5. "Class Counsel" means Co-Lead Class Counsel Shawn Kennedy of Herrera Kennedy LLP, Christopher J. Cormier of Burns Charest LLP, and Rachel Geman of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP.
- **1.6.** "Class Period" means the period from September 12, 2020, to and through the date of Preliminary Approval.
- 1.7. "Class Representative" means the named Plaintiff in this Action,
 Christopher Guida.
- **1.8.** "Court" means the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, the Honorable Gordon P. Gallagher presiding, or any judge who shall succeed him as the Judge in this Action.
 - **1.9.** "Defendant" means Gaia, Inc. and its successors and assigns.
- **1.10.** "Defendant's Counsel" means Thomas J. Krysa, Kelsey C. Boehm, and Stephanie Adamo of Foley & Lardner LLP.
- **1.11.** "Effective Date" means the date on which the Final Judgment becomes Final.
- 1.12. "Escrow Account" means the separate, interest-bearing escrow account to be established by the Settlement Administrator under terms acceptable to all Parties at a depository institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Settlement Fund shall be deposited by Defendant into the Escrow Account in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the money in the Escrow Account

shall be invested in the following types of accounts and/or instruments and no other: (i) demand deposit accounts and/or (ii) time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit, in either case with maturities of forty-five (45) days or less. The costs of establishing and maintaining the Escrow Account shall be paid from the Settlement Fund. The Escrow Account shall be maintained by the Settlement Administrator.

- 1.13. "Fee Award" means the amount of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses awarded by the Court to Class Counsel, which will be paid out of the Settlement Fund.
- 1.14. "Final" means one business day following the latest of the following events: (i) the date upon which the time expires for filing or noticing any appeal of the Court's Final Judgment approving the Settlement Agreement; (ii) if there is an appeal or appeals, other than an appeal or appeals solely with respect to the Fee Award, the date of completion, in a manner that finally affirms and leaves in place the Final Judgment without any material modification, of all proceedings arising out of the appeal or appeals (including, but not limited to, the expiration of all deadlines for motions for reconsideration or petitions for review and/or *certiorari*, all proceedings ordered on remand, and all proceedings arising out of any subsequent appeal or appeals following decisions on remand); or (iii) the date of final dismissal of any appeal or the final dismissal of any proceeding on *certiorari*.
- 1.15. "Final Approval Hearing" means the hearing before the Court where the Parties will request the Final Judgment to be entered by the Court approving the

Settlement Agreement, the Fee Award, and the incentive award to the Class Representative.

- **1.16.** "Final Judgment" means the order to be entered by the Court, after the Final Approval Hearing, granting final approval of this Agreement.
 - **1.17.** "Gaia's Websites" means gaia.com and yogainternational.com.
- 1.18. "Net Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Fund less the following:
 Settlement Administration Expenses; any taxes due on earnings on the Settlement
 Fund, and any expenses related to the payment of such taxes; any Fee Award awarded
 by the Court; any Service Award awarded by the Court; and any other Court-approved
 deductions.
- 1.19. "Notice" means the notice of this proposed Class Action Settlement
 Agreement and Final Approval Hearing, which is to be sent to the Settlement Class
 substantially in the manner set forth in this Agreement, is consistent with the
 requirements of Due Process, Rule 23, and is substantially in the form of Exhibits B and
 C hereto.
- 1.20. "Notice Date" means the date by which the Notice set forth in Paragraph4.1.2 is complete, which shall be no later than forty-five (45) days after PreliminaryApproval.
- 1.21. "Objection/Exclusion Deadline" means the date by which a written objection to this Settlement Agreement or a request for exclusion submitted by a Person within the Settlement Class must be made, which shall be designated as a date no later than forty-five (45) days after the Notice Date and no sooner than fourteen (14) days

after papers supporting the Fee Award are filed with the Court and posted to the settlement website listed in Paragraph 4.1(d), or such other date as ordered by the Court.

- 1.22. "Person" shall mean, without limitation, any individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity and their spouses, heirs, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assigns. "Person" is not intended to include any governmental agencies or governmental actors, including, without limitation, any state Attorney General office.
 - **1.23.** "Plaintiff" means Christopher Guida.
- **1.24.** "Preliminary Approval" means the Court's certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes, preliminary approval of this Settlement Agreement, and approval of the form and manner of the Notice.
- 1.25. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the order preliminarily approving the Settlement Agreement, certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes, and directing notice thereof to the Settlement Class, which will be agreed upon by the Parties and submitted to the Court in conjunction with Plaintiff's motion for preliminary approval of the Agreement.
- **1.26.** "Released Claims" means any and all actual, potential, filed, known or unknown, fixed or contingent, claimed or unclaimed, suspected or unsuspected, claims, demands, liabilities, rights, causes of action, claims on contracts or agreements, extra

contractual claims, damages, penalties, punitive, exemplary or multiplied damages, expenses, costs, attorneys' fees, losses, or obligations, whether in law or in equity, accrued or un-accrued, direct, individual or representative, of every nature and description whatsoever (including "Unknown Claims," as defined below), whether based on the VPPA or other state, federal, local, statutory or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, against the Released Parties, or any of them, arising out of any facts, transactions, events, matters, occurrences, acts, disclosures, statements, representations, omissions, or failures to act regarding the alleged disclosure of the Settlement Class members' personally identifiable information and video viewing behavior to any third party, including all claims that were brought or could have been brought in the Action relating to the disclosure of such information belonging to any and all Releasing Parties. Nothing herein is intended to release any claims any governmental agency or governmental actor has against Defendant.

1.27. "Released Parties" means Defendant Gaia, Inc., as well as any and all of its respective present and past heirs, executors, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, parent companies, subsidiaries, licensors, licensees, associates, affiliates, employers, employees, agents, consultants, independent contractors, insurers, directors, managing directors, officers, partners, principals, members, attorneys, accountants, financial or other advisors, underwriters, shareholders, lenders, auditors, investment advisors, legal representatives, successors in interest, assigns and companies, firms, trusts, and corporations.

- 1.28. "Releasing Parties" means Plaintiff, those Settlement Class Members who do not timely opt out of the Settlement Class, and all of their respective present and past heirs, executors, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, parent companies, subsidiaries, licensors, licensees, associates, affiliates, employers, employees, agents, consultants, independent contractors, insurers, directors, managing directors, officers, partners, principals, members, attorneys, accountants, financial or other advisors, underwriters, shareholders, lenders, auditors, investment advisors, legal representatives, successors in interest, assigns and companies, firms, trusts, and corporations.
- 1.29. "Service Award" means any amount awarded by the Court to the Class Representative as a service award in recognition of his efforts and commitment on behalf of the Class, which will be paid out of the Settlement Fund.
- 1.30. "Settlement Administration Expenses" means the expenses incurred by the Settlement Administrator in providing Notice (including CAFA notice), processing claims, responding to inquiries from members of the Settlement Class, and, if necessary, mailing Notices and/or checks for Approved Claims, and related services.
- 1.31. "Settlement Administrator" means a reputable administration company that has been selected by the Parties and approved by the Court to oversee the distribution of Notice, as well as the processing and payment of Approved Claims to the Settlement Class as set forth in this Agreement.
- **1.32. "Settlement Amount"** means Two Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,000,000.00) in cash.

- 1.33. "Settlement Class" means all individuals residing in the United States who, during the Class Period, subscribed or otherwise signed up for access to Gaia's services, and requested or obtained any prerecorded (including on-demand replay) videos available on Gaia's Websites while they had a Facebook account. Excluded from the Settlement Class are (1) any judge presiding over this Action and members of their families; (2) Defendant, its subsidiaries, parent companies, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which the Defendant or its parents have a controlling interest and their current or former officers, directors, agents, attorneys, and employees; (3) persons who properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the class; and (4) the legal representatives, successors, or assigns of any such excluded persons.
- 1.34. "Settlement Class Member" means a Person who falls within the definition of the Settlement Class as set forth above and who has not submitted a valid request for exclusion.
- 1.35. "Settlement Fund" means the non-reversionary cash fund that shall be established by or on behalf of Defendant in the Settlement Amount, to be deposited into the Escrow Account, according to the schedule set forth herein, plus all interest earned thereon. The Settlement Fund shall be at all times a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Section 1.468B-1 et seq. of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Settlement Fund shall be kept in the Escrow Account with permissions granted to the Settlement Administrator to access said funds until such time as the above-listed payments are made. The Settlement Fund includes all interest that shall accrue on the

sums deposited in the Escrow Account. The Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for all tax filings with respect to any earnings on the Settlement Fund and the payment of all taxes that may be due on such earnings. All taxes (including any estimated taxes, and any interest or penalties relating to them) arising with respect to the income earned by the Settlement Fund Account or otherwise, including any taxes or tax detriments that may be imposed upon the Class Representative, Class Counsel, Defendant, or Defendant's Counsel with respect to income earned by the Settlement Fund for any period during which the Settlement Fund does not qualify as a qualified settlement fund for purposes of federal or state income taxes or otherwise, shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund. Neither the Class Representative, Class Counsel, Defendant, nor Defendant's Counsel shall have any liability or responsibility for any taxes arising with respect to the Settlement Fund. The Settlement Fund represents the total extent of Defendant's monetary obligations under this Agreement. In no event shall Defendant's total monetary obligation with respect to this Agreement exceed or be less than the Settlement Amount.

1.36. "Unknown Claims" means claims that could have been raised in the Action and that any or all of the Releasing Parties do not know or suspect to exist, which, if known by him or her, might affect his or her agreement to release the Released Parties or the Released Claims or might affect his or her decision to agree, object or not to object to the Settlement. Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have, and shall have, expressly waived and relinquished, to the fullest extent

permitted by law, the provisions, rights and benefits of § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties also shall be deemed to have, and shall have, waived any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, or the law of any jurisdiction outside of the United States, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code. The Releasing Parties acknowledge that they may discover facts in addition to or different from those that they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of this release, but that it is their intention to finally and forever settle and release the Released Claims, notwithstanding any Unknown Claims they may have, as that term is defined in this Paragraph.

2. SETTLEMENT RELIEF

2.1. Payments to Settlement Class Members.

2.1.1. Defendant shall pay or cause to be paid into the Escrow Account the Settlement Amount, as specified in Paragraph 1.32 of this Agreement, no later than 15 days after the Court issues a Final Order of Approval and Judgment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Defendant shall pay or cause to be paid into the Escrow Amount on a timely basis such portions of the Settlement Amount as may be requested by the Settlement Administrator to pay for Settlement Administration Expenses.

- 2.1.2. Settlement Class Members shall have until the Claims Deadline to submit an Approved Claim. The Settlement Administrator shall pay a *pro rata* portion of the Net Settlement Fund for all Approved Claims through payment (a) by check via first class U.S. mail; or (b) by electronic means, upon election of the Settlement Class Member, which the Parties agree to make available as alternative payment options. Payments to all Settlement Class Members with Approved Claims shall be made within ninety (90) days after the Effective Date.
- 2.1.3. To the extent that any checks issued to a Settlement Class Member are not cashed or electronic payments are not accepted within the time specified by the Settlement Administrator, such unclaimed funds shall be redistributed on a *pro rata* basis (after first deducting any necessary settlement administration expenses from such uncashed check funds) to all Settlement Class Members who cashed checks or received electronic payments during the initial distribution, but only to the extent each Settlement Class Member would receive at least \$5.00 in any such secondary distribution and if otherwise feasible. To the extent each Settlement Class Member would receive less than \$5.00 in any such secondary distribution or if a secondary distribution would be otherwise infeasible, any uncashed check funds shall, subject to Court approval, revert to a non-sectarian and/or not-for-profit organization recommended by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.
- **2.1.4.** Upon payment of the Settlement Fund into the Escrow Account, all risk of loss with respect to the cash portion of the Settlement shall pass to the Escrow

Account, and any and all remaining interest or right of Defendant in or to the Escrow Account, if any, shall be extinguished.

2.2. Prospective Relief. Gaia, within 45 days of the Preliminary Approval Order, but in no event later than the date of the Final Approval Order and Judgment, will suspend operation of the Facebook Tracking Pixel on any pages on Gaia's Websites that both include video content and have a URL that identifies the video content viewed, unless and until the VPPA were to be: (a) amended to expressly permit (and not prohibit) the Released Claims, (b) repealed, or (c) invalidated by a judicial decision on the use of website pixel technology by the United States Supreme Court or the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Nothing about this provision prevents Gaia from seeking to obtain VPPA-compliant consent in the future should it wish to reinstitute use of the Facebook Tracking Pixel. Likewise nothing herein shall prohibit the use of the Facebook Tracking Pixel where the disclosure of information to Facebook does not identify specific video materials that a user has requested or obtained, or otherwise where use of the Facebook Tracking Pixel is done in compliance with the VPPA.

3. RELEASE.

- **3.1.** The obligations incurred pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be a full and final disposition of the Action and any and all Released Claims, as against all Released Parties.
- **3.2.** Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties, and each of them, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims against the

Released Parties, and each of them. Further, upon the Effective Date, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, each Settlement Class Member, shall, either directly, indirectly, representatively, or in any capacity, be permanently barred and enjoined from filing, commencing, prosecuting, intervening in, or participating (as a class member or otherwise) in any lawsuit, action, or other proceeding in any jurisdiction (other than participation in the Settlement as provided herein) against any Released Party based on the Released Claims.

4. NOTICE TO THE CLASS.

4.1. The Notice Plan shall consist of the following:

4.1.1. Settlement Class List. No later than fourteen (14) days after

Preliminary Approval, Defendant shall produce an electronic list from its records that includes the names and, to the extent available, email addresses belonging to Persons within the Settlement Class (the "Class List"). Defendant represents that the Class List shall identify subscribers to Gaia's Websites, or other individuals that otherwise signed up for Gaia's services, that also viewed prerecorded or on-demand content during the Class Period. Class Counsel's assent to this Agreement shall constitute consent on behalf of the Settlement Class to disclose this information, consistent with the written consent provisions of the VPPA. The Class List shall be provided to the Settlement Administrator with a copy to Class Counsel. Class Counsel shall not use the Class List, or any information contained within it, for any other purposes other than administering the settlement, and shall take reasonable measures to protect the information from any third-party disclosure. Class Counsel may not send advertisements, solicitations, or

communications to the Settlement Class to solicit Settlement Class members to retain Class Counsel for any other matters or disputes.

- 4.1.2. Direct Notice. In the event that the Court preliminarily approves the Settlement, no later than the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator shall send Notice via email substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B, along with an electronic link to the Claim Form, to all Settlement Class Members for whom a valid email address is available in the Class List. In the event transmission of email notice results in any "bounce-backs," the Settlement Administrator shall, where reasonable, correct any issues that may have caused the "bounce-back" to occur and make a second attempt to re-send the email notice.
- **4.1.3.** Reminder Notice. At the election of Class Counsel, and at least seven (7) days prior to the Claims Deadline, the Settlement Administrator may, on one to two occasions, send Notice via email substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B (with minor, non-material modifications to indicate that it is a reminder email rather than an initial notice), along with an electronic link to the Claim Form, to all Settlement Class Members for whom a valid email address is available in the Class List.
- **4.1.4.** Settlement Website. By no later than the Notice Date, Notice shall be provided on a website at www.GaiaVPPASettlement.com which shall be administered and maintained by the Settlement Administrator and shall include the ability to file Claim Forms online. The Notice provided on the Settlement Website shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto.

- **4.1.5.** CAFA Notice. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715, not later than ten (10) days after the Agreement is filed with the Court, the Settlement Administrator shall cause to be served upon the Attorneys General of each U.S. State in which Settlement Class members reside, the Attorney General of the United States, and other required government officials, notice of the proposed settlement as required by law.
- **4.1.6.** Contact from Class Counsel. Class Counsel, in their capacity as counsel to Settlement Class Members, may from time to time contact Settlement Class Members to provide information about the Settlement Agreement and to answer any questions Settlement Class Members may have about the Settlement Agreement.
- 4.2. The Notice shall advise the Settlement Class of their rights, including the right to be excluded from, comment upon, and/or object to the Settlement Agreement or any of its terms. The Notice shall specify that any objection to the Settlement Agreement, and any papers submitted in support of said objection, shall be considered by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing only if, on or before the Objection/Exclusion Deadline approved by the Court and specified in the Notice, the Person making the objection files notice of an intention to do so and at the same time (a) files copies of such papers he or she proposes to be submitted at the Final Approval Hearing with the Clerk of the Court, or alternatively, if the objection is from a Class Member represented by counsel, files any objection through the Court's CM/ECF system, and (b) sends copies of such papers by mail, hand, or overnight delivery service to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel.

- 4.3. Any Settlement Class Member who intends to object to this Agreement must present the objection in writing, which must be personally signed by the objector, and must include: (1) the objector's name and address; (2) an explanation of the basis upon which the objector claims to be a Settlement Class Member, including information sufficient to identify the objector's current Facebook page or a screenshot showing that such objector was a Facebook member during the class period; (3) all grounds for the objection, including all citations to legal authority and evidence supporting the objection; (4) the name and contact information of any and all attorneys representing, advising, or in any way assisting the objector in connection with the preparation or submission of the objection or who may profit from the pursuit of the objection (the "Objecting Attorneys"); (5) a statement indicating whether the objector intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing (either personally or through counsel who files an appearance with the Court in accordance with the Local Rules); and (6) the objector's handwritten or electronically imaged written signature. So-called "mass" or "class" objections shall not be allowed.
- **4.4.** If a Settlement Class Member or any of the Objecting Attorneys has objected to any class action settlement where the objector or the Objecting Attorneys asked for or received any payment in exchange for dismissal of the objection, or any related appeal, without any modification to the settlement, then the objection must include a statement identifying each such case by full case caption and amount of payment received. Any challenge to the Settlement Agreement or the Final Judgment shall be pursuant to appeal under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and not through a collateral attack.

- 4.5. A Settlement Class Member may request to be excluded from the Settlement Class by sending a written request postmarked on or before the Objection/Exclusion Deadline approved by the Court and specified in the Notice. To exercise the right to be excluded, a Person in the Settlement Class must timely send a written request for exclusion to the Settlement Administrator as specified in the Notice, providing his/her name and address, a signature, the name and number of the case, and a statement that he or she wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class for purposes of this Settlement. A request to be excluded that does not include all of this information, or that is sent to an address other than that designated in the Notice, or that is not postmarked within the time specified, shall be invalid, and the Person(s) serving such a request shall be a member(s) of the Settlement Class and shall be bound as a Settlement Class Member by this Agreement, if approved. Any member of the Settlement Class who validly elects to be excluded from this Agreement shall not: (i) be bound by any orders or the Final Judgment: (ii) be entitled to relief under this Settlement Agreement; (iii) gain any rights by virtue of this Agreement; or (iv) be entitled to object to any aspect of this Agreement. The request for exclusion must be personally signed by the Person requesting exclusion. So-called "mass" or "class" opt-outs shall not be allowed. To be valid, a request for exclusion must be postmarked or received by the date specified in the Notice.
- **4.6.** The Final Approval Hearing shall be no earlier than ninety (90) days after the Notice described in Paragraph 4.2 is provided.

4.7. Any Settlement Class Member who does not, using the procedures set forth in this Agreement and the Notice, seek exclusion from the Settlement Class will be bound by all of the terms of this Agreement, including the terms of the Final Judgment to be entered in the Action and the Releases provided for in the Agreement, and will be barred from bringing any action against any of the Released Parties concerning the Released Claims.

5. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

5.1. The Settlement Administrator shall, under the supervision of the Court, administer the relief provided by this Settlement Agreement by processing Claim Forms in a rational, responsive, cost effective, and timely manner. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain reasonably detailed records of its activities under this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain all such records as are required by applicable law in accordance with its normal business practices and such records will be made available to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel upon request. The Settlement Administrator shall also provide reports and other information to the Court as the Court may require. The Settlement Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel with information concerning Notice, administration, and implementation of the Settlement Agreement. Should the Court request, the Parties shall submit a timely report to the Court summarizing the work performed by the Settlement Administrator, including a report of all amounts from the Settlement Fund paid to Settlement Class Members on account of Approved Claims. Without limiting the foregoing, the Settlement Administrator shall:

- **5.1.1.** Forward to Defendant's Counsel, with copies to Class Counsel, all original documents and other materials received in connection with the administration of the Settlement, and all copies thereof, within thirty (30) days after the date on which all Claim Forms have been finally approved or disallowed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
- 5.1.2. Receive requests to be excluded from the Settlement Class and other requests and promptly provide to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel copies thereof. If the Settlement Administrator receives any exclusion forms or other requests after the deadline for the submission of such forms and requests, the Settlement Administrator shall promptly provide copies thereof to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel;
- **5.1.3.** Provide weekly reports to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel, including without limitation, reports regarding the number of Claim Forms received, the number approved by the Settlement Administrator, and the categorization and description of Claim Forms rejected, in whole or in part, by the Settlement Administrator; and
- **5.1.4.** Make available for inspection by Class Counsel or Defendant's Counsel the Claim Forms received by the Settlement Administrator at any time upon reasonable notice.
- **5.2.** The Settlement Administrator shall be obliged to employ reasonable procedures to screen claims for abuse or fraud and deny Claim Forms where there is evidence of abuse or fraud. The Settlement Administrator will reject any claim that does

not comply in any material respect with the instructions on the Claim Form or the terms of Paragraphs 1.2 and/or 1.3, above, or is submitted after the Claims Deadline. Each claimant who submits an invalid Claim Form to the Settlement Administrator must be given a notice of the Claim Form's deficiency and an opportunity to cure the deficiency within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the notice. The Settlement Administrator may contact any Person who has submitted a Claim Form to obtain additional information necessary to verify the Claim Form.

- 5.3. Defendant's Counsel and Class Counsel shall have the right to challenge the acceptance or rejection of a Claim Form submitted by Settlement Class Members and to obtain and review supporting documentation relating to such Claim Form. The Settlement Administrator shall follow any agreed decisions of Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel as to the validity of any disputed submitted Claim Form. To the extent Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel are not able to agree on the disposition of a challenge, the disputed claim shall be submitted to The Honorable Suzanne H. Segal of Signature Resolution for binding determination.
- **5.4.** In the exercise of its duties outlined in this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator shall have the right to reasonably request additional information from the Parties or any Settlement Class Member.

6. TERMINATION OF SETTLEMENT.

6.1. Subject to Paragraphs 6.2-6.4 below, Defendant or the Class Representative on behalf of the Settlement Class, shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of the election to do so ("Termination Notice") to

all other Parties hereto within twenty-one (21) days of any of the following events: (i) the Court's refusal to grant Preliminary Approval of this Agreement in any material respect; (ii) the Court's refusal to grant final approval of this Agreement in any material respect; (iii) the Court's refusal to enter the Final Judgment in this Action in any material respect; (iv) the date upon which the Final Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court; or (v) the date upon which an Alternative Judgment, as defined in Paragraph 9.1.4 of this Agreement is modified or reversed in any material respect by the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court.

- **6.2.** Subject to Paragraph 6.3 below, Defendant shall have the right, but not the obligation, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to Class Counsel within twenty-five (25) days of the following events: (i) more than 100 individuals of the Settlement Class in total have timely and validly opted out of and/or objected to the Agreement; or (ii) the Class Representative and his agents, or any other individuals operating at his direction or in coordination with him, or Class Counsel, file or threaten to file any arbitrations or additional lawsuits against Defendant related to the Released Claims at any time prior to final approval.
- **6.3.** If Defendant seeks to terminate the Agreement on the basis of Paragraph 6.2 above, the Parties agree that any dispute as to whether Defendant may invoke Paragraph 6.2 to terminate the Agreement that they cannot resolve on their own after reasonable, good faith efforts, will be submitted to the Honorable Suzanne H. Segal of Signature Resolution for binding determination.

6.4. The Parties agree that the Court's failure to approve, in whole or in part, the attorneys' fees payment to Class Counsel and/or the incentive award set forth in Paragraph 8 below shall not prevent the Agreement from becoming effective, nor shall it be grounds for termination. The procedures for any application for approval of attorneys' fees, expenses, or Incentive Awards are to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the Settlement.

7. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT.

Agreement, Class Counsel shall submit this Agreement together with its Exhibits to the Court and shall move the Court for Preliminary Approval of the settlement set forth in this Agreement; certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; appointment of Class Counsel and the Class Representative; and entry of a Preliminary Approval Order, which order shall set a Final Approval Hearing date and approve the Notice and Claim Form for dissemination substantially in the form of Exhibits A, B, and C hereto. The Preliminary Approval Order shall also authorize the Parties, without further approval from the Court, to agree to and adopt such amendments, modifications and expansions of the Settlement Agreement and its implementing documents (including all exhibits to this Agreement) so long as they are consistent in all material respects with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and do not limit or impair the rights of the Settlement Class.

- 7.2. Defendant's agreement as to certification of the Settlement Class is solely for purposes of effectuating the Settlement and no other purpose. Defendant retains all of its objections, arguments, and defenses with respect to class certification and any other issue, and reserves all rights to contest class certification and any other issue if the Settlement set out in this Agreement does not result in entry of the Final Judgment, if the Court's approval is reversed or vacated on appeal, if this Settlement is terminated as provided herein, or if the Settlement set forth in this Settlement otherwise fails to become effective. The Parties acknowledges that there has been no stipulation to any classes or certification of any classes for any purpose other than effectuating the Settlement, and that if the Settlement set forth in this Settlement Agreement is not finally approved, if the Court's approval is reversed or vacated on appeal, if this Settlement Agreement is terminated as provided herein, or if the Settlement set forth in this Settlement Agreement otherwise fails to become effective, this agreement as to certification of the Settlement Class becomes null and void ab initio, and this Settlement Agreement or any other settlement-related statement may not be cited regarding certification of the Class, or in support of an argument for certifying any class for any purpose related to this Action or any other proceeding.
- **7.3.** At the time of the submission of this Agreement to the Court as described above, Class Counsel shall request that, after Notice is given, the Court hold a Final Approval Hearing and approve the settlement of the Action as set forth herein.
- **7.4.** After Notice is given, the Parties shall request and seek to obtain from the Court a Final Judgment, which will (among other things):

- 7.4.1. find that the Court has personal jurisdiction over all Settlement Class Members and that the Court has subject matter jurisdiction to approve the Agreement, including all exhibits thereto;
- **7.4.2.** approve the Settlement Agreement and the proposed settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate as to, and in the best interests of, the Settlement Class Members; direct the Parties and their counsel to implement and consummate the Agreement according to its terms and provisions; and declare the Agreement to be binding on, and have *res judicata* and preclusive effect in all pending and future lawsuits or other proceedings maintained by or on behalf of Plaintiff and Releasing Parties:
- 7.4.3. find that the Notice implemented pursuant to the Agreement (1) constitutes the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (2) constitutes notice that is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action, their right to object to or exclude themselves from the proposed Agreement, and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (3) is reasonable and constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and (4) meets all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution, and the rules of the Court:
- 7.4.4. find that the Class Representatives and Class Counsel adequately represent the Settlement Class for purposes of entering into and implementing the Agreement;

- **7.4.5.** dismiss the Action (including all individual claims and Settlement Class Claims presented thereby) on the merits and with prejudice, without fees or costs to any party except as provided in the Settlement Agreement;
- **7.4.6.** incorporate the Release set forth above, make the Release effective as of the date of the Effective Date, and forever discharge the Released Parties as set forth herein;
- **7.4.7.** permanently bar and enjoin all Settlement Class Members who have not been properly excluded from the respective Settlement Class from filing, commencing, prosecuting, intervening in, or participating (as class members or otherwise) in, any lawsuit or other action in any jurisdiction based on the Released Claims;
- **7.4.8.** without affecting the finality of the Final Judgment for purposes of appeal, retain jurisdiction as to all matters relating to administration, consummation, enforcement, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement and the Final Judgment, and for any other necessary purpose; and
- **7.4.9.** incorporate any other provisions, as the Court deems necessary and just.

8. FEE AND SERVICE AWARDS

8.1. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(h), Defendant agrees that Class Counsel shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs out of the Settlement Fund in an amount determined by the Court as the Fee Award. Plaintiff will file a motion with the Court prior to the Final Approval Hearing requesting a Fee Award

not to exceed one-third of the Settlement Fund. Payment of the Fee Award shall be made from the Settlement Fund and should the Court award less than the amount sought by Class Counsel, the difference in the amount sought and the amount ultimately awarded pursuant to this Paragraph shall remain in the Settlement Fund for distribution to eligible Settlement Class Members.

- **8.2.** The Fee Award shall be paid from the Settlement Fund within ten (10) days after entry of the Court's Final Judgment, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the settlement or any part hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if for any reason the Final Judgment is reversed or rendered void as a result of appeal(s) then Class Counsel shall return such funds to the Settlement Fund.
- **8.3.** Class Counsel may file a motion for Court approval of a Service Award for the Class Representative, to be paid from the Settlement Fund, in addition to any funds the Class Representative stands to otherwise receive from the Settlement. With no consideration having been given or received, Defendant agrees not to object to a request for service awards to the Class Representative of up to \$2,000.00. Should the Court award less than this amount, the difference in the amount sought and the amount ultimately awarded pursuant to this Paragraph shall remain in the Settlement Fund for distribution to eligible Settlement Class Members.
- **8.4.** The Service Award shall be paid from the Settlement Fund (in the form of a check to the Class Representative that is sent care of Class Counsel), within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.

- **8.5.** The Parties agree that the effectiveness of this Settlement Agreement does not require and is not conditioned upon the Court's approval of a Fee Award and/or a Service Award. No decision by the Court, or modification, reversal, or appeal of any decision by the Court, concerning the payment of a Fee Award and/or a Service Award shall be grounds for cancellation or termination of this Settlement Agreement.
- 9. CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT, EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION
 OR TERMINATION.
- **9.1.** The Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement shall not occur unless and until each of the following events occurs and shall be the date upon which the last (in time) of the following events occurs:
 - **9.1.1.** The Parties and their counsel have executed this Agreement;
 - **9.1.2.** The Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order;
- **9.1.3.** The Court has entered an order finally approving the Agreement, following Notice to the Settlement Class and a Final Approval Hearing, as provided in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and has entered the Final Judgment, or a judgment consistent with this Agreement in all material respects; and
- **9.1.4.** The Final Judgment has become Final, as defined above, or, in the event that the Court enters an order and final judgment in a form other than that provided above ("Alternative Judgment") and that has the consent of the Parties, such Alternative Judgment becomes Final.
- **9.2.** If some or all of the conditions specified in Paragraph 9.1 are not met, or in the event that this Agreement is not approved by the Court, or the settlement set forth

in this Agreement is terminated or fails to become effective in accordance with its terms, then this Settlement Agreement shall be canceled and terminated subject to Paragraph 6.1 unless Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel mutually agree in writing to proceed with this Agreement. If any Party is in material breach of the terms hereof and fails to cure such material breach within 30 days of notice, any other Party, provided that it is in substantial compliance with the terms of this Agreement, may terminate this Agreement upon notice to all of the Settling Parties.

9.3. If this Agreement is terminated or fails to become effective for the reasons set forth in Paragraphs 6.1 and 9.1-9.2 above, the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action as of the date of the signing of this Agreement. In such event, any Final Judgment or other order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*, and the Parties shall be returned to the *status quo ante* with respect to the Action as if this Agreement had never been entered into.

10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

10.1. The Parties (a) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate this Settlement Agreement; and (b) agree, subject to their fiduciary and other legal obligations, to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of this Agreement, to exercise their reasonable best efforts to accomplish the foregoing terms and conditions of this Agreement, to secure final approval, and to defend the Final Judgment through any and all appeals. Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel agree to cooperate with one another in seeking

Court approval of the Settlement Agreement, entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, and the Final Judgment, and promptly to agree upon and execute all such other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval of the Agreement.

- **10.2.** The Parties intend this Settlement Agreement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes between them with respect to the Released Claims by Plaintiff, the Settlement Class and each or any of them, on the one hand, against the Released Parties, and each or any of the Released Parties, on the other hand. Accordingly, the Parties agree not to assert in any forum that the Action was brought by Plaintiff or defended by Defendant, or each or any of them, in bad faith or on a frivolous basis.
- **10.3.** The Parties have relied upon the advice and representation of counsel, selected by them, concerning their respective legal liability for the claims hereby released. The Parties have read and understand fully the above and foregoing agreement and have been fully advised as to the legal effect thereof by counsel of their own selection and intend to be legally bound by the same.
- **10.4.** Whether or not the Effective Date occurs, or the Settlement Agreement is terminated, neither this Agreement nor the settlement contained herein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Agreement or the settlement:
- **10.4.1.** is, may be deemed, or shall be used, offered, or received against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission, concession or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claims, the truth of any fact alleged by the

Plaintiff, the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Action, the violation of any law or statute, the reasonableness of the Settlement Amount or the Fee Award, or of any alleged wrongdoing, liability, negligence, or fault of the Released Parties, or any of them;

- against Defendant, as an admission, concession or evidence of any fault,
 misrepresentation, or omission with respect to any statement or written document
 approved or made by the Released Parties, or any of them;
- against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission or concession with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing as against any Released Parties, in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal. However, the settlement, this Agreement, and any acts performed and/or documents executed in furtherance of or pursuant to this Agreement and/or Settlement may be used in any proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Agreement. Further, if this Settlement Agreement is approved by the Court, any Party or any of the Released Parties may file this Agreement and/or the Final Judgment in any action that may be brought against such Party or Parties in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim;

- 10.4.4. is, may be deemed, or shall be construed against Plaintiff, the Settlement Class, the Releasing Parties, or each or any of them, or against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents an amount equal to, less than or greater than that amount that could have or would have been recovered after trial; and
- 10.4.5. is, may be deemed, or shall be construed as or received in evidence as an admission or concession against Plaintiff, the Settlement Class, the Releasing Parties, or each and any of them, or against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, that any of Plaintiff's claims are with or without merit or that damages recoverable in the Action would have exceeded or would have been less than any particular amount.
- **10.5.** The headings used herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.
- **10.6.** The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Agreement by any other Party shall not be deemed as a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breaches of this Agreement.
- **10.7.** All of the Exhibits to this Agreement are material and integral parts thereof and are fully incorporated herein by this reference.
- **10.8.** This Agreement and its Exhibits set forth the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the matters set forth herein, and supersede all prior negotiations, agreements, arrangements and undertakings with respect to the matters set forth herein. No representations, warranties or inducements have been

made to any Party concerning this Settlement Agreement or its Exhibits other than the representations, warranties, and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by or on behalf of all Parties or their respective successors-in-interest.

- **10.9.** Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs.
- **10.10.** Plaintiff represents and warrants that he has not assigned any claim or right or interest therein as against the Released Parties to any other Person or Party and that he is fully entitled to release the same.
- 10.11. Each counsel or other Person executing this Settlement Agreement, any of its Exhibits, or any related settlement documents on behalf of any Party hereto, hereby warrants and represents that such Person has the full authority to do so and has the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Agreement to effectuate its terms. Class Counsel in particular warrants that they are authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of Plaintiff and the Settlement Class (subject to final approval by the Court after notice to all Settlement Class Members), and that all actions necessary for the execution of this Settlement Agreement have been taken.
- **10.12.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. Signature by digital means, facsimile, or in PDF format will constitute sufficient execution of this Agreement. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. A complete set of original executed counterparts shall be filed with the Court if the Court so requests.

- **10.13.** This Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto and the Released Parties.
- **10.14.** The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to implementation and enforcement of the terms of this Agreement, and all Parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the settlement embodied in this Agreement.
- **10.15.** This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado.
- **10.16.** This Agreement is deemed to have been prepared by counsel for all Parties, as a result of arms' length negotiations among the Parties. Because all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Agreement, it shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another.
- 10.17. Where this Agreement requires notice to the Parties, such notice shall be sent to the undersigned counsel: Shawn M. Kennedy, Herrera Kennedy LLP, 5900 S. Lake Forest Dr., Suite 300, McKinney, TX 75070; Christopher J. Cormier, Burns Charest LLP, 4725 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20016; Rachel J. Geman, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP, 250 Hudson Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10013; Thomas J. Krysa, Foley & Lardner LLP, 1400 16th Street, Ste. 200, Denver, Colorado 80202.
- **10.18.** Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel shall not, at any time, issue press releases or make other public statements regarding the Settlement or the Action (apart from filings with the Court as necessary to obtain Preliminary or Final Approval of the

Settlement) unless Defendant agrees to such press releases or public statements in advance; provided that Class Counsel may post Court orders regarding the Action and brief summaries of those orders on their website(s) without permission from Defendant, so long as any reference in such order(s) to materials subject to any confidentiality obligations are properly redacted. This provision shall not prohibit Class Counsel from communicating with any person in the Settlement Class regarding the Settlement (subject to compliance with any and all applicable confidentiality obligations).

[Signature pages follow.]

IT IS SO AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES:

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