UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

VICTOR KIM, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

C.TECH COLLECTIONS, INC.

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff VICTOR KIM (hereinafter, "Plaintiff"), a New York resident, brings this class action complaint by and through his attorneys, Joseph H. Mizrahi Law, P.C., against Defendants C.TECH COLLECTIONS, INC. (hereinafter "Defendant"), individually and on behalf of a class of all others similarly situated, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, based upon information and belief of Plaintiff's counsel, except for allegations specifically pertaining to Plaintiff, which are based upon Plaintiff's personal knowledge.

INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. Congress enacted the FDCPA in 1977 in response to the "abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors." 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a). At that time, Congress was concerned that "abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to material instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy." *Id.* Congress concluded that "existing laws . . . [we]re inadequate to protect consumers," and that "the effective collection of debts" does not require "misrepresentation or other abusive debt collection practices." 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(b) & (c).
- 2. Congress explained that the purpose of the Act was not only to eliminate abusive debt collection practices, but also to "insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using

abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged." *Id.* § 1692(e). After determining that the existing consumer protection laws were inadequate, *id.* § 1692(b), Congress gave consumers a private cause of action against debt collectors who fail to comply with the Act. *Id.* § 1692k.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The Court has jurisdiction over this class action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* and 28 U.S.C. § 2201. If applicable, the Court also has pendent jurisdiction over the state law claims in this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).
- 4. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 5. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of a class of New York consumers seeking redress for Defendant's actions of using an unfair and unconscionable means to collect a debt.
- 6. Defendant's actions violated § 1692 et seq. of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act ("FDCPA") which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive and unfair practices.
- 7. Plaintiff is seeking damages, and declaratory and injunctive relief.

PARTIES

- 8. Plaintiff is a natural person and a resident of the State of New York, and is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692(a)(3).
- 9. Defendant is a collection agency with its principal office located in Mt. Sinai, New York.
- 10. Defendant is a company that uses the mail, telephone, and facsimile and regularly engages in business the principal purpose of which is to attempt to collect debts alleged to be due another.
- 11. Defendant is a "debt collector," as defined under the FDCPA under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 12. Plaintiff brings claims, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (hereinafter "FRCP")
 Rule 23, individually and on behalf of the following consumer class (the "Class"):
 - Plaintiff brings this action individually and as a class action on behalf of all
 persons similarly situated in the State of New York from whom Defendant
 attempted to collect a consumer debt using the same unlawful form letter herein,
 from one year before the date of this Complaint to the present.
 - The Class period begins one year to the filing of this Action.
- 13. The Class satisfies all the requirements of Rule 23 of the FRCP for maintaining a class action:
 - Upon information and belief, the Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable because there are hundreds and/or thousands of persons who have received debt collection Letter and/or notices from Defendant that fail to adequately advise the consumer of their right to dispute the debt in violation of the FDCPA. Plaintiff is complaining of a standard form Letter and/or notice that is sent to hundreds of persons (*See* Exhibit A, except that the undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers in an effort to protect Plaintiff's privacy);
 - There are questions of law and fact which are common to the Class and which
 predominate over questions affecting any individual Class member. These
 common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:
 - a. Whether Defendant violated various provisions of the FDCPA;
 - b. Whether Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by Defendant's conduct:
 - c. Whether Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages and are

entitled to restitution as a result of Defendant's wrongdoing and if so, what is the proper measure and appropriate statutory formula to be applied in determining such damages and restitution; and

- d. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to declaratory and/or injunctive relief.
- Plaintiff's claims are typical of the Class, which all arise from the same operative facts and are based on the same legal theories.
- Plaintiff has no interest adverse or antagonistic to the interest of the other members of the Class.
- Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interest of the Class and has retained experienced and competent attorneys to represent the Class.
- A Class Action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims herein asserted. Plaintiff anticipates that no unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered in the management of this class action.
- A Class Action will permit large numbers of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously and without the duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. Class treatment will also permit the adjudication of relatively small claims by many Class members who could not otherwise afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein. Absent a Class Action, class members will continue to suffer losses of statutory protected rights as well as monetary damages. If Defendant's conduct is allowed to proceed without remedy they will continue to reap and retain the proceeds of their ill-gotten gains.

Defendant has acted on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class, thereby
making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief
with respect to the Class as a whole.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT PARTICULAR TO VICTOR KIM

- 14. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "13" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 15. Defendant collects and attempts to collect debts incurred or alleged to have been incurred for personal, family or household purposes on behalf of creditors using the United States Postal Services, telephone and Internet.
- 16. Upon information and belief, within the last year Defendant commenced efforts to collect an alleged consumer "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(5), when it mailed a Collection Letter to Plaintiff seeking to collect on an unpaid account originally owed to NYU.
- 17. On or about December 31, 2016, Defendant sent Plaintiff a collection letter (the "Letter"). *See* Exhibit A.
- 18. The Letter was sent or caused to be sent by persons employed by Defendant, as "any person that uses any instrumentality of interstate commerce or the mails in any business the principal purpose of which is the collection of any debts..." as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).
- 19. The Letter is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(2).
- 20. The Letter was an initial communication between Plaintiff and Defendant.
- 21. The communication was unclear as to the date of the Letter, as two separate addresses were identified on the Letter, December 31, 2016 and January 3, 2017, thereby confusing Plaintiff and the Least Sophisticated Consumer as to their right to the request validation of the debt in violation of the FDCPA.

- 22. The Letter states in pertinent part, "MAIL ALL CORRESPONDENCE & PAYMENTS TO:"
- 23. As a result of the following Counts Defendant violated the FDCPA.

First Count 15 U.S.C. §1692g(a)(3) Overshadowing Plaintiff's Right to Request Validation

- 24. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "23" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 25. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) requires the notice to include a statement that unless the consumer, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the debt collector.
- 26. There is no requirement that the consumer dispute the debt in writing.
- 27. It is a violation of FDCPA to require disputes be made in writing.
- 28. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the Letter that overshadows the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) statement.
- 29. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the Letter that contradicts the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) statement.
- 30. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the Letter that, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, overshadows the required § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 31. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the Letter that, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, contradicts the required § 1692g(a)(3) statement.

- 32. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the Letter that, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, leads the least sophisticated consumer to be unsure as to when her validation request must be received by.
- 33. Defendant's Letter states both December 31, 2016 and January 3, 2017 as two separate dates presumably on which the communication was sent by Defendant.
- 34. Defendant's Letter was either sent on December 31, 2016 or January 3, 2017, but not both.
- 35. This effectively overshadowed Plaintiff's and the Least Sophisticated Consumer's right to request validation of the debt, as Plaintiff was left unsure when the 30-day period would expire, either 30 days from December 31, 2016 or alternatively, 30 days from January 3, 2017.

Second Count 15 U.S.C. §1692g(a)(3) Suggesting a Dispute Must be Made in Writing

- 36. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "35" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 37. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) requires the notice to include a statement that unless the consumer, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the debt collector.
- 38. There is no requirement that the consumer dispute the debt in writing.
- 39. It is a violation of FDCPA to require disputes be made in writing.
- 40. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the Letter that overshadows the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) statement.
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- 42. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the Letter that, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, overshadows the required § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 43. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the Letter that, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, contradicts the required § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 44. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the Letter that, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, leads the least sophisticated consumer to believe that her dispute must be in writing.
- 45. Defendant's Letter states "MAIL ALL CORRESPONDENCE & PAYMENTS TO:" and proceeds to provide a mailing address for which to mail same.
- 46. The least sophisticated consumer, reading the Letter as a whole, would be likely to understand that, because a dispute is a correspondence, all disputes must be communicated in writing, thereby invalidating the right to make a dispute orally.
- 47. Disputes need not be in writing. *Hooks v. Forman, Holt, Eliades & Ravin, LLC*, 717 F.3d 282 (2d Cir. 2013).
- 48. The language concerning written disputes overshadows the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) statement.
- 49. The language concerning written disputes contradicts the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) statement.
- 50. The language concerning written disputes, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, overshadows the required § 1692g(a)(3) statement.

- 51. The language concerning written disputes, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, contradicts the required § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 52. The language concerning written disputes, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, leads the least sophisticated consumer to believe that her dispute must be in writing.
- 53. Defendant has violated § 1692g as the above-referenced language overshadows the information required to be provided by that Section. See *Balke v. All. One Receivables Mgt.*, *Inc.*, 16-CV-5624(ADS)(AKT), 2017 WL 2634653, at *8 (E.D.N.Y. June 19, 2017). ¹

Third Count Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, et seq False and Misleading Representations

- 54. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "53" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 55. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 56. While § 1692e specifically prohibits certain practices, the list is non-exhaustive, and does not preclude a claim of falsity or deception based on non-enumerated practice.
- 57. For purposes of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, the failure to clearly provide the consumer with complete and accurate information notifying them of their rights and obligations is unfair and deceptive to the least sophisticated consumer.

¹ Namely, the Court finds that, although the Collection Letter did not explicitly state that the Plaintiff could only dispute the debt in writing, from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, the inclusion of a mailing address to which "all correspondence for this account should be mailed" introduces enough uncertainty regarding the permissible methods of disputing the debt to state a plausible claim for relief under the statute.

- 58. Collection notices are deceptive if they can be reasonably read to have two or more different meanings, one of which is inaccurate.
- 59. The question of whether a collection Letter is deceptive is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."
- 60. Because the collection Letter in the instant case was reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading concerning Plaintiff's right to dispute the debt by something other than in writing, it is deceptive within the meaning of the FDCPA.
- 61. When confronted with Defendant's Letter which stated, "MAIL ALL CORRESPONDENCE & PAYMENTS TO:" it is reasonable for the least sophisticated consumer to believe that all disputes would be needed in writing. That is inaccurate since you can also call to orally dispute the debt.
- 62. When confronted with Defendant's Letter which states, "MAIL ALL CORRESPONDENCE & PAYMENTS TO:" it would be reasonable for the least sophisticated consumer to understand that statement to mean that in order to dispute the debt she must send it in writing. That would be inaccurate since she can dispute the debt verbally.
- 63. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be deceived by Defendants' conduct.
- 64. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be deceived in a material way by Defendant's conduct.
- 65. The least sophisticated consumer would be unsure as to whether a writing or oral communication is necessary to dispute the underlying debt.
- 66. Defendant's conduct violated 15 U.S.C. §1692e. There is no requirement that the consumer dispute the debt in writing.

67. Because the Letter, for the reasons described above, could be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate, such violates 15 U.S.C.
§ 1692e. See *Balke v. Alliance One Receivables Management, Inc.*, No. 16-CV 5624(ADS)(AKT), 2017 WL 2634653 (E.D.N.Y. June 19, 2017).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants as follows:

- (a) Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and certifying Plaintiff as Class representative and Joseph H. Mizrahi Law, P.C., as Class Counsel;
- (b) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class statutory damages;
- (c) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class actual damages;
- (d) Awarding Plaintiff costs of this Action, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses;
- (e) Awarding pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest; and
- (f) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dated: Brooklyn, New York November 21, 2017

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

/s/ Joseph H. Mizrahi
Joseph H. Mizrahi, Esq.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York

November 21, 2017

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CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

I, JOSEPH ineligit	ole for co	counsel for PLAINTIFF, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):			
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		the complaint seeks injunctive relief,			
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I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature:_/s/ Joseph H. Mizrahi

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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VICTOR KIM, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,))))
Plaintiff(s)	
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COLLECTIONS, INC. Post Office Box 402 • Mt. Sinai, NY 11766

January 3, 2017

Date: 12/31/2016

Creditor Name: **DOWNSTATE AT BAY RIDGE**

Account #:

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Balance:

\$ 840.00

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Dear Victor Kim:

Downstate At Bay Ridge has referred your account to this office for collection. All future payments, inquiries and correspondence should be directed to C.Tech Collections, Inc.

Downstate At Bay Ridge has advised us that services were provided, and payment is due. Please contact our office pursuant to the "Important Consumer Notice" set forth below, or remit \$ 840.00 in order to conclude this matter.

Please see payment options below. Should you choose to remit payment by mail, an envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

IMPORTANT CONSUMER NOTICE

"Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within 30 days from receiving this notice that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, this office will: obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and will mail you a copy of such verification or judgment. If you request from this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor."

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. New York City Department of Consumer Affairs License Number 0980854.

> S. Thosar Collection Division Manager (631) 828-3160 (800) 571-0570

*** DETACH HERE AND RETURN WITH REMITTANCE ***

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Date: Creditor Name: Account #

12/31/2016

DOWNSTATE AT BAY RIDGE 0/2016

Balance:

\$ 840.00

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		PAYMENT OPTIONS:	
Che	ck.	Money Order, Credit/Debit Card	

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By Phone: Call (800) 571-0570

Online:

www.ctech-collects.com

If you wish to requested in	pay by credit on nformation in th	ard, ple	ASE e	nter the rided.
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CARD NUMBER				EXP. DATE /
CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE			AMOUNT AUTHORIZED \$	

MAIL ALL CORRESPONDENCE & PAYMENTS TO: C.TECH COLLECTIONS, INC.

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