UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN MILWAUKEE DIVISION

|) Case No.: 17-cv-125 |
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|) CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT |
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|) Jury Trial Demanded) |
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INTRODUCTION

1. This class action seeks redress for collection practices that violate the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* (the "FDCPA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The court has jurisdiction to grant the relief sought by the Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1337. Venue in this District is proper in that Defendant directed its collection efforts into the District.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff Nancy Scifo is an individual who resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County).
- 4. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), in that Defendant sought to collect a debt from her allegedly incurred for personal, family or household purposes.
- 5. Defendant Second Round, LP ("Second Round") is a debt collection agency with its principal offices located at 4150 Freidrich Ln Ste I, Austin, TX 78744.

- 6. Second Round is engaged in the business of a collection agency, using the mails and telephone to collect consumer debts originally owed to others.
- 7. Second Round is engaged in the business of collecting debts owed to others and incurred for personal, family or household purposes. Second Round is a debt collector as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a.

FACTS

- 8. On or about December 20, 2016, Second Round mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff regarding an alleged debt, allegedly owed to "Second Round, LP" and originally owed to "Synchrony Bank" A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as Exhibit A.
- 9. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt that Second Round was attempting to collect was a credit card account, used only for personal, family or household purposes.
- 10. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.
- 11. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form debt collection letter used by Second Round to attempt to collect alleged debts.
- 12. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is the first written communication that Second Round sent to Plaintiff regarding the alleged debt to which <u>Exhibit A</u> refers.
 - 13. Exhibit A contains the following text:

Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this 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 you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such judgment or verification. If this office receives a written request from you, within 30 days of your receipt of this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor. If you have filed bankruptcy or have an attorney representing you, we have not been notified. If you do, please forward us that information.

- 14. The above language in Exhibit A is the debt validation notice that the FDCPA requires to be included with the initial written communication to the consumer. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g.
 - 15. Exhibit A also contains the following settlement offer:

Please be advised that your Care Credit account issued by Synchrony Bank has been purchased by Second Round, LP. The balance of \$634.33 represents the current outstanding balance of this account. If you are unable to pay the balance in full at this time, we will accept a settlement to resolve the accounts as follows:

One (1) payment in the amount of \$380.60, or three (3) payments in the amount of \$137.44 each.

- 16. The above offer states that "If you are unable to pay the balance in full at this time, we will accept a settlement to resolve the account as follows." Exhibit A.
- 17. Thus, in order to accept the settlement offer, <u>Exhibit A</u> requires Plaintiff to make the settlement payment "at this time." <u>Exhibit A</u>. No deadline for the settlement offer is given other than "at this time." Exhibit A.

FDCPA Violations

- 18. Exhibit A is confusing to the unsophisticated consumer because they demand a payment within the validation period or shortly thereafter, but do not explain how the validation notice and settlement "deadline" fit together. *Bartlett v. Heibl*, 128 F.3d 497, 500 (7th Cir. 1997) ("In the typical case, the letter both demands payment within thirty days and explains the consumer's right to demand verification within thirty days. These rights are not inconsistent, but by failing to explain how they fit together the letter confuses.").
- 19. The unsophisticated consumer would have no idea how to both seek verification of the debt and preserve the settlement offer in Exhibit A.

- 20. The consumer needs time to process the information contained in an initial debt collection letter before deciding whether to dispute, pay or take other action. This is the point of the 30 day period in 15 U.S.C. 1692g(a).
- 21. Prior to deciding whether to dispute a debt, a consumer may have to sort through personal records and/or memories to try to remember if the debt might be legitimate. She may not recognize the creditor debts are freely assignable and corporations, especially banks, often change names.
- 22. Moreover, once a consumer sends a dispute in writing, the creditor is under no obligation to provide verification in any specific amount of time, or even to provide verification at all, so long as the debt collector ceases collection efforts until it does so. *Jang v. A.M. Miller & Assocs.*, 122 F.3d 480, 483 (7th Cir. 1997) ("Section 1692g(b) thus gives debt collectors two options when they receive requests for validation. They may provide the requested validations and continue their debt collecting activities, or they may cease all collection activities.")
- 23. The § 1692g validation period lasts for 30 days. It is the consumer's right to request verification until the end of the thirty day period. If the request is not made until the end of the thirty day period, the verification request would not be processed, researched by the creditor, and returned to the consumer until long after settlement offer payment deadline has expired. The consumer would be left with no time to review the verification and determine whether to accept the settlement offer.
- 24. The unsophisticated consumer would have no idea how to both seek verification of the debt and preserve the settlement offers in Exhibit A. It is likely that the settlement offer would expire before the debt collector provides verification. The consumer would be left with little or no time to review the verification and determine whether to accept the settlement offer.

- 25. The effect of the settlement offer in the initial written debt communication is to discourage or prevent consumers (and specifically the unsophisticated consumer) from exercising their validation rights.
- 26. Defendant did not include explanatory language in Exhibit A, see, eg. Bartlett, 128 F.3d 497, 501-02 (7th Cir. 1997).
- 27. In order to preserve the settlement offer in the event of a written dispute, and to preserve the 30-day validation period itself, any explanatory language should make clear that a dispute will extend the settlement offer while the debt collector is in the process of complying with its obligation to verify the debt.
- 28. There is no requirement that a consumer make a showing of materiality for a debt collector's failure to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a). *Janetos v. Fulton Friedman & Gullace*, *LLP*, 825 F.3d 317, 324 (7th Cir. 2016) ("we have not extended the implicit materiality requirement of § 1692e to reach claims under § 1692g(a).").
- 29. For the purposes of Plaintiff's claims under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, in general, false, misleading or confusing statements about the debt itself, or about the creditor's, debtor's or debt collector's rights or intentions, are all material. *Hahn v. Triumph Partnerships LLC*, 557 F.3d 755, 757-58 (7th Cir. 2009).
 - 30. Plaintiff was confused by Exhibit A.
 - 31. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused by Exhibit A.
 - 32. Plaintiff had to spend time and money investigating Exhibit A.
- 33. Plaintiff had to take time to obtain and meet with counsel, including traveling to counsel's office by car and its related expenses, including but not limited to the cost of gasoline and mileage, to advise Plaintiff on the consequences of Exhibit A.

- 34. The FDCPA presumes that violations cause injury to consumers. Congress authorized an award of statutory damages for violations. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a).
- 35. Moreover, Congress has explicitly described the FDCPA as regulating "abusive practices" in debt collection. 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(a) 1692(e). Any person who receives a debt collection letter containing a violation of the FDCPA is a victim of abusive practices. *See* 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(e) ("It is the purpose of this subchapter to eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors, to insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged, and to promote consistent State action to protect consumers against debt collection abuses").
- 36. The FDCPA creates substantive rights for consumers; violations cause injury to consumers, and such injuries are concrete and particularized. *Quinn v. Specialized Loan*Servicing, LLC, No. 16 C 2021, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 107299 *8-13 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 11, 2016) (rejecting challenge to Plaintiff's standing based upon alleged FDCPA statutory violation); *Lane*v. Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, No. 15 C 10446, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 89258 *9-10 (N.D. Ill. July 11, 2016) ("When a federal statute is violated, and especially when Congress has created a cause of action for its violation, by definition Congress has created a legally protected interest that it deems important enough for a lawsuit."); Church v. Accretive Health, Inc., No. 15-15708, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 12414 *7-11 (11th Cir. July 6, 2016) (same); see also Mogg v. Jacobs, No. 15-CV-1142-JPG-DGW, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 33229, 2016 WL 1029396, at *5 (S.D. Ill. Mar. 15, 2016) ("Congress does have the power to enact statutes creating legal rights, the invasion of which creates standing, even though no injury would exist without the statute," (quoting Sterk v. Redbox Automated Retail, LLC, 770 F.3d 618, 623 (7th Cir. 2014)). For this

reason, and to encourage consumers to bring FDCPA actions, Congress authorized an award of statutory damages for violations. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a).

- 37. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e generally prohibits "any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt."
- 38. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) specifically prohibits the "use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt."

COUNT I – FDCPA

- 39. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 40. The statement on Exhibit A that ""If you are unable to pay the balance in full at this time, we will accept a settlement to resolve the account" conflicts with and overshadows the debt validation notice, in that it demands a payment within the validation period or shortly thereafter, but does not explain how the validation notice and settlement "deadline" fit together. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g; *Bartlett*, 128 F.3d at 500.
- 41. <u>Exhibit A</u> is confusing, deceptive, and/or misleading to the unsophisticated consumer.
 - 42. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b) states, in part:

(b) Disputed debts

Any collection activities and communication during the 30-day period may not overshadow or be inconsistent with the disclosure of the consumer's right to dispute the debt or request the name and address of the original creditor.

43. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(10) and 1692g.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 44. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of a Class consisting of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent a collection letter in the form represented by <u>Exhibit</u>

 A to the complaint in this action, (c) seeking to collect a debt for personal, family or household purposes, (d) between January 26, 2016 and January 26, 2017, inclusive, (e) that was not returned by the postal service.
- 45. The Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable. On information and belief, there are more than 50 members of the Class.
- 46. There are questions of law and fact common to the members of each class, which common questions predominate over any questions that affect only individual class members.

 The predominant common question is whether the Defendant complied with 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, 1692e(10), and 1692g.
- 47. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.
- 48. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class members. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in consumer credit and debt collection abuse cases.
- 49. A class action is superior to other alternative methods of adjudicating this dispute. Individual cases are not economically feasible.

JURY DEMAND

50. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requesta that the Court enter judgment in favor of Plaintiff and the Class and against Defendant for:

- (a) actual damages;
- (b) statutory damages;
- (c) attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs of suit; and
- (d) such other or further relief as the Court deems proper.

Dated: January 26, 2017

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EXHIBIT A

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Pav By Phone: (866) 950-6357 Hours of Operation (CST): Mon.-Thur. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Fri 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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Dear NANCY SCIFO,

Please be advised that your Care Credit account issued by Synchrony Bank has been purchased by Second Round, LP. The balance of \$634.33 represents the current outstanding balance of this account. If you are unable to pay the balance in full at this time, we will accept a settlement to resolve the accounts as follows:

One (1) payment in the amount of \$380.60, or three (3) payments in the amount of \$137.44 each.

Please remit your payment/s by using the detachable remittance voucher or by visiting our online payment service available at: http://payments.second-round.com. If you would like a representative to assist you with making a payment please call toll free 1-866-950-6357.

Please direct all future correspondence and payments concerning this account to:

Second Round, LP P.O. Box 41955 Austin, TX 78704-1955

Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this 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 you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such judgment or verification. If this office receives a written request from you, within 30 days of your receipt of this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor. If you have filed bankruptcy or have an attorney representing you, we have not been notified. If you do, please forward us that information. us that information. dan et di

> This is a communication from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

We are required to provide the following information under state law for the states indicated below. This list does not contain a complete list of the rights consumers have under state and federal law.

<u>Payments:</u> If you submit your payment via personal check, we may electronically convert it into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). The amount of your payment will be electronically debited from your account.

<u>Taxes:</u> Second Round is required to file a form 1099C with the Internal Revenue Service for any cancelled debt of \$600 or more. Please consult your tax advisor concerning any tax questions.

<u>California:</u> The Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act state and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act require that, except under unusual circumstances, collectors may not contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. They may not harass you by using threats of violence or arrest or by using obscene language. Collectors may not use false or misleading statements or call at work if they know or have reason to know that you may not receive personal calls at work. For the most part, collectors may not tell another person, other than your lawyer or spouse, about your debt. Collectors may not contact another person to confirm your location or enforce a judgment. For more information about debt collection activities, you can contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov.

"As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations."

<u>Colorado:</u> FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLORADO FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, SEE <u>WWW.AGO.STATE.CO.US/CADC/CADCMAIN.CFM</u>.

*A consumer has the right to request in writing that a debt collector or collection agency cease further communication with the consumer. A written request to cease communication will not prohibit the debt collector or collection agency from taking any other action authorized by law to collect the debt.

Local Colorado Office: Colorado Manager, Inc., 80 Garden Center, Ste. 3, Broomfield, CO 80020; 303-920-4763

Illinois: In accordance with Federal law, you have the right to inspect your credit rating.

Minnesota: This collection agency is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

New Mexico: "We are required by New Mexico Attorney General Rule to notify you of the following information. This information is not legal advice: This debt may be too old for you to be sued on it in court. If it is too old, you can't be required to pay it through a lawsuit. You can renew the debt and start the time for the filling of a lawsuit against you to collect the debt if you do any of the following: make any payment of the debt; sign a paper in which you admit that you owe the debt or in which you make a new promise to pay; sign a paper in which you give up ('waive') your right to stop the debt collector from suing you in court to collect the debt."

New York: We are authorized by the city of New York Dept. of Consumer Affairs: License # 1365096.

North Carolina: We are licensed by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Permit #107012.

Tennessee: We are licensed by the Collection Service Board of the Dept. of Commerce and Insurance.

<u>Utah:</u> As required by <u>Utah jaw cyon green by Bereby and the property of the</u>



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- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- **II. Jurisdiction**. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

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Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example:

U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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| To: (Defendant's name and address) | SECOND ROUND, LP c/o INCORP SERVICES INC 901 S WHITNEY WAY MADISON, WI 53711 | | | |
| A lawsuit has been filed against you. Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: John D. Blythin Ademi & O'Reilly, LLP 3620 East Layton Avenue Cudahy, WI 53110 (414) 482-8000-Telephone | | | | |
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Civil Action No. 17-cv-125

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| | | | on (date) | ; or | |
| | ☐ I left the summons | at the individual's residence or us | sual place of abode with (name) | | |
| | | , a person of | f suitable age and discretion who resid | des there, | |
| | on (date) | , and mailed a copy to th | ne individual's last known address; or | | |
| | ☐ I served the summo | ons on (name of individual) | | , wh | o is |
| | designated by law to a | accept service of process on behal | f of (name of organization) | | |
| | | | on (date) | ; or | |
| | ☐ I returned the summ | nons unexecuted because | | | ; or |
| | ☐ Other (specify): | | | | |
| | My fees are \$ | for travel and \$ | for services, for a total of \$ | 0.00 | |
| | I declare under penalty | y of perjury that this information i | s true. | | |
| Date: | | | | | |
| | | | Server's signature | | |
| | | | Printed name and title | | |
| | | | Server's address | | |

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

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