

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
ROCK HILL DIVISION**

Federal Trade Commission,	)	Civil Action No.: 0:20-cv-02596-JMC
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Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
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Absolute Financial Services, LLC;	)	<b><u>EX PARTE ORDER AND OPINION</u></b> <b><u>GRANTING MOTION FOR</u></b> <b><u>TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER</u></b>
Absolute Financial Services Recovery, LLC;	)	
AFSR Global Logistics, LLC; LaShone	)	
Elam, a/k/a LaShone Caldwell, in her	)	
individual and corporate capacity; and	)	
Talesia Neely, in her individual and	)	
corporate capacity,	)	
Defendants.	)	
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Plaintiff Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) filed this action against Defendants Absolute Financial Services, LLC, Absolute Financial Services Recovery, LLC, AFSR Global Logistics, LLC, Lashone Elam, and Talesia Neely (collectively “Defendants”) seeking “to obtain temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunctive relief, rescission or reformation of contracts, restitution, the refund of monies paid, disgorgement of ill-gotten monies, and other equitable relief” based on alleged violations of “Sections 13(b) and 19 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 53(b) and 57b, and Section 814(a) of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692l(a).” (ECF No. 2 at 1 ¶ 1.)

This matter is before the court pursuant to the FTC’s Ex Parte Motion for Temporary Restraining Order (“TRO Motion”) with an Asset Freeze, Appointment of Receiver, and Other Equitable Relief pursuant to Rule 65(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. (ECF No. 4.) For the reasons set forth below, the court **GRANTS** the FTC’s TRO Motion.

## I. JURISDICTION

This court has jurisdiction over the FTC’s claims via 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as they arise under a law of the United States, and specifically via 15 U.S.C. § 53(b), which empowers district courts to hear claims brought by the FTC, 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), which empowers district courts to hear actions under the FDCPA. Additionally, the court has jurisdiction over the subject matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1337 and 1345.

## II. RELEVANT BACKGROUND TO PENDING MOTION

The FTC is an independent agency of the United States Government created by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 48–51. The FTC enforces Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), which prohibits unfair and deceptive acts and practices in or affecting commerce, and the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692–1692p, which prohibits unfair, deceptive, and abusive debt collection practices. The FTC alleges that “[s]ince at least June 2014, . . . Defendants have engaged in a scheme to collect and process payments for debts that consumers do not actually owe or that Defendants do not have authority to collect.” (ECF No. 2 at 4 ¶ 13.) More specifically, the FTC alleges that Defendants have collected more than \$5,200,000.00 since 2017 using a two-step collection process that misrepresents to consumers that they “owe [] debts and that legal action against consumers has begun or is imminent.” (*Id.* at 5 ¶ 14, 7 ¶ 28.) The FTC alleges that “[i]n the first step, Defendants initiate robocalls to consumers that consist of prerecorded messages that state consumers will be served with important papers at their home or work, or that consumers are subject to an audit or other proceeding.” (*Id.* ¶ 15.) The FTC further alleges that “[t]he second step of Defendants’ collection process generally occurs when consumers call the telephone numbers that Defendants provide in the initial robocalls and are connected with collectors whose job is to secure consumers’ payments for Defendants.” (*Id.* ¶ 17.)

Based on the foregoing, the FTC filed a Complaint for Permanent Injunction and Other Equitable Relief against Defendants on July 13, 2020. (ECF No. 2.) In the Complaint, the FTC alleges claims for (1) false, misleading, and/or unsubstantiated representations in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a); (2) abusive collection practices in violation of the FDCPA; (3) false, misleading, and/or deceptive representations in violation of the FDCPA; and (3) failure to provide written validation in violation of the FDCPA. (ECF No. 2 at 8 ¶ 32–15 ¶ 49.) Also on July 13, 2020, the FTC filed the instant TRO Motion seeking an Order:

- a. Temporarily restraining Defendants from engaging in deceptive and abusive practices in connection with the collection or attempted collection of purported debts and from violating Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the FDCPA;
- b. Temporarily freezing Defendants’ assets;
- c. Appointing a Receiver over the Corporate Defendants;
- d. Restraining and enjoining Defendants and certain third parties from destroying or concealing documents, and from transferring, encumbering, or otherwise disposing of assets;
- e. Requiring Defendants to identify all assets, repatriate assets located outside the United States, and make an accounting of their present financial condition and certain business information;
- f. Providing other equitable relief; and
- g. Requiring Defendants to show cause why this [c]ourt should not issue a preliminary injunction extending such temporary relief pending an adjudication on the merits.

(ECF No. 4 at 2 ¶ 3.)

### III. LEGAL STANDARD

#### A. Temporary Restraining Orders Generally

The court’s authority to issue temporary restraining orders arises from Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Rule 65 provides as follows:

The court may issue a temporary restraining order without written or oral notice to the adverse party or its attorney only if: (A) specific facts in an affidavit or a verified complaint clearly show that immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage will result to the movant before the adverse party can be heard in opposition; and (B) the movant’s attorney certifies in writing any efforts made to give notice and the reasons why it should not be required.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b)(1). Motions for temporary restraining order are governed by the same general standards that govern the issuance of a preliminary injunction. *Hoechst Diafoil Co. v. Nan Ya*

*Plastics Corp.*, 174 F.3d 411, 422 (4th Cir. 1999). In this regard, a party seeking a temporary restraining order must establish all four of the following elements: (1) it is likely to succeed on the merits; (2) it is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief; (3) the balance of equities tips in its favor; and (4) an injunction is in the public interest. *Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc.*, 555 U.S. 7, 20 (2008); *The Real Truth About Obama, Inc. v. Fed. Election Comm’n*, 575 F.3d 342, 346–47 (4th Cir. 2009). The Fourth Circuit no longer recognizes a “flexible interplay among the four criteria” for a temporary restraining order. *Real Truth*, 575 F.3d at 347. Each of the four requirements “must be fulfilled as articulated.”<sup>1</sup> *De la Fuente v. S.C. Dem. Party*, C/A No. 3:16-cv-00322-CMC, 2016 WL 741317, at \*2 (D.S.C. Feb. 25, 2016).

The court may only grant a temporary restraining order, which is issued “without written or oral notice to the adverse party,” under the strict conditions set forth above. Fed. R. Civ. P. 65.

#### IV. ANALYSIS

##### A. The FTC’s Arguments

FTC moves for a temporary restraining order arguing that the ample evidence it has submitted demonstrates it is likely to succeed on the merits. (ECF No. 4-1 at 28 (citing *FTC v. Beatrice Foods Co.*, 587 F.2d 1225, 1229 (D.C. Cir. 1978) (Generally, the FTC “meets its burden on the likelihood of success issue if it shows preliminarily, by affidavit or other proof, that it has a fair and tenable chance of ultimate success on the merits.”)).) The FTC next argues that “irreparable injury exists simply because a federal statute is violated” and “vulnerable consumers

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<sup>1</sup> The court observes that the FTC asserts that the court should consider its TRO Motion under § 13(b) of the FTC, which only requires consideration of the first and third *Winter* factors. (See ECF No. 4-1 at 27 (referencing 15 U.S.C. § 53(b)(1)).) However, § 13(b) of the FTC Act requires notice, which the FTC has not provided. See 15 U.S.C. § 53(b)(1) (“[A]fter notice to the defendant, a temporary restraining order . . . may be granted without bond: . . . .”); see e.g., *FTC v. Loewen*, No. C12-1207MJP, 2012 WL 4045207, at \*1 (W.D. Wash. Sept. 13, 2012) (“The Court denied the FTC’s initial motion because § 13(b) of the FTC Act requires notice, which the FTC had not provided, . . . .”).

will continue to be injured by Defendants’ deceptive and abusive collection practices” and “from the continuation of Defendants’ scheme and the likely destruction of evidence and dissipation of assets.” (*Id.* at 27–28 n.15.) Moreover, in considering the balance of the equities, the FTC asserts that “the public equities—protection of consumers from Defendants’ deceptive and abusive debt collection practices, effective enforcement of the law, and the preservation of Defendants’ assets for final relief—weigh heavily in favor of granting the requested injunctive relief . . . because Defendants’ conduct indicates that they will likely continue to deceive the public.” (ECF No. 4-1 at 29 (citing *FTC v. Five-Star Auto Club*, 97 F. Supp. 2d 502, 536 (S.D.N.Y. 2000) (“[P]ast illegal conduct is highly suggestive of the likelihood of future violations.”); *SEC v. R.J. Allen & Assoc., Inc.*, 386 F. Supp. 866, 877 (S.D. Fla. 1974) (past misconduct suggests likelihood of future violations)).) Finally, the FTC asserts that the granting of its TRO Motion is in the public interest because the public has a strong interest in ensuring the enforcement of federal consumer protection laws.” (ECF No. 4-1 at 28 n.15 (citing *FTC v. Mallett*, 818 F. Supp. 2d 142, 149 (D.D.C. 2011)).)

B. The Court’s Review

In support of its TRO Motion, the FTC submits sixteen (16) Declarations (ECF Nos. 4-3–4-18) from alleged victims of Defendants’ scheme, one (1) Declaration from a paralegal at the FTC who personally investigated complaints made about Defendants (ECF No. 4-19), and one (1) Declaration (ECF No. 4-20) from an investigator at the FTC who investigated complaints made against Defendants. The court observes that these documents provide specific factual background/context for the dispute, and contain the requisite, substantive information required by Rule 65 to consider the relief requested in the FTC’s TRO Motion. Therefore, upon consideration of the Complaint, the eighteen (18) Declarations, Exhibits, the TRO Motion, and Memorandum in Support, the court makes the following findings as to the FTC’s TRO Motion:

A. This court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case, and there is good cause to believe that it will have jurisdiction over all parties hereto and that venue in the District of South Carolina is proper.

B. The FTC alleges that Defendants have engaged in a scheme to collect and process payments for debts that consumers do not actually owe or that Defendants do not have authority to collect. Specifically, the FTC asserts that “Defendants’ unlawful practices fall into three main categories: (1) using false and misleading representations to collect debts consumers do not owe; (2) failing to make required disclosures during their collection calls; and (3) failing to provide consumers with required validation notices.” (ECF No. 4-1 at 14.)

C. There is good cause to believe that Defendants have engaged in and are likely to engage in acts or practices that violate Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), and multiple provisions of the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692–1692p, and that the FTC is therefore likely to prevail on the merits of this action. As demonstrated by consumer declarations, consumer complaints, and the additional documentation filed by the FTC, the FTC has established a likelihood of success in showing that Defendants have made misrepresentations about consumers owing debt and certain legal actions, that Defendants have engaged in abusive debt collection practices and failed to provide validation notices, and that Defendants have taken in gross revenues of approximately \$7,231,184.57 as a result of their unlawful practices.

D. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable harm will result from Defendants’ ongoing violations of the FTC Act and the FDCPA unless Defendants are restrained and enjoined by order of this court.

E. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable damage to the court’s ability to grant effective final relief for consumers—including monetary restitution, rescission,

disgorgement or refunds—will occur from the sale, transfer, destruction or other disposition or concealment by Defendants of their assets or records, unless Defendants are immediately restrained and enjoined by order of this court; and that, in accordance with Rule 65(b), the interests of justice require that this Order be granted without prior notice to Defendants.

F. Thus, there is good cause for relieving the FTC of the duty to provide Defendants with prior notice of its TRO Motion.

G. Good cause exists for appointing a temporary receiver over the Receivership Entities, freezing Defendants’ assets, permitting the FTC and the Receiver immediate access to the Defendants’ business premises, and permitting the FTC and the Receiver to take expedited discovery.

H. Weighing the equities and considering the FTC’s likelihood of ultimate success on the merits, a temporary restraining order with an asset freeze, the appointment of a temporary receiver, immediate access to business premises, expedited discovery, and other equitable relief is in the public interest.

I. This court has authority to issue this Order pursuant to Rule 65 and the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651.

J. No security is required of any agency of the United States for issuance of a temporary restraining order. Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(c).

## **V. DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

A. “Asset” means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to, any property, wherever located and by whomever held.

B. “Consumer” means any Person.

C. “Corporate Defendant” means Absolute Financial Services, LLC, Absolute Financial Services Recovery, LLC, and AFSR Global Logistics, LLC and each of their subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns.

D. “Debt” means any obligation or alleged obligation to pay money arising out of a transaction, whether or not such obligation has been reduced to judgment.

E. “Defendants” means the Corporate Defendants and the Individual Defendants, individually, collectively, or in any combination.

F. “Document” is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of “document” and “electronically stored information” in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a), Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a), and includes writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, sound and video recordings, images, Internet sites, web pages, websites, electronic correspondence, including e-mail and instant messages, contracts, accounting data, advertisements, FTP Logs, Server Access Logs, books, written or printed records, handwritten notes, telephone logs, telephone scripts, receipt books, ledgers, personal and business canceled checks and check registers, bank statements, appointment books, computer records, customer or sales databases and any other electronically stored information, including Documents located on remote servers or cloud computing systems, and other data or data compilations from which information can be obtained directly or, if necessary, after translation into a reasonably usable form. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of the term.

G. “Electronic Data Host” means any person or entity in the business of storing, hosting, or otherwise maintaining electronically stored information. This includes, but is not limited to, any entity hosting a website or server, and any entity providing “cloud based” electronic storage.



H. “Individual Defendant(s)” means LaShone Elam, a/k/a LaShone Caldwell, and Talesia Neely, individually, collectively, or in any combination.

I. “Person” means a natural person, an organization or other legal entity, including a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited liability company, association, cooperative, or any other group or combination acting as an entity.

J. “Public Health and Safety Event” means (1) any public health or safety emergency announced or declared by any federal, state, or local governmental authority or (2) the existence of any order, regulation, or action by any federal, state, or local government authority relating to public health or safety governing or otherwise restricting public or commercial activity, such as a quarantine or stay-at-home order.

K. “Receiver” means the temporary receiver appointed by the court and any deputy receivers that shall be named by the temporary receiver.

L. “Receivership Entities” means Corporate Defendants as well as any other entity that has conducted any business related to Defendants’ debt collection, including receipt of Assets derived from any activity that is the subject of the Complaint in this matter, and that the Receiver determines is controlled or owned by any Defendant.

## **VI. PROHIBITED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants’ officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or indirectly, in connection with the collection or attempted collection of any Debt, are temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

A. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, expressly or by implication,

orally or in writing:

1. that any Consumer is delinquent on a credit card, payday loan, or other Debt that any Defendant or any other Person has authority to collect;
  2. that any Consumer has a legal obligation to pay any Defendant or any other Person;
  3. that non-payment of a purported Debt will result in a Consumer's arrest, criminal or civil prosecution, imprisonment, or in seizure, garnishment, or attachment of a Consumer's property or wages;
  4. that any Defendant or any other Person has taken, intends to take, or has authority to take formal legal action against a Consumer who fails to pay any Debt;
  5. that any Defendant or any Person will serve, or arrange for a third party to serve, documents on a consumer;
  6. that any Defendant or any other Person is an attorney or affiliated or associated with an attorney;
  7. that any Defendant or any other Person is a law firm; or
  8. the character, amount, or legal status of a debt;
- B. Placing telephone calls without meaningfully disclosing the caller's identity;
- C. Failing to disclose or disclose adequately (1) in the initial communication with a consumer that any Defendant or any other Person is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and that any information obtained will be used for that purpose; or (2) in subsequent communications with consumers that any Defendant or any other Person is a debt collector.
- D. Threatening to take action that is not lawful or that any Defendant or any other

Person does not intend to take;

E. Using any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect a Debt, or to obtain information concerning a Consumer;

F. Using a business, company, or organization name other than the true name of Defendants' business, company, or organization;

G. Failing to provide Consumers, within five days after the initial communication with Consumer, a written notice containing: (1) the amount of the Debt; (2) the name of the creditor to whom the Debt is owed; (3) 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 Defendants; (4) a statement that if the Consumer notifies Defendants in writing within the thirty-day period that the Debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, Defendants will obtain verification of the Debt or a copy of a judgment against the Consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the Consumer by Defendants; and (5) a statement that, upon the Consumer's written request within the thirty-day period, Defendants will provide the Consumer with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor; and

H. Engaging in any other conduct that violates the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692–1692p.

## **VII. PROHIBITION ON RELEASE OF CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

A. Selling, renting, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disclosing, the name, address,

birth date, telephone number, email address, credit card number, bank account number, Social Security number, or other financial or identifying information of any person that any Defendant obtained in connection with any activity that pertains to the subject matter of this Order; and

B. Benefitting from or using the name, address, birth date, telephone number, email address, credit card number, bank account number, Social Security number, or other financial or identifying information of any person that any Defendant obtained in connection with any activity that pertains to the subject matter of this Order.

C. Provided, however, that Defendants may disclose such identifying information to a law enforcement agency, to their attorneys as required for their defense, as required by any law, regulation, or court order, or in any filings, pleadings or discovery in this action in the manner required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and by any protective order in the case.

#### **VIII. ASSET FREEZE**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

A. Transferring, liquidating, converting, encumbering, pledging, loaning, selling, concealing, dissipating, disbursing, assigning, relinquishing, spending, withdrawing, granting a lien or security interest or other interest in, or otherwise disposing of any Assets that are:

1. owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any Defendant;
2. held, in part or in whole, for the benefit of any Defendant;
3. in the actual or constructive possession of any Defendant; or
4. owned or controlled by, in the actual or constructive possession of, or otherwise

held for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, asset protection trust, or other entity that is directly or indirectly owned, managed or controlled by any Defendant.

B. Opening or causing to be opened any safe deposit boxes, commercial mailboxes, or storage facilities titled in the name of any Defendant or subject to access by any Defendant, except as necessary to comply with written requests from the Receiver acting pursuant to its authority under this Order;

C. Incurring charges or cash advances on any credit, debit, or ATM card issued in the name, individually or jointly, of any Corporate Defendant or any corporation, partnership, or other entity directly or indirectly owned, managed, or controlled by any Defendant or of which any Defendant is an officer, director, member, or manager. This includes any corporate bankcard or corporate credit card account for which any Defendant is, or was on the date that this Order was signed, an authorized signor; or

D. Cashing any checks or depositing any money orders or cash received from consumers, clients, or customers of any Defendant.

E. The Assets affected by this Section shall include: (1) all Assets of Defendants as of the time this Order is entered; and (2) Assets obtained by Defendants after this Order is entered if those Assets are derived from any activity that is the subject of the Complaint in this matter or that is prohibited by this Order. This Section does not prohibit any transfers to the Receiver or repatriation of foreign Assets specifically required by this order.

#### **IX. DUTIES OF ASSET HOLDERS AND OTHER THIRD PARTIES**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any financial or brokerage institution, Electronic Data Host, credit card processor, payment processor, merchant bank, acquiring bank, independent sales

organization, third party processor, payment gateway, insurance company, business entity, or person who receives actual notice of this Order (by service or otherwise) that (a) has held, controlled, or maintained custody, through an account or otherwise, of any Document on behalf of any Defendant or any Asset that has been owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any Defendant; held, in part or in whole, for the benefit of any Defendant; in the actual or constructive possession of any Defendant; or owned or controlled by, in the actual or constructive possession of, or otherwise held for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, asset protection trust, or other entity that is directly or indirectly owned, managed or controlled by any Defendant; (b) has held, controlled, or maintained custody, through an account or otherwise, of any Document or Asset associated with credits, debits, or charges made on behalf of any Defendant, including reserve funds held by payment processors, credit card processors, merchant banks, acquiring banks, independent sales organizations, third party processors, payment gateways, insurance companies, or other entities; or (c) has extended credit to any Defendant, including through a credit card account, shall:

A. Hold, preserve, and retain within its control and prohibit the withdrawal, removal, alteration, assignment, transfer, pledge, encumbrance, disbursement, dissipation, relinquishment, conversion, sale, or other disposal of any such Document or Asset, as well as all Documents or other property related to such Assets, except by further order of this court or as directed in writing by the Receiver regarding Assets or Documents owned by, held in the name of, for the benefit of, or otherwise controlled by any Receivership Entity; provided, however, that this provision does not prohibit an Individual Defendant from incurring charges on a personal credit card established prior to entry of this Order, up to the pre-existing credit limit;

B. Deny any Person, except the Receiver, access to any safe deposit box, commercial

mailbox, or storage facility that is titled in the name of any Defendant, either individually or jointly, or otherwise subject to access by any Defendant;

C. Provide FTC counsel and the Receiver, within three (3) days of receiving a copy of this Order, a sworn statement setting forth, for each Asset or account covered by this Section:

1. The identification number of each such account or Asset;
2. The balance of each such account, or a description of the nature and value of each such Asset as of the close of business on the day on which this Order is served, and, if the account or other Asset has been closed or removed, the date closed or removed, the total funds removed in order to close the account, and the name of the person or entity to whom such account or other Asset was remitted; and
3. The identification of any safe deposit box, commercial mailbox, or storage facility that is either titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant, or is otherwise subject to access by any Defendant; and

D. Upon the request of FTC counsel or the Receiver, promptly provide FTC counsel and the Receiver with copies of all records or other Documents pertaining to such account or Asset, including originals or copies of account applications, account statements, signature cards, checks, drafts, deposit tickets, transfers to and from the accounts, including wire transfers and wire transfer instructions, all other debit and credit instruments or slips, currency transaction reports, 1099 forms, and all logs and records pertaining to safe deposit boxes, commercial mail boxes, and storage facilities.

E. Provided, however, that this Section does not prohibit any transfers to the Receiver or repatriation of foreign Assets specifically required by this order.

## **X. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that each Defendant, within five (5) days of service of this Order upon them, shall prepare and deliver to FTC counsel and the Receiver:

- A. completed financial statements on the forms attached to this Order as Attachment A (Financial Statement of Individual Defendant) for each Individual Defendant,
- B. and Attachment B (Financial Statement of Corporate Defendant) for each Corporate Defendant; and
- C. completed Attachment C (IRS Form 4506, Request for Copy of a Tax Return) for each Individual and Corporate Defendant.

## **XI. FOREIGN ASSET REPATRIATION**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within five (5) days following the service of this Order, each Defendant shall:

- A. Provide FTC counsel and the Receiver with a full accounting, verified under oath and accurate as of the date of this Order, of all Assets, Documents, and accounts outside of the United States which are: (1) titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant; (2) held by any person or entity for the benefit of any Defendant or for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, asset protection trust, or other entity that is directly or indirectly owned, managed or controlled by any Defendant; or (3) under the direct or indirect control, whether jointly or singly, of any Defendant;
- B. Take all steps necessary to provide FTC counsel and Receiver access to all Documents and records that may be held by third parties located outside of the territorial United States of America, including signing the Consent to Release of Financial Records appended to this Order as Attachment D.



C. Transfer to the territory of the United States all Documents and Assets located in foreign countries which are: (1) titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant; (2) held by any person or entity for the benefit of any Defendant or for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, asset protection trust, or other entity that is directly or indirectly owned, managed or controlled by any Defendant; or (3) under the direct or indirect control, whether jointly or singly, of any Defendant; and

D. The same business day as any repatriation, (1) notify the Receiver and counsel for the FTC of the name and location of the financial institution or other entity that is the recipient of such Documents or Assets; and (2) serve this Order on any such financial institution or other entity.

## **XII. NON-INTERFERENCE WITH REPATRIATION**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from taking any action, directly or indirectly, which may result in the encumbrance or dissipation of foreign Assets, or in the hindrance of the repatriation required by this Order, including, but not limited to:

A. Sending any communication or engaging in any other act, directly or indirectly, that results in a determination by a foreign trustee or other entity that a "duress" event has occurred under the terms of a foreign trust agreement until such time that all Defendants' Assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to this Order; or

B. Notifying any trustee, protector or other agent of any foreign trust or other related entities of either the existence of this Order, or of the fact that repatriation is required pursuant to a court order, until such time that all Defendants' Assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to

this Order.

### **XIII. CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the FTC may obtain credit reports concerning any Defendants pursuant to Section 604(a)(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681b(a)(1), and that, upon written request, any credit reporting agency from which such reports are requested shall provide them to the FTC.

### **XIV. PRESERVATION OF RECORDS**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

A. Destroying, erasing, falsifying, writing over, mutilating, concealing, altering, transferring, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, directly or indirectly, Documents that relate to: (1) the business, business practices, Assets, or business or personal finances of any Defendant; (2) the business practices or finances of entities directly or indirectly under the control of any Defendant; or (3) the business practices or finances of entities directly or indirectly under common control with any other Defendant; and

B. Failing to create and maintain Documents that, in reasonable detail, accurately, fairly, and completely reflect Defendants' incomes, disbursements, transactions, and use of Defendants' Assets.

### **XV. REPORT OF NEW BUSINESS ACTIVITY**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive

actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from creating, operating, or exercising any control over any business entity, whether newly formed or previously inactive, including any partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, or corporation, without first providing FTC counsel and the Receiver with a written statement disclosing: (1) the name of the business entity; (2) the address and telephone number of the business entity; (3) the names of the business entity's officers, directors, principals, managers, and employees; and (4) a detailed description of the business entity's intended activities.

#### **XVI. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY RECEIVER**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, by separate order, the court will appoint a temporary receiver of the Receivership Entities who shall have the full powers of an equity receiver and who is eminently qualified to be appointed as Receiver of all the assets, properties, books and records, and other items of Defendants. The Receiver shall be solely the agent of this court in acting as Receiver under this Order.

#### **XVII. DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF RECEIVER**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Receiver is directed and authorized to accomplish the following:

- A. Assume full control of Receivership Entities by removing, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable, any director, officer, independent contractor, employee, attorney, or agent of any Receivership Entity from control of, management of, or participation in, the affairs of the Receivership Entity;
- B. Take exclusive custody, control, and possession of all Assets and Documents of, or in the possession, custody, or under the control of, any Receivership Entity, wherever situated;
- C. Take exclusive custody, control, and possession of all Documents or Assets

associated with credits, debits, or charges made on behalf of any Receivership Entity, wherever situated, including reserve funds held by payment processors, credit card processors, merchant banks, acquiring banks, independent sales organizations, third party processors, payment gateways, insurance companies, or other entities;

D. Conserve, hold, manage, and prevent the loss of all Assets of the Receivership Entities, and perform all acts necessary or advisable to preserve the value of those Assets. The Receiver shall assume control over the income and profits therefrom and all sums of money now or hereafter due or owing to the Receivership Entities. The Receiver shall have full power to sue for, collect, and receive, all Assets of the Receivership Entities and of other persons or entities whose interests are now under the direction, possession, custody, or control of, the Receivership Entities. Provided, however, that the Receiver shall not attempt to collect any amount from a consumer if the Receiver believes the consumer's debt to the Receivership Entities has resulted from the deceptive acts or practices or other violations of law alleged in the Complaint in this matter, without prior court approval;

E. Obtain, conserve, hold, manage, and prevent the loss of all Documents of the Receivership Entities, and perform all acts necessary or advisable to preserve such Documents. The Receiver shall: divert mail; preserve all Documents of the Receivership Entities that are accessible via electronic means such as online access to financial accounts and access to electronic documents held onsite or by Electronic Data Hosts, by changing usernames, passwords or other log-in credentials; take possession of all electronic Documents of the Receivership Entities stored onsite or remotely; take whatever steps necessary to preserve all such Documents; and obtain the assistance of the FTC's Digital Forensic Unit for the purpose of obtaining electronic documents stored onsite or remotely.

F. Choose, engage, and employ attorneys, accountants, appraisers, and other independent contractors and technical specialists, as the Receiver deems advisable or necessary in the performance of duties and responsibilities under the authority granted by this Order;

G. Make payments and disbursements from the receivership estate that are necessary or advisable for carrying out the directions of, or exercising the authority granted by, this Order, and to incur, or authorize the making of, such agreements as may be necessary and advisable in discharging his or her duties as Receiver. The Receiver shall apply to the court for prior approval of any payment of any debt or obligation incurred by the Receivership Entities prior to the date of entry of this Order, except payments that the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to secure Assets of the Receivership Entities, such as rental payments;

H. Take all steps necessary to secure and take exclusive custody of each location from which the Receivership Entities operate their businesses. Such steps may include, but are not limited to, any of the following, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable: (1) securing the location by changing the locks and alarm codes and disconnecting any internet access or other means of access to the computers, servers, internal networks, or other records maintained at that location; and (2) requiring any persons present at the location to leave the premises, to provide the Receiver with proof of identification, and/or to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Receiver that such persons are not removing from the premises Documents or Assets of the Receivership Entities. Law enforcement personnel, including, but not limited to, the United States Postal Inspection Service, police, or sheriffs, may assist the Receiver in implementing these provisions in order to keep the peace and maintain security. If requested by the Receiver, the United States Marshal will provide appropriate and necessary assistance to the Receiver to implement this Order and is authorized to use any necessary and reasonable force to do so;

I. Take all steps necessary to prevent the modification, destruction, or erasure of any web page or website registered to and operated, in whole or in part, by any Defendants, and to provide access to all such web page or websites to FTC representatives, agents, and assistants, as well as Defendants and their representatives;

J. Enter into and cancel contracts and purchase insurance as advisable or necessary;

K. Prevent the inequitable distribution of Assets and determine, adjust, and protect the interests of consumers who have transacted business with the Receivership Entities;

L. Make an accounting, as soon as practicable, of the Assets and financial condition of the receivership and file the accounting with the court and deliver copies thereof to all parties;

M. Institute, compromise, adjust, appear in, intervene in, defend, dispose of, or otherwise become party to any legal action in state, federal or foreign courts or arbitration proceedings as the Receiver deems necessary and advisable to preserve or recover the Assets of the Receivership Entities, or to carry out the Receiver's mandate under this Order, including but not limited to, actions challenging fraudulent or voidable transfers;

N. Issue subpoenas to obtain Documents and records pertaining to the Receivership, and conduct discovery in this action on behalf of the receivership estate, in addition to obtaining other discovery as set forth in this Order;

O. Open one or more bank accounts at designated depositories for funds of the Receivership Entities. The Receiver shall deposit all funds of the Receivership Entities in such designated accounts and shall make all payments and disbursements from the receivership estate from such accounts. The Receiver shall serve copies of monthly account statements on all parties;

P. Maintain accurate records of all receipts and expenditures incurred as Receiver;

Q. Allow the FTC's representatives, agents, and assistants, as well as Defendants'

representatives and Defendants themselves, reasonable access to the premises of the Receivership Entities, or any other premises where the Receivership Entities conduct business. The purpose of this access shall be to inspect and copy any and all books, records, Documents, accounts, and other property owned by, or in the possession of, the Receivership Entities or their agents. The Receiver shall have the discretion to determine the time, manner, and reasonable conditions of such access;

R. Allow the FTC's representatives, agents, and assistants, as well as Defendants and their representatives reasonable access to all Documents in the possession, custody, or control of the Receivership Entities;

S. Cooperate with reasonable requests for information or assistance from any state or federal civil or criminal law enforcement agency;

T. Suspend business operations of the Receivership Entities if in the judgment of the Receiver such operations cannot be continued legally and profitably;

U. If the Receiver identifies a nonparty entity as a Receivership Entity, promptly notify the entity as well as the parties, and inform the entity that it can challenge the Receiver's determination by filing a motion with the court. Provided, however, that the Receiver may delay providing such notice until the Receiver has established control of the nonparty entity and its assets and records, if the Receiver determines that notice to the entity or the parties before the Receiver establishes control over the entity may result in the destruction of records, dissipation of assets, or any other obstruction of the Receiver's control of the entity; and

V. If in the Receiver's judgment the business operations cannot be continued legally and profitably, take all steps necessary to ensure that any of the Receivership Entities' web pages or websites relating to the activities alleged in the Complaint cannot be accessed by the public, or are modified for consumer education and/or informational purposes, and take all steps necessary

to ensure that any telephone numbers associated with the Receivership Entities cannot be accessed by the public, or are answered solely to provide consumer education or information regarding the status of operations;

W. Provided, however, that the Receiver may delay undertaking any of the duties set forth in this Section XII to the extent that the Receiver determines that a Public Health or Safety Event prevents the Receiver from undertaking such duties safely; and provided, further, that any such delay shall not be deemed a failure of the Receiver to exercise his obligations.

### **XVIII. TRANSFER OF RECEIVERSHIP PROPERTY TO RECEIVER**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants and any other person, with possession, custody or control of property of, or records relating to, the Receivership Entities shall, upon notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, fully cooperate with and assist the Receiver in taking and maintaining possession, custody, or control of the Assets and Documents of the Receivership Entities and immediately upon the written or oral instruction of the Receiver transfer or deliver to the Receiver possession, custody, and control of, the following:

- A. All Assets held by or for the benefit of the Receivership Entities;
- B. All Documents or Assets associated with credits, debits, or charges made on behalf of any Receivership Entity, wherever situated, including reserve funds held by payment processors, credit card processors, merchant banks, acquiring banks, independent sales organizations, third party processors, payment gateways, insurance companies, or other entities;
- C. All Documents of or pertaining to the Receivership Entities;
- D. All computers, electronic devices, mobile devices and machines used to conduct the business of the Receivership Entities;
- E. All Assets and Documents belonging to other persons or entities whose interests



are under the direction, possession, custody, or control of the Receivership Entities; and

F. All keys, codes, usernames and passwords necessary to gain or to secure access to any Assets or Documents of or pertaining to the Receivership Entities, including access to their business premises, means of communication, accounts, computer systems (onsite and remote), Electronic Data Hosts, or other property.

G. In the event that any person or entity fails to deliver or transfer any Asset or Document, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of this Section, the Receiver may file an Affidavit of Non-Compliance regarding the failure and a motion seeking compliance or a contempt citation.

#### **XIX. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO RECEIVER**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants shall immediately provide to the Receiver:

A. A list of all Assets and accounts of the Receivership Entities that are held in any name other than the name of a Receivership Entity, or by any person or entity other than a Receivership Entity;

B. A list of all agents, employees, officers, attorneys, servants and those persons in active concert and participation with the Receivership Entities, or who have been associated or done business with the Receivership Entities; and

C. A description of any documents covered by attorney-client privilege or attorney work product, including files where such documents are likely to be located, authors or recipients of such documents, and search terms likely to identify such electronic documents.

#### **XX. COOPERATION WITH THE RECEIVER**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that (a) Defendants; (b) Receivership Entities; (c) Defendants' or Receivership Entities' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys; (d) all other

persons in active concert or participation with any of them; and (e) any other person with possession, custody, or control of property of or records relating to the Receivership Entities who receive actual notice of this Order shall fully cooperate with and assist the Receiver. This cooperation and assistance shall include, but is not limited to, providing information to the Receiver that the Receiver deems necessary to exercise the authority and discharge the responsibilities of the Receiver under this Order; providing any keys, codes, user names and passwords required to access any computers, electronic devices, mobile devices, and machines (onsite or remotely) and any cloud account (including specific method to access account) or electronic file in any medium; advising all persons who owe money to any Receivership Entity that all debts should be paid directly to the Receiver; and transferring funds at the Receiver's direction and producing records related to the Assets and sales of the Receivership Entities.

#### **XXI. NON-INTERFERENCE WITH THE RECEIVER**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants; Receivership Entities; Defendants' or Receivership Entities' officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, and any other person served with a copy of this Order, are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly:

- A. Interfering with the Receiver's efforts to manage, or take custody, control, or possession of, the Assets or Documents subject to the receivership;
- B. Transacting any of the business of the Receivership Entities;
- C. Transferring, receiving, altering, selling, encumbering, pledging, assigning, liquidating, or otherwise disposing of any Assets owned, controlled, or in the possession or custody of, or in which an interest is held or claimed by, the Receivership Entities; or

D. Refusing to cooperate with the Receiver or the Receiver's duly authorized agents in the exercise of their duties or authority under any order of this court.

## **XXII. STAY OF ACTIONS**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, except by leave of this court, during the pendency of the receivership ordered herein, Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, and their corporations, subsidiaries, divisions, or affiliates, and all investors, creditors, stockholders, lessors, customers and other persons seeking to establish or enforce any claim, right, or interest against or on behalf of Defendants, and all others acting for or on behalf of such persons, are hereby enjoined from taking action that would interfere with the exclusive jurisdiction of this court over the Assets or Documents of the Receivership Entities, including, but not limited to:

A. Filing or assisting in the filing of a petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., or of any similar insolvency proceeding on behalf of the Receivership Entities;

B. Commencing, prosecuting, or continuing a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the Receivership Entities, including the issuance or employment of process against the Receivership Entities, except that such actions may be commenced if necessary, to toll any applicable statute of limitations;

C. Filing or enforcing any lien on any asset of the Receivership Entities, taking or attempting to take possession, custody, or control of any Asset of the Receivership Entities; or attempting to foreclose, forfeit, alter, or terminate any interest in any Asset of the Receivership Entities, whether such acts are part of a judicial proceeding, are acts of self-help, or otherwise;

D. Provided, however, that this Order does not stay: (1) the commencement or continuation of a criminal action or proceeding; (2) the commencement or continuation of an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power; or (3) the enforcement of a judgment, other than a money judgment, obtained in an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power.

### **XXIII. COMPENSATION OF RECEIVER**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Receiver and all personnel hired by the Receiver as herein authorized, including counsel to the Receiver and accountants, are entitled to reasonable compensation for the performance of duties pursuant to this Order and for the cost of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them, from the Assets now held by, in the possession or control of, or which may be received by, the Receivership Entities. The Receiver shall file with the court and serve on the parties periodic requests for the payment of such reasonable compensation, with the first such request filed no more than sixty (60) days after the date of entry of this Order. The Receiver shall not increase the hourly rates used as the bases for such fee applications without prior approval of the court.

### **XXIV. RECEIVER'S BOND**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Receiver shall file with the Clerk of this court a bond in the sum of \$10,000.00 with sureties to be approved by the court, conditioned that the Receiver will well and truly perform the duties of the office and abide by and perform all acts the court directs. 28 U.S.C. § 754.

### **XXV. RECEIVER'S REPORTS**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Receiver shall report to this court on or before the

date set for the preliminary injunction hearing regarding (1) the steps taken by the Receiver to implement the terms of this Order; (2) the value of all liquidated and unliquidated assets of the Receivership Entities; (3) the sum of all liabilities of the Receivership Entities; (4) the steps the Receiver intends to take in the future to (a) prevent any diminution in the value of assets of the Receivership Entities, (b) pursue receivership assets from third parties, and (c) adjust the liabilities of the Receivership Entities, if appropriate; (5) whether the business of the Receivership Entities can be operated lawfully and profitably; and (6) any other matters that the Receiver believes should be brought to the court's attention. Provided, however, that if any of the required information would hinder the Receiver's ability to pursue receivership assets, the portions of the Receiver's report containing such information may be filed under seal and not served on the parties.

**XXVI. IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO BUSINESS PREMISES AND RECORDS**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

A. In order to allow the FTC and the Receiver to preserve Assets and evidence relevant to this action and to expedite discovery and unless the FTC or the Receiver determines that a Public Health or Safety Event makes it unsafe for the FTC or the Receiver to do so, the FTC and the Receiver, and their representatives, agents, contractors, and assistants, shall have immediate access to the business premises and storage facilities, owned, controlled, or used by the Receivership Entities. Such locations include, but are not limited to: 1129 Lancaster Bypass W, Lancaster, SC 29720; and any offsite location or commercial used by the Receivership Entities. The Receiver may exclude Defendants, Receivership Entities, and their employees from the business premises during the immediate access. In the event of a Public Health or Safety Event, the Receiver may, if the Receiver determines it safe to do so, enter any of Defendants' business premises after business hours. Any landlord, management office, security office, or any other Person that controls

access to any such business premises, including but not limited to Jack Smith, shall, immediately upon receiving notice of this order, cooperate with the Receiver and take whatever steps necessary to allow the Receiver access to such business premises after business hours; and such Persons are prohibited from notifying Defendants of the existence of this Order or the Receiver's entry into the business premises until the Receiver has notified such Persons in writing that the Receiver has secured such business premises.

B. The FTC and the Receiver, and their representatives, agents, contractors, and assistants, are authorized to remove Documents from the Receivership Entities' premises in order that they may be inspected, inventoried, and copied. The FTC shall return any removed materials to the Receiver within five (5) business days of completing inventorying and copying, or such time as is agreed upon by the FTC and the Receiver.

C. The FTC's access to the Receivership Entities' documents pursuant to this Section shall not provide grounds for any Defendant to object to any subsequent request for documents served by the FTC.

D. The FTC and the Receiver, and their representatives, agents, contractors, and assistants, are authorized to obtain the assistance of federal, state and local law enforcement officers as they deem necessary to effect service and to implement peacefully the provisions of this Order.

E. If any Documents, computers, or electronic storage devices containing information related to the business practices or finances of the Receivership Entities are at a location other than those listed herein, including personal residence(s) of any Defendant, then, immediately upon the written or oral instruction of the Receiver, Defendants and Receivership Entities shall produce to the Receiver all such Documents, computers, and electronic storage devices, along with any codes

or passwords needed for access. In order to prevent the destruction of computer data, upon service of this Order, any such computers or electronic storage devices shall be powered down in the normal course of the operating system used on such devices and shall not be powered up or used until produced for copying and inspection. Defendants are precluded from introducing in any proceeding in this case any Document not so produced.

F. If any communications or records of any Receivership Entity are stored with an Electronic Data Host, including, but not limited to, GoDaddy, Domains by Proxy, SIP.US, Wix, Google Service Apps, Adobe Sign, Collections MAX, J2 eFax, and SignNow, such Entity shall, immediately upon receiving notice of this order, provide the Receiver with the username, passwords, and any other login credential needed to access the communications and records, and shall not attempt to access, or cause a third-party to attempt to access, the communications or records.

## **XXVII. DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants shall immediately provide a copy of this Order to each affiliate, telemarketer, marketer, sales entity, successor, assign, member, officer, director, employee, agent, independent contractor, client, attorney, spouse, subsidiary, division, and representative of any Defendant, and shall, within ten (10) days from the date of entry of this Order, and provide the FTC and the Receiver with a sworn statement that this provision of the Order has been satisfied, which statement shall include the names, physical addresses, phone number, and email addresses of each such person or entity who received a copy of the Order. Furthermore, Defendants shall not take any action that would encourage officers, agents, members, directors, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, assigns or other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them to

disregard this Order or believe that they are not bound by its provisions.

### **XXVIII. EXPEDITED DISCOVERY**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Rule 26(d) and (f) and 30(a)(2)(c), and pursuant to Rule 30(a), 34, and 45, the FTC and the Receiver are granted leave, at any time after service of this Order, to conduct limited expedited discovery for the purpose of discovering: (1) the nature, location, status, and extent of Defendants' Assets; (2) the nature, location, and extent of Defendants' business transactions and operations; (3) Documents reflecting Defendants' business transactions and operations; or (4) compliance with this Order. The limited expedited discovery set forth in this Section shall proceed as follows:

A. The FTC and the Receiver may take the deposition of parties and non-parties. Forty- eight (48) hours' notice shall be sufficient notice for such depositions. The limitations and conditions set forth in Rules 30(a)(2)(B) and 31(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure regarding subsequent depositions of an individual shall not apply to depositions taken pursuant to this Section. Any such deposition taken pursuant to this Section shall not be counted towards the deposition limit set forth in Rules 30(a)(2)(A) and 31(a)(2)(A) and depositions may be taken by telephone or other remote electronic means;

B. The FTC and the Receiver may serve upon parties requests for production of Documents or inspection that require production or inspection within five (5) days of service, provided, however, that three (3) days of notice shall be deemed sufficient for the production of any such Documents that are maintained or stored only in an electronic format.

C. The FTC and the Receiver may serve upon parties interrogatories that require response within five (5) days after the FTC serves such interrogatories;

D. The FTC and the Receiver may serve subpoenas upon non-parties that direct



production or inspection within five (5) days of service.

E. Service of discovery, taken pursuant to this Section, shall be sufficient if made by facsimile, email, or by overnight delivery.

F. Any expedited discovery taken pursuant to this Section is in addition to, and is not subject to, the limits on discovery set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of this court. The expedited discovery permitted by this Section does not require a meeting or conference of the parties, pursuant to Rules 26(d) & (f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

### **XXIX. SERVICE OF THIS ORDER**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that copies of this Order as well as the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and all other pleadings, Documents, and exhibits filed contemporaneously with that Motion (other than the Complaint and Summons), may be served by any means, including facsimile transmission, electronic mail or other electronic messaging, personal or overnight delivery, U.S. Mail or FedEx, by agents and employees of the FTC, by any law enforcement agency, or by private process server, upon any Defendant or any Person (including any financial institution) that may have possession, custody or control of any Asset or Document of any Defendant, or that may be subject to any provision of this Order pursuant to Rule 65(d)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. For purposes of this Section, service upon any branch, subsidiary, affiliate or office of any entity shall effect service upon the entire entity.

### **XXX. CORRESPONDENCE AND SERVICE ON THE FTC**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, for the purpose of this Order, all correspondence and service of pleadings on the FTC shall be done via email to Gregory A. Ashe at gashe@ftc.gov and Marguerite Moeller at mmoeller@ftc.gov.

**XXXI. PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION HEARING**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to Rule 65(b), Defendants shall appear before this court on the 29th day of July, 2020, at 10 a.m. at the Matthew J. Perry, Jr. United States Courthouse, Courtroom No. 2, 901 Richland Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 to convey their position, if there is any, why this court should not enter a preliminary injunction, pending final ruling on the Complaint against Defendants, enjoining the violations of the law alleged in the Complaint, continuing the freeze of their Assets, continuing the receivership, and imposing such additional relief as may be appropriate.

**XXXII. BRIEFS AND AFFIDAVITS CONCERNING PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

A. Defendants shall file with the court and serve on FTC counsel any answering pleadings, affidavits, motions, expert reports or declarations, or legal memoranda no later than four (4) days prior to the hearing scheduled pursuant to this Order. The FTC may file responsive or supplemental pleadings, materials, affidavits, or memoranda with the court and serve the same on counsel for Defendants no later than one (1) day prior to the preliminary injunction hearing.

B. The question of whether this court should enter a preliminary injunction shall be resolved on the pleadings, declarations, exhibits, and memoranda filed by, and, oral argument of, the parties.

**XXXIII. DURATION OF THE ORDER**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order shall expire fourteen (14) days from the date of entry noted below, unless within such time, the Order is extended for an additional period pursuant to Rule 65(b)(2).

**XXXIV. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes.

**XXXV. CONCLUSION**

Upon careful consideration of the entire record as specified above, the court hereby **GRANTS** the Federal Trade Commission's Ex Parte Motion for Temporary Restraining Order with an Asset Freeze, Appointment of Receiver, and Other Equitable Relief. (ECF No. 4.).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



United States District Judge

July 17, 2020  
Columbia, South Carolina

# **ATTACHMENT A**

## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT

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**Definitions and Instructions:**

1. Complete all items. Enter "None" or "N/A" ("Not Applicable") in the first field only of any item that does not apply to you. If you cannot fully answer a question, explain why.
2. "Dependents" include your spouse, live-in companion, dependent children, or any other person, whom you or your spouse (or your children's other parent) claimed or could have claimed as a dependent for tax purposes at any time during the past five years.
3. "Assets" and "Liabilities" include ALL assets and liabilities, located within the United States or any foreign country or territory, whether held individually or jointly and whether held by you, your spouse, or your dependents, or held by others for the benefit of you, your spouse, or your dependents.
4. Attach continuation pages as needed. On the financial statement, state next to the Item number that the Item is being continued. On the continuation page(s), identify the Item number(s) being continued.
5. Type or print legibly.
6. Initial each page in the space provided in the lower right corner.
7. Sign and date the completed financial statement on the last page.

**Penalty for False Information:**

Federal law provides that any person may be imprisoned for not more than five years, fined, or both, if such person:

(1) "in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or devise a material fact; makes any materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation; or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry" (18 U.S.C. § 1001);

(2) "in any . . . statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code, willfully subscribes as true any material matter which he does not believe to be true" (18 U.S.C. § 1621); or

(3) "in any ( . . . statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code) in any proceeding before or ancillary to any court or grand jury of the United States knowingly makes any false material declaration or makes or uses any other information . . . knowing the same to contain any false material declaration" (18 U.S.C. § 1623).

For a felony conviction under the provisions cited above, federal law provides that the fine may be not more than the greater of (i) \$250,000 for an individual or \$500,000 for a corporation, or (ii) if the felony results in pecuniary gain to any person or pecuniary loss to any person other than the defendant, the greater of twice the gross gain or twice the gross loss. 18 U.S.C. § 3571.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION			
<b>Item 1. Information About You</b>			
Full Name		Social Security No.	
Current Address of Primary Residence		Driver's License No.	State Issued
		Phone Numbers Home: ( )	Date of Birth: / / (mm/dd/yyyy)
		Fax: ( )	Place of Birth
<input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Own      From (Date): / / (mm/dd/yyyy)		E-Mail Address	
Internet Home Page			
<b>Previous Addresses for past five years</b> (if required, use additional pages at end of form)			
Address		From: / / (mm/dd/yyyy)	Until: / / (mm/dd/yyyy)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Own	
Address		From: / /	Until: / /
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Own	
Address		From: / /	Until: / /
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Own	
Identify any other name(s) and/or social security number(s) you have used, and the time period(s) during which they were used:			
<b>Item 2. Information About Your Spouse or Live-In Companion</b>			
Spouse/Companion's Name		Social Security No.	Date of Birth / / (mm/dd/yyyy)
Address (if different from yours)		Phone Number ( )	Place of Birth
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Own      From (Date): / / (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Identify any other name(s) and/or social security number(s) you have used, and the time period(s) during which they were used:			
Employer's Name and Address		Job Title	
		Years in Present Job	Annual Gross Salary/Wages \$
<b>Item 3. Information About Your Previous Spouse</b>			
Name and Address		Social Security No.	
		Date of Birth / / (mm/dd/yyyy)	
<b>Item 4. Contact Information</b> (name and address of closest living relative other than your spouse)			
Name and Address		Phone Number ( )	

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Item 5. Information About Dependents (whether or not they reside with you)		
Name and Address	Social Security No.	Date of Birth / / (mm/dd/yyyy)
	Relationship	
Name and Address	Social Security No.	Date of Birth / / (mm/dd/yyyy)
	Relationship	
Name and Address	Social Security No.	Date of Birth / / (mm/dd/yyyy)
	Relationship	
Name and Address	Social Security No.	Date of Birth / / (mm/dd/yyyy)
	Relationship	

**Item 6. Employment Information/Employment Income**  
 Provide the following information for this year-to-date and for each of the previous five full years, for each business entity of which you were a director, officer, member, partner, employee (including self-employment), agent, owner, shareholder, contractor, participant or consultant at any time during that period. "Income" includes, but is not limited to, any salary, commissions, distributions, draws, consulting fees, loans, loan payments, dividends, royalties, and benefits for which you did not pay (e.g., health insurance premiums, automobile lease or loan payments) received by you or anyone else on your behalf.

Company Name and Address	Dates Employed		Income Received: Y-T-D & 5 Prior Yrs.	
	From (Month/Year) /	To (Month/Year) /	Year	Income
Ownership Interest? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			20	\$
Positions Held	From (Month/Year) /	To (Month/Year) /		\$
	/	/		\$
	/	/		\$
	/	/		\$

  

Company Name and Address	Dates Employed		Income Received: Y-T-D & 5 Prior Yrs.	
	From (Month/Year) /	To (Month/Year) /	Year	Income
Ownership Interest? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			20	\$
Positions Held	From (Month/Year) /	To (Month/Year) /		\$
	/	/		\$
	/	/		\$
	/	/		\$

  

Company Name and Address	Dates Employed		Income Received: Y-T-D & 5 Prior Yrs.	
	From (Month/Year) /	To (Month/Year) /	Year	Income
Ownership Interest? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			20	\$
Positions Held	From (Month/Year) /	To (Month/Year) /		\$
	/	/		\$
	/	/		\$
	/	/		\$

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 7. Pending Lawsuits Filed By or Against You or Your Spouse**

List all pending lawsuits that have been filed by or against you or your spouse in any court or before an administrative agency in the United States or in any foreign country or territory. **Note:** At Item 12, list lawsuits that resulted in final judgments or settlements in your favor. At Item 21, list lawsuits that resulted in final judgments or settlements against you.

Caption of Proceeding	Court or Agency and Location	Case No.	Nature of Proceeding	Relief Requested	Status or Disposition

**Item 8. Safe Deposit Boxes**

List all safe deposit boxes, located within the United States or in any foreign country or territory, whether held individually or jointly and whether held by you, your spouse, or any of your dependents, or held by others for the benefit of you, your spouse, or any of your dependents.

Name of Owner(s)	Name & Address of Depository Institution	Box No.	Contents

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**REMINDER:** When an item asks for information regarding your "assets" and "liabilities" include ALL assets and liabilities, located within the United States or in any foreign country or territory, or institution, whether held individually or jointly, and whether held by you, your spouse, or any of your dependents, or held by others for the benefit of you, your spouse, or any of your dependents. In addition, provide all documents requested in Item 24 with your completed Financial Statement.

**ASSETS**

**Item 9. Cash, Bank, and Money Market Accounts**

List cash on hand (as opposed to cash in bank accounts or other financial accounts) and all bank accounts, money market accounts, or other financial accounts, including but not limited to checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit. The term "cash on hand" includes but is not limited to cash in the form of currency, uncashed checks, and money orders.

a. Amount of Cash on Hand \$		Form of Cash on Hand	
b. Name on Account	Name & Address of Financial Institution	Account No.	Current Balance
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

**Item 10. Publicly Traded Securities**

List all publicly traded securities, including but not limited to, stocks, stock options, corporate bonds, mutual funds, U.S. government securities (including but not limited to treasury bills and treasury notes), and state and municipal bonds. Also list any U.S. savings bonds.

Owner of Security	Issuer	Type of Security	No. of Units Owned
Broker House, Address	Broker Account No.		
	Current Fair Market Value \$	Loan(s) Against Security \$	
Owner of Security	Issuer	Type of Security	No. of Units Owned
Broker House, Address	Broker Account No.		
	Current Fair Market Value \$	Loan(s) Against Security \$	
Owner of Security	Issuer	Type of Security	No. of Units Owned
Broker House, Address	Broker Account No.		
	Current Fair Market Value \$	Loan(s) Against Security \$	

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 11. Non-Public Business and Financial Interests**

List all non-public business and financial interests, including but not limited to any interest in a non-public corporation, subchapter-S corporation, limited liability corporation ("LLC"), general or limited partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, international business corporation or personal investment corporation, and oil or mineral lease.

Entity's Name & Address	Type of Business or Financial Interest (e.g., LLC, partnership)	Owner (e.g., self, spouse)	Ownership %	If Officer, Director, Member or Partner, Exact Title

**Item 12. Amounts Owed to You, Your Spouse, or Your Dependents**

Debtor's Name & Address	Date Obligation Incurred (Month/Year) /	Original Amount Owed \$	Nature of Obligation (if the result of a final court judgment or settlement, provide court name and docket number)
	Current Amount Owed \$	Payment Schedule \$	
Debtor's Telephone	Debtor's Relationship to You		
Debtor's Name & Address	Date Obligation Incurred (Month/Year) /	Original Amount Owed \$	Nature of Obligation (if the result of a final court judgment or settlement, provide court name and docket number)
	Current Amount Owed \$	Payment Schedule \$	
Debtor's Telephone	Debtor's Relationship to You		

**Item 13. Life Insurance Policies**

List all life insurance policies (including endowment policies) with any cash surrender value.

Insurance Company's Name, Address, & Telephone No.	Beneficiary	Policy No.	Face Value \$
	Insured	Loans Against Policy \$	Surrender Value \$
Insurance Company's Name, Address, & Telephone No.	Beneficiary	Policy No.	Face Value \$
	Insured	Loans Against Policy \$	Surrender Value \$

**Item 14. Deferred Income Arrangements**

List all deferred income arrangements, including but not limited to, deferred annuities, pensions plans, profit-sharing plans, 401(k) plans, IRAs, Keoghs, other retirement accounts, and college savings plans (e.g., 529 Plans).

Trustee or Administrator's Name, Address & Telephone No.	Name on Account		Account No.
	Date Established / / (mm/dd/yyyy)	Type of Plan	Surrender Value before Taxes and Penalties \$
Trustee or Administrator's Name, Address & Telephone No.	Name on Account		Account No.
	Date Established / /	Type of Plan	Surrender Value before Taxes and Penalties \$

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 15. Pending Insurance Payments or Inheritances**

List any pending insurance payments or inheritances owed to you.

Type	Amount Expected	Date Expected (mm/dd/yyyy)
	\$	/ /
	\$	/ /
	\$	/ /

**Item 16. Vehicles**

List all cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles.

Vehicle Type	Year	Registered Owner's Name	Purchase Price	Original Loan Amount	Current Balance
		Registration State & No.	Account/Loan No.	Current Value	Monthly Payment
Model		Address of Vehicle's Location			
		Lender's Name and Address			
Vehicle Type	Year	Registered Owner's Name	Purchase Price	Original Loan Amount	Current Balance
		Registration State & No.	Account/Loan No.	Current Value	Monthly Payment
Model		Address of Vehicle's Location			
		Lender's Name and Address			
Vehicle Type	Year	Registered Owner's Name	Purchase Price	Original Loan Amount	Current Balance
		Registration State & No.	Account/Loan No.	Current Value	Monthly Payment
Model		Address of Vehicle's Location			
		Lender's Name and Address			
Vehicle Type	Year	Registered Owner's Name	Purchase Price	Original Loan Amount	Current Balance
		Registration State & No.	Account/Loan No.	Current Value	Monthly Payment
Model		Address of Vehicle's Location			
		Lender's Name and Address			
Vehicle Type	Year	Registered Owner's Name	Purchase Price	Original Loan Amount	Current Balance
		Registration State & No.	Account/Loan No.	Current Value	Monthly Payment
Model		Address of Vehicle's Location			
		Lender's Name and Address			

**Item 17. Other Personal Property**

List all other personal property not listed in Items 9-16 by category, whether held for personal use, investment or any other reason, including but not limited to coins, stamps, artwork, gemstones, jewelry, bullion, other collectibles, copyrights, patents, and other intellectual property.

Property Category (e.g., artwork, jewelry)	Name of Owner	Property Location	Acquisition Cost	Current Value
			\$	\$
			\$	\$
			\$	\$

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Item 18. Real Property</b>			
List all real property interests (including any land contract)			
Property's Location		Type of Property	Name(s) on Title or Contract and Ownership Percentages
Acquisition Date (mm/dd/yyyy) / /	Purchase Price \$	Current Value \$	Basis of Valuation
Lender's Name and Address		Loan or Account No.	Current Balance On First Mortgage or Contract \$
			Monthly Payment \$
Other Mortgage Loan(s) (describe)		Monthly Payment \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Rental Unit Monthly Rent Received \$
		Current Balance \$	
Property's Location		Type of Property	Name(s) on Title or Contract and Ownership Percentages
Acquisition Date (mm/dd/yyyy) / /	Purchase Price \$	Current Value \$	Basis of Valuation
Lender's Name and Address		Loan or Account No.	Current Balance On First Mortgage or Contract \$
			Monthly Payment \$
Other Mortgage Loan(s) (describe)		Monthly Payment \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Rental Unit Monthly Rent Received \$
		Current Balance \$	

**LIABILITIES**

<b>Item 19. Credit Cards</b>			
List each credit card account held by you, your spouse, or your dependents, and any other credit cards that you, your spouse, or your dependents use, whether issued by a United States or foreign financial institution.			
Name of Credit Card (e.g., Visa, MasterCard, Department Store)	Account No.	Name(s) on Account	Current Balance
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

<b>Item 20. Taxes Payable</b>		
List all taxes, such as income taxes or real estate taxes, owed by you, your spouse, or your dependents.		
Type of Tax	Amount Owed	Year Incurred
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 21. Other Amounts Owed by You, Your Spouse, or Your Dependents**  
 List all other amounts, not listed elsewhere in this financial statement, owed by you, your spouse, or your dependents.

Lender/Creditor's Name, Address, and Telephone No.	Nature of Debt (if the result of a court judgment or settlement, provide court name and docket number)		
	Lender/Creditor's Relationship to You		

Date Liability Was Incurred / / (mm/dd/yyyy)	Original Amount Owed \$	Current Amount Owed \$	Payment Schedule
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Lender/Creditor's Name, Address, and Telephone No.	Nature of Debt (if the result of a court judgment or settlement, provide court name and docket number)		
	Lender/Creditor's Relationship to You		

Date Liability Was Incurred / / (mm/dd/yyyy)	Original Amount Owed \$	Current Amount Owed \$	Payment Schedule
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**OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 22. Trusts and Escrows**  
 List all funds and other assets that are being held in trust or escrow by any person or entity for you, your spouse, or your dependents. Include any legal retainers being held on your behalf by legal counsel. Also list all funds or other assets that are being held in trust or escrow by you, your spouse, or your dependents, for any person or entity.

Trustee or Escrow Agent's Name & Address	Date Established (mm/dd/yyyy)	Grantor	Beneficiaries	Present Market Value of Assets*
	/ /			\$
	/ /			\$
	/ /			\$

\*If the market value of any asset is unknown, describe the asset and state its cost, if you know it.

**Item 23. Transfers of Assets**  
 List each person or entity to whom you have transferred, in the aggregate, more than \$5,000 in funds or other assets during the previous five years by loan, gift, sale, or other transfer (exclude ordinary and necessary living and business expenses paid to unrelated third parties). For each such person or entity, state the total amount transferred during that period.

Transferee's Name, Address, & Relationship	Property Transferred	Aggregate Value*	Transfer Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Type of Transfer (e.g., Loan, Gift)
		\$	/ /	
		\$	/ /	
		\$	/ /	

\*If the market value of any asset is unknown, describe the asset and state its cost, if you know it.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Item 24. Document Requests</b>	
Provide copies of the following documents with your completed Financial Statement.	
	Federal tax returns filed during the last three years by or on behalf of you, your spouse, or your dependents.
	All applications for bank loans or other extensions of credit (other than credit cards) that you, your spouse, or your dependents have submitted within the last two years, including by obtaining copies from lenders if necessary.
Item 9	For each bank account listed in Item 9, all account statements for the past 3 years.
Item 11	For each business entity listed in Item 11, provide (including by causing to be generated from accounting records) the most recent balance sheet, tax return, annual income statement, the most recent year-to-date income statement, and all general ledger files from account records.
Item 17	All appraisals that have been prepared for any property listed in Item 17, including appraisals done for insurance purposes. You may exclude any category of property where the total appraised value of all property in that category is less than \$2,000.
Item 18	All appraisals that have been prepared for real property listed in Item 18.
Item 21	Documentation for all debts listed in Item 21.
Item 22	All executed documents for any trust or escrow listed in Item 22. Also provide any appraisals, including insurance appraisals that have been done for any assets held by any such trust or in any such escrow.

**SUMMARY FINANCIAL SCHEDULES**

<b>Item 25. Combined Balance Sheet for You, Your Spouse, and Your Dependents</b>			
<b>Assets</b>		<b>Liabilities</b>	
Cash on Hand (Item 9)	\$	Loans Against Publicly Traded Securities (Item 10)	\$
Funds Held in Financial Institutions (Item 9)	\$	Vehicles - Liens (Item 16)	\$
U.S. Government Securities (Item 10)	\$	Real Property – Encumbrances (Item 18)	\$
Publicly Traded Securities (Item 10)	\$	Credit Cards (Item 19)	\$
Non-Public Business and Financial Interests (Item 11)	\$	Taxes Payable (Item 20)	\$
Amounts Owed to You (Item 12)	\$	Amounts Owed by You (Item 21)	\$
Life Insurance Policies (Item 13)	\$	<b>Other Liabilities (Itemize)</b>	
Deferred Income Arrangements (Item 14)	\$		\$
Vehicles (Item 16)	\$		\$
Other Personal Property (Item 17)	\$		\$
Real Property (Item 18)	\$		\$
<b>Other Assets (Itemize)</b>			\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$

<b>Item 26. Combined Current Monthly Income and Expenses for You, Your Spouse, and Your Dependents</b>			
Provide the current monthly income and expenses for you, your spouse, and your dependents. Do not include credit card payments separately; rather, include credit card expenditures in the appropriate categories.			
<b>Income (State source of each item)</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Salary - After Taxes	\$	Mortgage or Rental Payments for Residence(s)	\$
Source:			
Fees, Commissions, and Royalties	\$	Property Taxes for Residence(s)	\$
Source:			
Interest	\$	Rental Property Expenses, Including Mortgage Payments, Taxes, and Insurance	\$
Source:			
Dividends and Capital Gains	\$	Car or Other Vehicle Lease or Loan Payments	\$
Source:			
Gross Rental Income	\$	Food Expenses	\$
Source:			
Profits from Sole Proprietorships	\$	Clothing Expenses	\$
Source:			
Distributions from Partnerships, S-Corporations, and LLCs	\$	Utilities	\$
Source:			

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Item 26. Combined Current Monthly Income and Expenses for You, Your Spouse, and Your Dependents (cont.)</b>			
Distributions from Trusts and Estates Source:	\$	Medical Expenses, Including Insurance	\$
Distributions from Deferred Income Arrangements Source:	\$	Other Insurance Premiums	\$
Social Security Payments	\$	Other Transportation Expenses	\$
Alimony/Child Support Received	\$	<b>Other Expenses (Itemize)</b>	
Gambling Income	\$		\$
<b>Other Income (Itemize)</b>			\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
<b>Total Income</b>	\$	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Item 27. Documents Attached to this Financial Statement**

List all documents that are being submitted with this financial statement. For any Item 24 documents that are not attached, explain why.

Item No. Document Relates To	Description of Document

I am submitting this financial statement with the understanding that it may affect action by the Federal Trade Commission or a federal court. I have used my best efforts to obtain the information requested in this statement. The responses I have provided to the items above are true and contain all the requested facts and information of which I have notice or knowledge. I have provided all requested documents in my custody, possession, or control. I know of the penalties for false statements under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, 18 U.S.C. § 1621, and 18 U.S.C. § 1623 (five years imprisonment and/or fines). I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

# **ATTACHMENT B**



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CORPORATE DEFENDANT

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**Instructions:**

1. Complete all items. Enter “None” or "N/A" (“Not Applicable”) where appropriate. If you cannot fully answer a question, explain why.
2. The font size within each field will adjust automatically as you type to accommodate longer responses.
3. In completing this financial statement, “the corporation” refers not only to this corporation but also to each of its predecessors that are not named defendants in this action.
4. When an Item asks for information about assets or liabilities “held by the corporation,” include ALL such assets and liabilities, located within the United States or elsewhere, held by the corporation or held by others for the benefit of the corporation.
5. Attach continuation pages as needed. On the financial statement, state next to the Item number that the Item is being continued. On the continuation page(s), identify the Item number being continued.
6. Type or print legibly.
7. An officer of the corporation must sign and date the completed financial statement on the last page and initial each page in the space provided in the lower right corner.

**Penalty for False Information:**

Federal law provides that any person may be imprisoned for not more than five years, fined, or both, if such person:

- (1) “in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry” (18 U.S.C. § 1001);
- (2) “in any . . . statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code, willfully subscribes as true any material matter which he does not believe to be true” (18 U.S.C. § 1621); or
- (3) “in any (. . . statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code) in any proceeding before or ancillary to any court or grand jury of the United States knowingly makes any false material declaration or makes or uses any other information . . . knowing the same to contain any false material declaration.” (18 U.S.C. § 1623)

For a felony conviction under the provisions cited above, federal law provides that the fine may be not more than the greater of (i) \$250,000 for an individual or \$500,000 for a corporation, or (ii) if the felony results in pecuniary gain to any person or pecuniary loss to any person other than the defendant, the greater of twice the gross gain or twice the gross loss. 18 U.S.C. § 3571.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Item 1. General Information**

Corporation's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ From (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Internet Home Page \_\_\_\_\_

All other current addresses & previous addresses for past five years, including post office boxes and mail drops:

Address \_\_\_\_\_ From/Until \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ From/Until \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ From/Until \_\_\_\_\_

All predecessor companies for past five years:

Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_ From/Until \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_ From/Until \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_ From/Until \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 2. Legal Information**

Federal Taxpayer ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ State & Date of Incorporation \_\_\_\_\_

State Tax ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Profit or Not For Profit \_\_\_\_\_

Corporation's Present Status: Active \_\_\_\_\_ Inactive \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved \_\_\_\_\_

If Dissolved: Date dissolved \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons \_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal Year-End (Mo./Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation's Business Activities \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 3. Registered Agent**

Name of Registered Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 4. Principal Stockholders**

List all persons and entities that own at least 5% of the corporation's stock.

Name & Address % Owned

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**Item 5. Board Members**

List all members of the corporation's Board of Directors.

Name & Address % Owned Term (From/Until)

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**Item 6. Officers**

List all of the corporation's officers, including *de facto* officers (individuals with significant management responsibility whose titles do not reflect the nature of their positions).

Name & Address % Owned

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**Item 7. Businesses Related to the Corporation**

List all corporations, partnerships, and other business entities in which this corporation has an ownership interest.

<u>Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>Business Activities</u>	<u>% Owned</u>

State which of these businesses, if any, has ever transacted business with the corporation \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 8. Businesses Related to Individuals**

List all corporations, partnerships, and other business entities in which the corporation’s principal stockholders, board members, or officers (i.e., the individuals listed in Items 4 - 6 above) have an ownership interest.

<u>Individual’s Name</u>	<u>Business Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>Business Activities</u>	<u>% Owned</u>

State which of these businesses, if any, have ever transacted business with the corporation \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 9. Related Individuals**

List all related individuals with whom the corporation has had any business transactions during the three previous fiscal years and current fiscal year-to-date. A “related individual” is a spouse, sibling, parent, or child of the principal stockholders, board members, and officers (i.e., the individuals listed in Items 4 - 6 above).

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Business Activities</u>

**Item 10. Outside Accountants**

List all outside accountants retained by the corporation during the last three years.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Firm Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>CPA/PA?</u>

**Item 11. Corporation's Recordkeeping**

List all individuals within the corporation with responsibility for keeping the corporation's financial books and records for the last three years.

<u>Name, Address, &amp; Telephone Number</u>	<u>Position(s) Held</u>

**Item 12. Attorneys**

List all attorneys retained by the corporation during the last three years.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Firm Name</u>	<u>Address</u>

**Item 13. Pending Lawsuits Filed by the Corporation**

List all pending lawsuits that have been filed by the corporation in court or before an administrative agency. (List lawsuits that resulted in final judgments or settlements in favor of the corporation in Item 25).

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 14. Current Lawsuits Filed Against the Corporation**

List all pending lawsuits that have been filed against the corporation in court or before an administrative agency. (List lawsuits that resulted in final judgments, settlements, or orders in Items 26 - 27).

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relief Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 15. Bankruptcy Information**

List all state insolvency and federal bankruptcy proceedings involving the corporation.

Commencement Date \_\_\_\_\_ Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_ Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

If State Court: Court & County \_\_\_\_\_ If Federal Court: District \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 16. Safe Deposit Boxes**

List all safe deposit boxes, located within the United States or elsewhere, held by the corporation, or held by others for the benefit of the corporation. *On a separate page, describe the contents of each box.*

<u>Owner's Name</u>	<u>Name &amp; Address of Depository Institution</u>	<u>Box No.</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**REMINDER: When an Item asks for information about assets or liabilities “held by the corporation,” include ALL such assets and liabilities, located within the United States or elsewhere, held by the corporation or held by others for the benefit of the corporation.**

**Item 17. Tax Returns**

List all federal and state corporate tax returns filed for the last three complete fiscal years. *Attach copies of all returns.*

<u>Federal/ State/Both</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Tax Due Federal</u>	<u>Tax Paid Federal</u>	<u>Tax Due State</u>	<u>Tax Paid State</u>	<u>Preparer's Name</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____



**Item 18. Financial Statements**

List all financial statements that were prepared for the corporation's last three complete fiscal years and for the current fiscal year-to-date. *Attach copies of all statements, providing audited statements if available.*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Sheet</u>	<u>Profit &amp; Loss Statement</u>	<u>Cash Flow Statement</u>	<u>Changes in Owner's Equity</u>	<u>Audited?</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Item 19. Financial Summary**

For each of the last three complete fiscal years and for the current fiscal year-to-date for which the corporation has not provided a profit and loss statement in accordance with Item 18 above, provide the following summary financial information.

	<u>Current Year-to-Date</u>	<u>1 Year Ago</u>	<u>2 Years Ago</u>	<u>3 Years Ago</u>
<u>Gross Revenue</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u>Expenses</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u>Net Profit After Taxes</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u>Payables</u>	\$ _____			
<u>Receivables</u>	\$ _____			

**Item 20. Cash, Bank, and Money Market Accounts**

List cash and all bank and money market accounts, including but not limited to, checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit, held by the corporation. The term "cash" includes currency and uncashed checks.

Cash on Hand \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Held for the Corporation's Benefit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Name &amp; Address of Financial Institution</u>	<u>Signator(s) on Account</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

**Item 21. Government Obligations and Publicly Traded Securities**

List all U.S. Government obligations, including but not limited to, savings bonds, treasury bills, or treasury notes, held by the corporation. Also list all publicly traded securities, including but not limited to, stocks, stock options, registered and bearer bonds, state and municipal bonds, and mutual funds, held by the corporation.

Issuer \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Security/Obligation \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Units Owned \_\_\_\_\_ Current Fair Market Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Maturity Date \_\_\_\_\_

Issuer \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Security/Obligation \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Units Owned \_\_\_\_\_ Current Fair Market Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Maturity Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 22. Real Estate**

List all real estate, including leaseholds in excess of five years, held by the corporation.

Type of Property \_\_\_\_\_ Property's Location \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) on Title and Ownership Percentages \_\_\_\_\_

Current Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Loan or Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Lender's Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Balance On First Mortgage \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Loan(s) (describe) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rental Unit? \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Rent Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Property \_\_\_\_\_ Property's Location \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) on Title and Ownership Percentages \_\_\_\_\_

Current Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Loan or Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Lender's Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Balance On First Mortgage \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Loan(s) (describe) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rental Unit? \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Rent Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 23. Other Assets**

List all other property, by category, with an estimated value of \$2,500 or more, held by the corporation, including but not limited to, inventory, machinery, equipment, furniture, vehicles, customer lists, computer software, patents, and other intellectual property.

<u>Property Category</u>	<u>Property Location</u>	<u>Acquisition Cost</u>	<u>Current Value</u>
		\$ _____	\$ _____
		\$ _____	\$ _____
		\$ _____	\$ _____
		\$ _____	\$ _____
		\$ _____	\$ _____
		\$ _____	\$ _____
		\$ _____	\$ _____
		\$ _____	\$ _____
		\$ _____	\$ _____
		\$ _____	\$ _____

**Item 24. Trusts and Escrows**

List all persons and other entities holding funds or other assets that are in escrow or in trust for the corporation.

<u>Trustee or Escrow Agent's Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>Description and Location of Assets</u>	<u>Present Market Value of Assets</u>
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
		\$ _____

**Item 25. Monetary Judgments and Settlements Owed To the Corporation**

List all monetary judgments and settlements, recorded and unrecorded, owed to the corporation.

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_ Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Judgment \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_ Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Judgment \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 26. Monetary Judgments and Settlements Owed By the Corporation**

List all monetary judgments and settlements, recorded and unrecorded, owed by the corporation.

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_ Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_ Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Judgment \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_ Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Judgment \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_ Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Judgment \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Opposing Party's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Court's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_ Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Judgment \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Item 30. Compensation of Board Members and Officers**

List all compensation and other benefits received from the corporation by each person listed in Items 5 and 6, for the current fiscal year-to-date and the two previous fiscal years. "Compensation" includes, but is not limited to, salaries, commissions, consulting fees, dividends, distributions, royalties, pensions, and profit sharing plans. "Other benefits" include, but are not limited to, loans, loan payments, rent, car payments, and insurance premiums, whether paid directly to the individuals, or paid to others on their behalf.

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Current Fiscal Year-to-Date</u>	<u>1 Year Ago</u>	<u>2 Years Ago</u>	<u>Compensation or Type of Benefits</u>
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	

**Item 31. Transfers of Assets Including Cash and Property**

List all transfers of assets over \$2,500 made by the corporation, other than in the ordinary course of business, during the previous three years, by loan, gift, sale, or other transfer.

<u>Transferee's Name, Address, &amp; Relationship</u>	<u>Property Transferred</u>	<u>Aggregate Value</u>	<u>Transfer Date</u>	<u>Type of Transfer (e.g., Loan, Gift)</u>
		\$ _____		
		\$ _____		
		\$ _____		
		\$ _____		
		\$ _____		



# **ATTACHMENT C**



Form **4506**

### Request for Copy of Tax Return

(July 2017)

- ▶ **Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.**
- ▶ **Request may be rejected if the form is incomplete or illegible.**
- ▶ **For more information about Form 4506, visit [www.irs.gov/form4506](http://www.irs.gov/form4506).**

OMB No. 1545-0429

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Tip.** You may be able to get your tax return or return information from other sources. If you had your tax return completed by a paid preparer, they should be able to provide you a copy of the return. The IRS can provide a **Tax Return Transcript** for many returns free of charge. The transcript provides most of the line entries from the original tax return and usually contains the information that a third party (such as a mortgage company) requires. See **Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return**, or you can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) and click on "Get a Tax Transcript..." or call 1-800-908-9946.

<b>1a</b> Name shown on tax return. If a joint return, enter the name shown first.	<b>1b</b> First social security number on tax return, individual taxpayer identification number, or employer identification number (see instructions)
<b>2a</b> If a joint return, enter spouse's name shown on tax return.	<b>2b</b> Second social security number or individual taxpayer identification number if joint tax return
<b>3</b> Current name, address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code (see instructions)	
<b>4</b> Previous address shown on the last return filed if different from line 3 (see instructions)	
<b>5</b> If the tax return is to be mailed to a third party (such as a mortgage company), enter the third party's name, address, and telephone number.	

**Caution:** If the tax return is being mailed to a third party, ensure that you have filled in lines 6 and 7 before signing. Sign and date the form once you have filled in these lines. Completing these steps helps to protect your privacy. Once the IRS discloses your tax return to the third party listed on line 5, the IRS has no control over what the third party does with the information. If you would like to limit the third party's authority to disclose your return information, you can specify this limitation in your written agreement with the third party.

**6 Tax return requested.** Form 1040, 1120, 941, etc. and all attachments as originally submitted to the IRS, including Form(s) W-2, schedules, or amended returns. Copies of Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ are generally available for 7 years from filing before they are destroyed by law. Other returns may be available for a longer period of time. Enter only one return number. If you need more than one type of return, you must complete another Form 4506. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If the copies must be certified for court or administrative proceedings, check here

**7 Year or period requested.** Enter the ending date of the year or period, using the mm/dd/yyyy format. If you are requesting more than eight years or periods, you must attach another Form 4506.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

<b>8 Fee.</b> There is a \$50 fee for each return requested. <b>Full payment must be included with your request or it will be rejected. Make your check or money order payable to "United States Treasury." Enter your SSN, ITIN, or EIN and "Form 4506 request" on your check or money order.</b>	
<b>a</b> Cost for each return . . . . .	\$ 50.00
<b>b</b> Number of returns requested on line 7 . . . . .	
<b>c</b> Total cost. Multiply line 8a by line 8b . . . . .	\$
<b>9</b> If we cannot find the tax return, we will refund the fee. If the refund should go to the third party listed on line 5, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Caution:** Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.  
**Signature of taxpayer(s).** I declare that I am either the taxpayer whose name is shown on line 1a or 2a, or a person authorized to obtain the tax return requested. If the request applies to a joint return, at least one spouse must sign. If signed by a corporate officer, 1 percent or more shareholder, partner, managing member, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, trustee, or party other than the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute Form 4506 on behalf of the taxpayer. **Note:** This form must be received by IRS within 120 days of the signature date.

**Signatory attests that he/she has read the attestation clause and upon so reading declares that he/she has the authority to sign the Form 4506.** See instructions.

Phone number of taxpayer on line 1a or 2a

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature (see instructions)	Date	
	Title (if line 1a above is a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust)		
	Spouse's signature	Date	

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future Developments**

For the latest information about Form 4506 and its instructions, go to [www.irs.gov/form4506](http://www.irs.gov/form4506). Information about any recent developments affecting Form 4506, Form 4506-T and Form 4506T-EZ will be posted on that page.

**General Instructions**

**Caution:** Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.

**Purpose of form.** Use Form 4506 to request a copy of your tax return. You can also designate (on line 5) a third party to receive the tax return.

**How long will it take?** It may take up to 75 calendar days for us to process your request.

**Tip.** Use Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, to request tax return transcripts, tax account information, W-2 information, 1099 information, verification of nonfiling, and records of account.

**Automated transcript request.** You can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) and click on "Get a Tax Transcript..." or call 1-800-908-9946.

**Where to file.** Attach payment and mail Form 4506 to the address below for the state you lived in, or the state your business was in, when that return was filed. There are two address charts: one for individual returns (Form 1040 series) and one for all other returns.

If you are requesting a return for more than one year or period and the chart below shows two different addresses, send your request to the address based on the address of your most recent return.

**Chart for individual returns (Form 1040 series)**

**If you filed an individual return and lived in:**

**Mail to:**

Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, a foreign country, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address

Internal Revenue Service  
RAIVS Team  
Stop 6716 AUCS  
Austin, TX 73301

Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Internal Revenue Service  
RAIVS Team  
Stop 37106  
Fresno, CA 93888

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

Internal Revenue Service  
RAIVS Team  
Stop 6705 P-6  
Kansas City, MO 64999

**Chart for all other returns**

**If you lived in or your business was in:**

**Mail to:**

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, a foreign country, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address

Internal Revenue Service  
RAIVS Team  
P.O. Box 9941  
Mail Stop 6734  
Ogden, UT 84409

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Internal Revenue Service  
RAIVS Team  
P.O. Box 145500  
Stop 2800 F  
Cincinnati, OH 45250

**Specific Instructions**

**Line 1b.** Enter your employer identification number (EIN) if you are requesting a copy of a business return. Otherwise, enter the first social security number (SSN) or your individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) shown on the return. For example, if you are requesting Form 1040 that includes Schedule C (Form 1040), enter your SSN.

**Line 3.** Enter your current address. If you use a P.O. box, please include it on this line 3.

**Line 4.** Enter the address shown on the last return filed if different from the address entered on line 3.

**Note:** If the addresses on lines 3 and 4 are different and you have not changed your address with the IRS, file Form 8822, Change of Address. For a business address, file Form 8822-B, Change of Address or Responsible Party — Business.

**Signature and date.** Form 4506 must be signed and dated by the taxpayer listed on line 1a or 2a. The IRS must receive Form 4506 within 120 days of the date signed by the taxpayer or it will be rejected. Ensure that all applicable lines are completed before signing.



*You must check the box in the signature area to acknowledge you have the authority to sign and request the information. The form will not be processed and returned to you if the box is unchecked.*

**Individuals.** Copies of jointly filed tax returns may be furnished to either spouse. Only one signature is required. Sign Form 4506 exactly as your name appeared on the original return. If you changed your name, also sign your current name.

**Corporations.** Generally, Form 4506 can be signed by: (1) an officer having legal authority to bind the corporation, (2) any person designated by the board of directors or other governing body, or (3) any officer or employee on written request by any principal officer and attested to by the secretary or other officer. A bona fide shareholder of record owning 1 percent or more of the outstanding stock of the corporation may submit a Form 4506 but must provide documentation to support the requester's right to receive the information.

**Partnerships.** Generally, Form 4506 can be signed by any person who was a member of the partnership during any part of the tax period requested on line 7.

**All others.** See section 6103(e) if the taxpayer has died, is insolvent, is a dissolved corporation, or if a trustee, guardian, executor, receiver, or administrator is acting for the taxpayer.

**Note:** If you are Heir at law, Next of kin, or Beneficiary you must be able to establish a material interest in the estate or trust.

**Documentation.** For entities other than individuals, you must attach the authorization document. For example, this could be the letter from the principal officer authorizing an employee of the corporation or the letters testamentary authorizing an individual to act for an estate.

**Signature by a representative.** A representative can sign Form 4506 for a taxpayer only if this authority has been specifically delegated to the representative on Form 2848, line 5. Form 2848 showing the delegation must be attached to Form 4506.

**Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act**

**Notice.** We ask for the information on this form to establish your right to gain access to the requested return(s) under the Internal Revenue Code. We need this information to properly identify the return(s) and respond to your request. If you request a copy of a tax return, sections 6103 and 6109 require you to provide this information, including your SSN or EIN, to process your request. If you do not provide this information, we may not be able to process your request. Providing false or fraudulent information may subject you to penalties.

Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file Form 4506 will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: **Learning about the law or the form**, 10 min.; **Preparing the form**, 16 min.; and **Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS**, 20 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making Form 4506 simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to:

Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Forms and Publications Division  
1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526  
Washington, DC 20224.

Do not send the form to this address. Instead, see *Where to file* on this page.

# **ATTACHMENT D**

**CONSENT TO RELEASE FINANCIAL RECORDS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (City, State), do hereby direct any bank, saving and loan association, credit union, depository institution, finance company, commercial lending company, credit card processor, credit card processing entity, automated clearing house, network transaction processor, bank debit processing entity, brokerage house, escrow agent, money market or mutual fund, title company, commodity trading company, trustee, or person that holds, controls, or maintains custody of assets, wherever located, that are owned or controlled by me or at which there is an account of any kind upon which I am authorized to draw, and its officers, employees, and agents, to disclose all information and deliver copies of all documents of very nature in its possession or control which relate to the said accounts to any attorney of the Federal Trade Commission, and to give evidence relevant thereto, in the matter of the *Federal Trade Commission v. National Landmark Logistics LLC, et al.*, now pending in the United States District Court of the District of South Carolina, and this shall be irrevocable authority for so doing.

This direction is intended to apply to the laws of countries other than the Unites States of America which restrict or prohibit disclosure of bank or other financial information without the consent of the holder of the account, and shall be construed as consent with respect hereto, and the same shall apply to any of the accounts for which I may be a relevant principal.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_