UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DEBBIE FINNELL, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

-against-

ALPHA RECOVERY CORP.

Defendant.

Plaintiff DEBBIE FINNELL (hereinafter, "Plaintiff"), a New York resident, brings this class action complaint by and through her attorneys, Cohen & Mizrahi LLP, against Defendant ALPHA RECOVERY CORP. ("Defendant"), individually and on behalf of a class of all others similarly situated, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, based upon information and belief of Plaintiff's counsel, except for allegations specifically pertaining to Plaintiff, which are based upon Plaintiff's personal knowledge.

INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Congress enacted § 1692 *et seq.* of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act ("FDCPA") in 1977 in response to the "abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors." 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a). At that time, Congress was concerned that "abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy." *Id.* Congress concluded that "existing laws... [we]re inadequate to protect consumers," and that "the effective collection of debts" does not require "misrepresentation or other abusive debt collection practices." 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(b) & (c).

2. Congress explained that the purpose of the FDCPA was not only to eliminate abusive debt collection practices, but also to "insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged." *Id.*; § 1692(e). After determining that the existing consumer protection laws were inadequate, Congress gave consumers a private cause of action against debt collectors who fail to comply with the Act. *Id.*; § 1692k.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 5. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of a class of New York consumers seeking redress for Defendant's actions of using a misleading, deceptive, unfair and unconscionable means to collect a debt.
- 6. Defendant's actions violated § 1692 *et seq.*, of the FDCPA, which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive and unfair practices.
 - 7. Plaintiff is seeking damages, and declaratory and injunctive relief.

PARTIES

- 8. Plaintiff is a natural person and a resident of the State of New York and is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(3).
- 9. Defendant is a collection agency with its principal office located in Centennial, Colorado.

- 10. Defendant is a company that uses the mail, telephone, and facsimile, and regularly engages in business, the principal purpose of which is to attempt to collect debts alleged to be due another.
- 11. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined under the FDCPA under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 12. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "11" herein with the same force and effect as if set forth at length herein.
- 13. Plaintiff brings claims, pursuant to the Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3), individually and on behalf of the following consumer class (the "Class").
- 14. The Class consists of (a) all individuals with addresses in Kings County in the State of New York (b) to whom Defendant (c) sent a collection letter attempting to collect a consumer debt (d) failing to clearly state the amount of the debt which is due and owing, by implying that a payment sooner rather than later will be more economical for the consumer and by employing false, deceptive and misleading representations in connection with the collection of the debt (e) which letter was sent on or after a date one year prior to filing this action and on or before a date 21 days after filing this action.
- 15. The identities of all Class members are readily ascertainable from Defendant's records and those companies and entities on whose behalf they attempt to collect and/or have purchased debts.
- 16. Excluded from the Class are the Defendants and all officers, members, partners, managers, directors, and employees of the Defendants and their respective immediate families, and legal counsel for all parties to this action and all members of their immediate families.
 - 17. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class, which common issues

predominate over any issues involving only individual class members. The principal issue is whether the Defendant's written communications to consumers, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**, violate 15 U.S.C. § 1962e.

- 18. The Plaintiff's claims are typical of the Class members, as all are based upon the same facts and legal theories.
- 19. The Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class defined in this complaint. The Plaintiff has retained counsel with experience handling in consumer lawsuits, complex legal issues, and class actions, and neither the Plaintiff nor his attorneys have any interests, which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.
- 20. This action has been brought, and may properly be maintained, as a class action pursuant to the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 because there is a well-defined community interest in the litigation:
 - a. <u>Numerosity:</u> The Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the Class defined above are so numerous that joinder of all members would be impractical.
 - b. <u>Common Questions Predominate:</u> Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and those questions predominate over any questions or issues involving only individual class members. The principal issue is whether the Defendant's written communications to consumers, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**, violate 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
 - c. <u>Typicality:</u> The Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class members. The Plaintiff and all members of the Class have claims arising out of the Defendant's common uniform course of conduct complained of

herein.

- d. Adequacy: The Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class members insofar as Plaintiff has no interest that are adverse to the absent Class members. Plaintiff is committed to vigorously litigating this matter. Plaintiff has also retained counsel with experience in handling consumer lawsuits, complex legal issues, and class actions. Neither the Plaintiff nor his counsel have any interests which might cause them not to vigorously pursue the instant class action lawsuit.
- e. <u>Superiority:</u> A class action is superior to the other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because individual joinder of all members would be impractical. Class action treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum efficiently and without unnecessary duplication of effort and expense.
- 21. Certification of a class under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3) is also appropriate in that the questions of law and fact are common to all members of the Class and predominate over any questions affecting an individual member, and a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.
- 22. Depending on the outcome of further investigation and discovery, Plaintiff may, at the time of class certification motion, seek to certify a class(es) only as to particular issues pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(4).

ALLEGATIONS PARTICULAR TO DEBBIE FINNELL

23. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "22" herein with the same force and effect as if set forth at length herein.

24. Defendant collects and attempts to collect debts incurred or alleged to have been incurred for personal, family or household purposes on behalf of creditors using the United States

Postal Services, telephone, facsimile, and internet.

25. Upon information and belief, within the last year Defendant commenced efforts to

collect an alleged consumer "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(5), when it mailed a collection

letter to Plaintiff seeking to collect on an unpaid account originally owed to Citibank, N.A.

26. On or about January 8, 2018, Defendant sent Plaintiff a collection letter (the

"Collection Letter") seeking to collect a balance allegedly incurred for personal purposes. A copy

of the Collection Letter is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

27. The Collection Letter was sent or caused to be sent by persons employed by

Defendant as a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).

28. The Collection Letter is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(2).

29. Upon information and belief, Defendant's Collection Letter is a form letter.

30. Upon information and belief, the Defendant's Collection Letter is identical to other

collection letters sent to consumers, which number in the hundreds.

31. The Collection Letter provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

"Debt Due as of Charge-off: \$5,095.83

Interest accrued since Charge-off: \$556.57

Non-Interest Charges or Fees Accrued since Charge-off: \$213.23

Payments Made on Debt since the Charge-off: \$0.00

Current Balance Claimed Due: 5,011.57"

32. As a result of the following counts Defendant violated the FDCPA.

<u>First Count</u> Violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692g

Failure to adequately state the amount of debt

33. Section 1692g provides:

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§ 1692g. Validation of debts

- (a) Notice of debt; contents. Within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the following information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing—
 - (1) the amount of the debt;
- 34. The Collection Letter does not accurately state the amount of debt as required by 15 U.S.C. §1692g.
- 35. The numbers are inconsistent and do not make sense. A debt that was \$5,095.83 at charge-off and has accrued interest of \$556.57 since charge-off and non-interest charges or fees of \$213.23 since charge-off cannot possibly have a current balance of \$5,011.57.

Second Count Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e False or Misleading Representations

- 36. The Collection Letter states: Interest accrued since Charge-off: \$556.57
- 37. If interest has accrued since charge off, it is quite reasonable to assume that interest continues to accrue. Yet, there is no definitive statement from the debt collector one way or the other.
- 38. Plaintiff was left uncertain as to whether the balance would increase due to additional interest and fees as there was no disclosure that indicated otherwise.¹

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¹ As discussed above, the amended complaint adequately alleges that the ARS Notice incorrectly states the balance due, and moreover, implies to the least sophisticated consumer that interest has accrued since charge off or may continue to accrue in the future, when in fact that may not be the case. If, in fact, those allegations prove to be true, Meola [*11] may recover from defendants. He should be permitted to proceed in this regard. Meola v. Asset Recovery Sols., LLC, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 139101, *10-11 (E.D.N.Y. August 15, 2018)

- 39. The Collection Letter does not clearly state either that the amount will or will not increase. See *Avila v. Riexinger & Associates, LLC*, 817 F.3d 72 (2d Cir. 2016).
- 40. Plaintiff suffered an injury in fact by being subjected to unfair and abusive practices of the Defendant.
- 41. Plaintiff suffered actual harm by being the target of the Defendant's misleading debt collection communications.
- 42. Defendant violated the Plaintiff's right not to be the target of misleading debt collection communications.
 - 43. Defendant violated the Plaintiff's right to a truthful and fair debt collection process.
- 44. Defendant used materially false, deceptive, misleading representations and means in its attempted collection of Plaintiff's alleged debt.
- 45. Defendant's communications were designed to cause the debtor to suffer a harmful disadvantage in charting a course of action in response to Defendant's collection efforts.
- 46. The FDCPA ensures that consumers are fully and truthfully apprised of the facts and of their rights. The FDPCA enables consumers to understand, make informed decisions about, and participate fully and meaningfully in the debt collection process. One purpose of the FDPCA, among others, is to provide information that helps consumers choose intelligently. The Defendant's false representations misled the Plaintiff in a manner that deprived her of her right to enjoy these benefits. As a result, Defendant's materially misleading statements trigger liability under § 1692e of the FDCPA.
- 47. Defendant's deceptive communications additionally violate the FDPCA since they frustrate the consumer's ability to intelligently choose his or her response.

48. As an actual and proximate result of the acts and omissions of Defendant, Plaintiff has suffered, including, without limitation, fear, stress, mental anguish, emotional stress and acute embarrassment for which he should be compensated in an amount to be established by a jury.

49. As a result of the foregoing Count, Defendant violated the FDCPA.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants as follows:

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

COHEN & MIZRAHI LLP

Dated: Brooklyn, New York

October 18, 2018

By: /s/ Daniel C. Cohen

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

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

/s/ Daniel C. Cohen
Daniel C. Cohen, Esq.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York

DEBBIE FINNELL, on behalf of lall others similarly situated,	herself and)))			
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A lawsuit has been filed ag	gainst you.			
Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney,				
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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil decket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PACE OF THIS FORM.)

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6912 S. Quentin St. Unit 10 Centennial CO. 80112

Toll Free: 877-359-8714

Creditor: JH PORTFOLIO DEBT EQUITIES, LLC.

Account Number:

Original Creditor: Citibank N.A. Original Creditor Account Number: *******7799

Debt Due as of Charge-Off: \$5,095.83 Interest Accrued since Charge-Off: \$556.57 Non-Interest Charges or Fees Accrued since Charge-Off: \$213.23 Payments Made on Debt since the Charge-Off: \$0.00 **Current Balance Claimed Due: \$5,011.57**

Dear FINNELL, DEBBIE FINNELL, DEBBIE,

Please be advised that your outstanding balance, in the amount of \$5,011.57 for this account has been placed with our office. Please remit your payment in full payable to Alpha Recovery Corp. We trust your intention is to address this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Chris Della Ratta at 720-509-2125, Monday and Tuesday from 10:00am - 7:00pm MST, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30am-4:30pm MST. Please refer to the account number listed above.

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

Alpha Recovery Corp.

Your account with the above referenced original creditor has been purchased and is now owned by our client, JH PORTFOLIO DEBT EQUITIES, LLC.

Debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including but not limited to:

- a) the use or threat of violence;
- b) the use of obscene or profane language; and
- c) repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:

1. Supplemental security income, (SSI);

- 2. Social security;
- 3. Public assistance (welfare);
- 4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
- 5. Unemployment benefits;
- 6. Disability benefits;
- 7. Workers' compensation benefits;
- 8. Public or private pensions;
- 9. Veterans' benefits:
- 10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and
- 11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

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

You are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted by our client to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations.



See reverse side for state specific laws and other important information





Change of Address Information					
Home Phone #					
Work Phone #					

We are required under state law to notify consumers of the following rights. This list does not contain a complete list of the rights consumers have under state and federal law.

Notice to California Residents: The State Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and The Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act require that, except under unusual circumstances, collector may not contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. They may not harass you by using threats of violence or arrest or by using obscene language. Collectors may not use false or misleading statements or call you at work if they know or have reason to know that you may not receive personal calls at work. For the most part, collectors may not tell another person, other than your attorney or spouse, about your debt Collectors may contact another person to confirm your location or enforce a judgment. For more information about debt collections activities, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov. As required by California law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit may be submitted to a credit-reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations.

For Colorado residents: FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLORADO FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, SEE www.coag.gov/car A consumer has the right to request in writing that a debt collector or collection agency cease further communication with the consumer. A written request to cease communication will not prohibit the debt collector or collection agency from taking any other action authorized by law to collect the debt.

Notice to Maine Residents: Alpha Recovery Corporation OPERATING HOURS IS Monday and Tuesday 10:00am - 7 pm MST, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm MST

NOTICE TO MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS: NOTICE OF IMPORTANT RIGHTS. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A WRITTEN OR ORAL REQUEST THAT TELEPHONE CALLS REGARDING YOUR DEBT WILL NOT BE MADE TO YOU AT YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. ANY SUCH ORAL REQUEST WILL BE VALID FOR ONLY TEN DAYS UNLESS YOU PROVIDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THE REQUEST POSTMARKED OR DELIVERED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF SUCH REQUEST. YOU MAY TERMINATE THIS REQUEST BY WRITING TO THE COLLECTION AGENCY. YOU MAY CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 877-359-8714 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00am - 7pm MST Monday and Tuesday & 7:30am - 4:30pm MST Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Notice to Tennessee Residents: This collection agency is licensed by the collection service board of The Department of Commerce and Insurance, License ID Number 00001173.

Notice to Minnesota Residents: This collection agency is licensed by The Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Notice to North Carolina Residents: Alpha Recovery Corporation PERMIT# 104670.

Notice to New York City Residents: Alpha Recovery Corporation License # 1379591.

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