## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

JENNIFER B. NGUYEN,

Plaintiff,

No.

v.

COMPLAINT—CLASS ACTION

JURY DEMAND

TRAVELERS CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff, Jennifer B. Nguyen, DDS, PLLC, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated members of the defined national claims (the "Class Members"), by and through the undersigned attorneys, brings this class action against Travelers Casualty Insurance of America ("Defendant" or "Travelers") and alleges as follows based on personal knowledge and information and belief:

### II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d), because at least one Class member is of diverse citizenship from Defendant, there are 100 or more Class members nationwide, and the aggregate amount in

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1201 Third Avenue, Suite 3200 Seattle, WA 98101-3052 TELEPHONE: (206) 623-1900 FACSIMILE: (206) 623-3384 controversy exceeds \$5,000,000. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

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occurred in this District and the state of Washington, and Defendant has sufficient contacts with this District and the state of Washington. 3. Venue is proper in the Western District of Washington pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims at

Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant, a substantial portion the alleged wrongdoing

Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(3) because the

III. **PARTIES** 

issue in this Complaint arose in this District. Plaintiff's place of business is located in Seattle,

WA, King County. This action is therefore appropriately filed in the Seattle Division because a

substantial portion of the events giving rise to this lawsuit arose in King County.

- 4. Plaintiff Jennifer B. Nguyen, DDS, PLLC, DBA Seattle Smiles Dental, owns and operates a dentistry practice located at 1325 4th Avenue, Suites 1230 and 1202, Seattle, Washington, 98101.
- 5. Defendant Travelers Casualty Insurance Company of America, is an insurance carrier incorporated and domiciled in the State of Connecticut, with its principal place of business in Connecticut.

#### IV. NATURE OF THE CASE

6. Due to COVID-19 and a state-ordered mandated closure, Plaintiff cannot provide dentistry services. Plaintiff intended to rely on her business insurance to keep her business alive. This lawsuit is filed to ensure that Plaintiff and other similarly-situated policyholders receive the insurance benefits to which they are entitled and for which they paid.

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- 7. Defendant Travelers Casualty Insurance Company of America (Travelers) issued one or more insurance policies to Plaintiff, including Businessowners Property Coverage and related endorsements, insuring Plaintiff's property and business practice and other coverages, with effective dates of November 1, 2019 to November 1, 2020.
- 8. Plaintiff's business property includes property owned and leased by Plaintiff and used for general business purposes for the specific purpose of dentistry and other business activities.
- 9. Travelers' Businessowners Property Coverage promises to pay Plaintiff for risks of "DIRECT PHYSICAL LOSS" to covered property and includes coverage for risks of both "loss of or damage to" covered property.
- 10. Travelers' Businessowners Property Coverage provides Plaintiff with Business Income Coverage, Extra Expense Coverage, Extended Business Income Coverage and Civil Authority Coverage.
  - 11. Plaintiff paid all premiums for the coverage when due.
- 12. On or about January 2020, the United States of America saw its first cases of persons infected by COVID-19, which has been designated a worldwide pandemic.
- 13. In light of this pandemic, Washington Governor Jay Inslee issued certain proclamations and orders affecting many persons and businesses in Washington, whether infected with COVID-19 or not, requiring certain public health precautions. Among other things, Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order required the closure of all non-essential businesses, including Plaintiff's dental practice.
- 14. Plaintiff's property sustained direct physical loss or damage to as a result of the proclamations and orders.

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- 15. Plaintiff's property will continue to sustain direct physical loss or damage covered by the Traveler's policy or policies, including but not limited to business interruption, extra expense, interruption by civil authority, and other expenses.
  - 16. Plaintiff's property cannot be used for its intended purposes.
- 17. As a result of the above, Plaintiff has experienced and will experience loss covered by the Travelers policy or policies.
- 18. Plaintiff contacted Defendant Travelers about her losses but was verbally told by telephone that her losses would not be covered under her Travelers Businessowners' Policy.

#### V. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 19. This matter is brought by Plaintiff Nguyen on behalf of herself and those similarly situated, under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(b)(1), 23(b)(2), and 23(b)(3).
  - 20. The Classes that Plaintiff Nguyen seek to represent are defined at this time as:
  - A. Business Income Coverage Breach of Contract Class: All persons and entities in the United States insured under a Travelers policy with Business Income Coverage who suffered a suspension of their business at the covered premises due to COVID-19 and whose Business Income claim was denied by Travelers.
  - B. *Business Income Coverage Declaratory Relief Class:* All persons and entities in the United States insured under a Travelers policy with Business Income Coverage who suffered a suspension of their business at the covered premises due to COVID-19.
  - C. Extra Expense Breach of Contract Class: All persons and entities in the United States insured under a Travelers policy with Extra Expense coverage who sought to minimize the suspension of business at the covered premises in connection with

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COVID-19 and whose Extra Expense coverage claim was denied by Travelers despite their efforts to minimize the suspension of their business.

- D. *Extra Expense Declaratory Relief Class:* All persons and entities in the United States insured under a Travelers policy with Extra Expense coverage who sought to minimize losses from the suspension of their business at the covered premises due to COVID-19.
- E. *Extended Business Income Breach of Contract Class*: All persons and entities in the United States insured under a Travelers policy with Extended Business Income coverage who suffered a suspension of their business at the covered premises due to COVID-19.
- F. Extended Business Income Declaratory Relief Class: All persons and entities in the United States insured under a Travelers policy with Extended Business Income coverage who suffered a suspension of their business at the covered premises due to COVID-19.
- G. *Civil Authority Breach of Contract Class:* All persons and entities in the United States insured under a Travelers policy with Civil Authority coverage who suffered a loss of business income and/or extra expense due to the impact of COVID-19 and whose Civil Authority claim was denied by Travelers.
- H. *Civil Authority Declaratory Relief Class:* All persons and entities in the United States insured under a Travelers policy with Civil Authority coverage who suffered a loss of business income and/or extra expense due to the impact of COVID-19.
- 21. Excluded from the Class are Defendant's officers, directors, and employees; the judicial officers and associated court staff assigned to this case; and the immediate family COMPLAINT—CLASS ACTION 5

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members of such officers and staff. Plaintiff Nguyen reserves the right to amend the Class definition based on information obtained in discovery.

- 22. This action may properly be maintained on behalf of each proposed Class under the criteria of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 23. **Numerosity**: The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members would be impractical. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the proposed Class contains thousands of members. The precise number of class members can be ascertained through discovery, which will include Defendant's records of policyholders.
- 24. **Commonality and Predominance**: Common questions of law and fact predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class. Common questions include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - A. Whether the class members suffered covered losses based on common policies issued to members of the Class;
  - B. Whether Travelers acted in a manner common to the class and wrongfully denied claims for coverage arising from COVID-19 and/or closure orders issued by Governor Inslee and others civil authorities;
  - C. Whether Business Income coverage in Travelers' policies of insurance applies to a suspension of business related to COVID-19 and/or closure orders issued by Governor Inslee and others civil authorities;
  - D. Whether Travelers' Extra Expense coverage applies to efforts to minimize a loss related to COVID-19 and/or closure orders issued by Governor Inslee and others civil authorities;

- E. Whether Travelers' Extended Business Income coverage applies to a suspension of business related to COVID-19 and/or closure orders issued by Governor Inslee and others civil authorities;
- F. Whether Travelers' Civil Authority Coverage applies to a suspension of business due to the impact of COVID-19 and/or closure orders issued by Governor Inslee and others civil authorities;
- G. Whether Travelers has breached its contracts of insurance through a blanket denial of all claims based on business interruption, business income loss or closures related to COVID-19 and/or closure orders issued by Governor Inslee and others civil authorities;
- H. Whether, because of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff Nguyen and the class members have suffered damages; and if so, the appropriate amount thereof; and
- I. Whether, because of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff Nguyen and the class members are entitled to equitable and declaratory relief, and if so, the nature of such relief.
- 25. **Typicality**: Plaintiff Nguyen's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the classes. Plaintiff Nguyen and all the members of the classes have been injured by the same wrongful practices of Defendant. Plaintiff Nguyen's claims arise from the same practices and course of conduct that give rise to the claims of the members of the Class and are based on the same legal theories.
- 26. **Adequacy**: Plaintiff Nguyen will fully and adequately assert and protect the interests of the classes and has retained class counsel who are experienced and qualified in

prosecuting class actions. Neither Plaintiff Nguyen nor her attorneys have any interests contrary to or in conflict with the Class.

- Adjudications and Impairment to Other Class Members' Interests: Plaintiff seeks adjudication as to the interpretation, and resultant scope, of Defendant's policies, which are common to all members of the class. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the classes would risk of inconsistent or varying interpretations of those policy terms and create inconsistent standards of conduct for Defendant. The policy interpretations sought by Plaintiff could also impair the ability of absent class members to protect their interests.
- 28. **Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2), Declaratory and Injunctive Relief**: Defendant acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to Plaintiff and other members of the proposed classes making injunctive relief and declaratory relief appropriate on a classwide basis.
- 29. **Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3), Superiority**: A class action is superior to all other available methods of the fair and efficient adjudication of this lawsuit. While the aggregate damages sustained by the classes are likely to be in the millions of dollars, the individual damages incurred by each class member may be too small to warrant the expense of individual suits. Individual litigation creates a risk of inconsistent and/or contradictory decisions and the court system would be unduly burdened by individual litigation of such cases. A class action would result in a unified adjudication, with the benefits of economies of scale and supervision by a single court.

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VI. CAUSES OF ACTION

#### **Count One—Declaratory Judgment**

(Brought on behalf of the Business Income Coverage Declaratory Relief Class, Extended Business Income Declaratory Relief Class, Civil Authority Declaratory Relief Class, and Extra Expense Declaratory Relief Class)

- 30. Previous paragraphs alleged are incorporated herein.
- 31. This is a cause of action for declaratory judgment pursuant to the Declaratory Judgment Act, codified at 28 U.S.C. § 2201.
- 32. Plaintiff Nguyen brings this cause of action on behalf of the Business Income Coverage Declaratory Relief Class, Extended Business Income Declaratory Relief Class, Civil Authority Declaratory Relief Class, and Extra Expense Declaratory Relief Class.
- 33. Plaintiff Nguyen seeks a declaratory judgment declaring that Plaintiff Nguyen's and class members losses and expenses resulting from the interruption of their business are covered by the Policy.
- 34. Plaintiff Nguyen seeks a declaratory judgment declaring that Travelers is responsible for timely and fully paying all such losses.

#### **Count Two—Breach of Contract**

(Brought on behalf of the Business Income Coverage Breach of Contract Class, Extended Business Income Breach of Contract Class, Civil Authority Breach of Contract Class, and Extra Expense Breach of Contract Class)

- 35. Previous paragraphs alleged are incorporated herein.
- 36. Plaintiff Nguyen brings this cause of action on behalf of the Business Income Coverage Breach of Contract Class, Extended Business Income Breach of Contract Class, Civil Authority Breach of Contract Class, and Extra Expense Breach of Contract Class.

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- 37. The Policy is a contract under which Plaintiff Nguyen and the class paid premiums to Travelers in exchange for Travelers's promise to pay Plaintiff Nguyen and the class for all claims covered by the Policy.
  - 38. Plaintiff Nguyen has paid its insurance premiums.
- 39. Plaintiff Nguyen will soon file a written claim for her loss covered by the Policy. Upon information and belief, Travelers has denied coverage for other similarly situated policyholders and will again deny Plaintiff Nguyen's claim.
  - 40. Denying coverage for the claim is a breach of the insurance contract.
  - 41. Plaintiff Nguyen is harmed by the breach of the insurance contract by Travelers.

#### VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 1. A declaratory judgment that the policy or policies cover the plaintiff's losses and expenses resulting from the interruption of the plaintiff's business by COVID-19.
- 2. A declaratory judgment that the defendant is responsible for timely and fully paying all such losses.
  - 3. Damages.
  - 4. Pre-judgment interest.
  - 5. Reasonable attorney fees and costs.
  - 6. Such further and other relief as the Court shall deem appropriate.

#### VIII. DEMAND FOR JURY

Plaintiff Nguyen demands a jury trial on all claims so triable.

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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) KELLER ROHRBACK L.L.P. 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 3200, Seattle, WA 98101 (206) 623-1900			Attorneys (If Known)			
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- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- **II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

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

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- **III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
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- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
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A lawsuit has been filed against you.  Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:  Ian S. Birk, Lynn L. Sarko, Gretchen Freeman Cappio, Irene M. Hecht, Amy Williams Derry, Maureen Falecki, and Alison Chase KELLER ROHRBACK L.L.P. 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 3200 Seattle, WA 98101  If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.  CLERK OF COURT				
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