IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

CASE NO.
LYLIE OBIE, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,
Plaintiff,
v.
SIRIUS XM HOLDINGS INC.,
Defendant/

DEFENDANT SIRIUS XM HOLDINGS INC.'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

COMES NOW, Defendant Sirius XM Holdings Inc. ("Sirius XM"), and, through undersigned counsel, hereby removes this putative class action from the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Duval County (the "State Court"), to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. In support thereof, Sirius XM respectfully states as follows:

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

- 1. Sirius XM exercises its rights under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446 to remove this putative class action from the State Court where this case is pending under the name and style of *Obie v. Sirius XM Holdings Inc.*, Case No. 16-2021-CA-005246-XXXX-MA (the "State Court Action").
 - 2. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), any civil action brought in a State court

of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction may be removed by the defendant to the U.S. district court for the "district and division embracing the place where such action is pending."

3. This case is properly removed to this Court because this Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the putative class State Court Action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) and because the procedural requirements for removal have been satisfied pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446.

PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE

- 4. On or about September 28, 2021, Plaintiff Lylie Obie ("Plaintiff") filed her Complaint (the "Complaint") in this action in the State Court. In her Complaint, Plaintiff alleges violations of the Florida Telephone Solicitation Act ("FTSA"), Fla. Stat. § 501.059 *et seq.*, as amended by Senate Bill No. 1120, against Sirius XM. A true and correct copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 5. Removal Is Timely. Sirius XM was served with Plaintiff's Summons and Complaint on October 7, 2021. A true and correct copy of the Return of Service is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. As such, this Notice of Removal is being filed within the thirty (30) day time period required by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1446(b). *See Murphy Bros., Inc. v. Michetti Pipe Stringing, Inc.*, 526 U.S. 344, 347-48 (1999) (thirty-day time period for removal runs from the date of formal service). This Notice of Removal is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1453 as well.

Sirius XM reserves all defenses and objections to Plaintiff's claims.

- 6. Removal to the Proper Court. This Court is part of the "district and division embracing the place where" the State Court Action was filed—*viz.*, Duval County, Florida. 28. U.S.C. §§ 1441(a); 1446(a).
- 7. Filing and Service. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a copy of this Notice of Removal is set to be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Duval County, Florida. A copy of this Notice of Removal is also set to be served on all counsel of record. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), a true and correct copy of the Complaint, **Exhibit A**, is attached hereto, and copies of all process, pleadings, and orders in the State Court Action served upon Defendant are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. Finally, a true and correct copy of the Return of Service is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.
- 8. <u>Prior Removal</u>. No previous application has been made for the relief requested in this Notice of Removal.
- 9. <u>Consent</u>. At the time of this filing, Sirius XM is the only named defendant in the State Court Action. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2)(A).
- 10. <u>Jurisdiction</u>. As set forth below, this case is properly removed to this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1441 because this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the putative class action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d) and 1453.

SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

THE CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT PERMITS REMOVAL OF THE STATE COURT ACTION

11. The State Court Action is a putative class action over which this Court

has original subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), Pub. L. No. 109-2 (enacted Feb. 18, 2005) (codified at 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d), 1453, 1711-1715).

- 12. CAFA was enacted "to facilitate adjudication of certain class actions in federal court." *See Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co. v. Owens*, 135 S. Ct. 547, 554 (2014). CAFA expands jurisdiction for diversity class actions by creating federal subject matter jurisdiction if: (1) a class has 100 or more class members; (2) at least one class member is diverse from at least one defendant (*i.e.*, there is "minimal diversity"); and (3) there is more than \$5 million, exclusive of interest and costs, in controversy in the aggregate. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d).
- 13. Unlike traditional diversity jurisdiction, "no antiremoval presumption attends cases invoking CAFA, which Congress enacted to facilitate adjudication of certain class actions in federal court." *Dart Cherokee*, 135 S. Ct. at 544; *see also Dudley v. Eli Lilly & Co.*, 778 F.3d 909, 912 (11th Cir. 2014) ("Applying this binding precedent from the Supreme Court, we may no longer rely on any presumption in favor of remand in deciding CAFA jurisdictional questions.")
- 14. Accordingly, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to CAFA § 1332(d)(2) because: (1) this case is a putative class action as defined in 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(1)(B); (2) at least one member of the putative class is a citizen of a state different from any defendant; and (3) the amount in controversy, exclusive

of interest and costs, exceeds \$5 million.

1. The Proposed Class Exceeds 100 Members.

- 15. A civil action constitutes a "class action" under CAFA if: (1) it is "filed under rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure *or similar State statute* or rule of judicial procedure authorizing an action to be brought by 1 or more representative persons as a class action"; and (2) "the number of members of all proposed plaintiff classes in the aggregate is [more] than 100." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(1)(B) and (d)(5)(B) (emphasis added).
- 16. The State Court Action purports to assert claims pursuant to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure 1.220(b)(2) and (b)(3) on behalf of the following putative class:

All persons in Florida who (1) were sent a telephonic sales call regarding Defendant's goods and/or services (2) via the same equipment or type of equipment utilized to call Plaintiff.

Ex. A., ¶ 19; 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(1)(B).

17. In addition, Plaintiff alleges that: "Plaintiff does not know the exact number of members in the Class but believes the Class members number is in *the several thousands*, if not more." *Id.*, \P 20 (emphasis added).

18. Further, Sirius XM confirms that the number of potential class members greatly exceeds 100.2 Indeed, Sirius XM has more than 34.5 million subscribers nationwide, with a representative population of those subscribers residing in Florida. Accordingly, the proposed class exceeds the requisite number of members for jurisdiction under CAFA. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(5)(B).

2. There Is Geographic Minimal Diversity of Citizenship.

- 19. Both at the time Plaintiff commenced this action in State Court and at the time of removal, there was and is geographic minimal diversity of citizenship as mandated by CAFA. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A).
- 20. CAFA provides that the diversity requirement is met if any member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a state different from any defendant. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A). Courts often refer to this as "minimal diversity." *See Hill v. National Ins. Underwriters, Inc.*, 641 Fed. Appx. 899, 902 (11th Cir. 2016); *see also Day v. Sarasota Doctors Hosp., Inc.*, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS, at *5 (M.D. Fla. Sept. 28, 2020). The minimal diversity requirement is met here, because Sirius XM is: (a) not a citizen of Florida and (b) a citizen of a different state than the putative class plaintiffs.

² Sirius XM makes this representation with respect to CAFA removal *only*. Sirius XM does not concede that its calls soliciting payment for services consumed constitute violative calls under the FTSA. Sirius also does not concede that the putative class meets the requirements under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

- 21. Sirius XM is incorporated in the State of Delaware and has its principal place of business in New York, New York. The Complaint alleges that Sirius XM is a "foreign corporation" that "maintains its primary place of business and headquarters in New York, New York." Ex. A, ¶ 7.
- 22. Remarkably, the Complaint purposefully fails to identify Plaintiff's citizenship; instead, it ambiguously declares: "Plaintiff received such calls while residing in and physically present in Florida." Ex. A., ¶ 9.
- 23. The Complaint's definition of the putative class is limited to "persons in Florida." Ex. A, ¶ 19 ("All persons in Florida who...."). While this definition is—yet again—purposefully vague, it is reasonable to deduce that the putative class includes Florida citizens because the Complaint is predicated on a violation of a Florida statute codified to redress perceived wrongs to Florida citizens. *See also* Fla. Stat. § 501.059(8)(d).
- 24. Accordingly, at least one member of the putative class—and very possibly Plaintiff herself—is a citizen of a State different from Sirius XM and diversity is established for purposes of federal jurisdiction under CAFA. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A).

3. The Amount in Controversy Requirement Is Satisfied.

25. Both at the time Plaintiff commenced this action against Sirius XM in State Court and at the time of removal, the amount in controversy requirement

contemplated by 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2) was and is satisfied.

- 26. A district court has original jurisdiction of an action between citizens of different states where, in the case of a class action, the "[amount] in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs[.]" 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).
- 27. Under CAFA, the claims of the individual plaintiffs in a class action are aggregated to determine if the amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d)(6); Standard Fire Ins. Co. v. Knowles, 133 S. Ct. 1345, 1348 (2013). "And those 'class members' include 'persons (named or unnamed) who fall within the definition of the *proposed* or certified class.'" *Id.* (quoting 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(1)(D)) (emphasis added); see also South Florida Wellness, Inc. v. Allstate Ins. Co., 745 F.3d 1312 (11th Cir. 2014).
- 28. Here, Plaintiff's claims meet the jurisdictional threshold in Section 1332(d)(6) because the aggregate amount of the damages and other relief sought by the putative class exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 29. Specifically, and as detailed above, the Complaint seeks relief for purported violations of the FTSA. *See* Ex. A, ¶¶ 1, 3, 5, 9, 18-19, 21, 23-24, 29-36. The Complaint alleges that Sirius XM violated the FTSA because it "engaged in making unsolicited prerecorded calls to Plaintiff and members of the Class … to

promote its services, without having secured prior written consent as required by the FTSA." *See id.*, ¶ 3.

- 30. The Complaint also alleges that "Plaintiff and Class members are each entitled to a *minimum* of \$500.00 in damages for *each violation*." *Id.*, ¶ 36 (emphasis added). In addition, the Complaint seeks a declaration that Sirius XM's actions violated the FTSA and that "Plaintiff and the Class members are also entitled to an injunction against future calls." *Id.*; *see also* Prayer for Relief, subparts (c) and (d).
- 31. "For amount in controversy purposes, the value of injunctive or declaratory relief is the value of the object of the litigation measured from the plaintiff's perspective." Morrison v. Allstate Indem. Co., 228 F.3d 1255, 1268 (11th Cir. 2000); see also Hunt v. Washington State Apple Advert. Com'n, 432 U.S. 333, 347 (1977). The amount in controversy here may therefore include the value of Plaintiff's claims for declaratory and injunctive relief as well.
- 32. The FTSA allows a plaintiff to institute an action to "(1) [e]njoin such violation [of the FTSA];" and (2) [r]ecover actual damages or \$500, whichever is greater." Fla. Stat. § 501.059(10)(a).
- 33. As Sirius XM has tens of millions of subscribers, the Complaint alleges that the putative class members number in "the several thousands, if not more," and *each* alleged violation of the FTSA awards actual damages or \$500, the damages alleged here exceed \$5,000,000. Ex. A, ¶ 20; Fla. Stat. § 501.059(10)(a).

34. Accordingly, given the breadth of the class and the nature of the relief sought, in aggregate, the amount of such damages for all putative class members exceeds \$5,000,000. This jurisdictional threshold of CAFA is therefore satisfied. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).

NO STATUTORY EXCEPTIONS TO CAFA APPLY

- 35. Under CAFA, the federal courts must exercise jurisdiction over class actions in which members of a putative plaintiff class are diverse from a defendant, unless a statutory exception applies. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d). Therefore, because Sirius XM is a citizen of Delaware and New York and the members of the putative class are citizens of Florida—possibly even Plaintiff herself, this Court has jurisdiction under CAFA unless an exception applies. Three exceptions are available, none of which apply here.
- 36. The first exception applies in circumstances involving putative class actions where two-thirds or more of the members of the putative class and at least one defendant "from whom significant relief is sought" and "whose alleged conduct forms a significant basis for the claims asserted by the proposed class" is a citizen of the state where the action was originally filed if "during the 3-year period preceding the filing of that class action, no other class action has been filed asserting the same or similar factual allegations against any of the defendants on behalf of the same or other persons." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(4)(A). This is referred to as the "Local Controversy Exception."

- 37. The second exception, referred to as the "Home-State Controversy Exception," applies in circumstances involving putative class actions where two-thirds or more of the members of the putative class and the primary defendants are citizens of the state where the action was originally filed. *Id.* § 1332(d)(4)(B). In these two circumstances—*viz.*, where the Local Controversy and Home-State Controversy Exceptions apply—federal courts are required to decline jurisdiction.
- 38. The third exception gives the court discretion to decline jurisdiction if greater than one-third but less than two-thirds of the members of the putative class and the primary defendants are citizens of the state in which the action was originally filed (the "Discretionary Exception"). *See id.* §1332(d)(3).
- 39. None of these exceptions apply where there is neither a primary defendant nor a defendant whose conduct forms a significant basis for the claims of the complaint who is a citizen of the state where the action was filed. Accordingly, the exceptions to CAFA do not apply here because Sirius XM, the only defendant in the State Court Action, is not a citizen of Florida. *See* Ex. A., ¶ 3.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Sirius XM hereby removes this case from the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Duval County, Florida, where it is now pending, to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

DATED: October 28, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on October 28, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Sara J. Triplett
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EXHIBIT A

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO:

LYLIE OBIE, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	
Plaintiff,	CLASS ACTION
v.	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
SIRIUS XM HOLDINGS INC.,	
Defendant.	<i>(</i>

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, LYLIE OBIE, files this class action against Defendant SIRIUS XM HOLDINGS INC., and alleges as follows upon personal knowledge as to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's own acts and experiences, and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including investigation conducted by Plaintiff's attorneys.

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- This is a class action under the Florida Telephone Solicitation Act ("FTSA"), Fla.
 Stat.. § 501.059, as amended by Senate Bill No. 1120.¹
- 2. Defendant is an American broadcasting company based in New York, that provides satellite and online radio services internationally.

¹ The amendment to the FTSA became effective on July 1, 2021.

- 3. To promote its services, Defendant engaged in making unsolicited prerecorded calls to Plaintiff and members of the Class (defined below) to promote its services, without having secured prior written consent as required by the FTSA.
- 4. Defendant's telephonic sales calls have caused Plaintiff and the Class members harm, including violations of their statutory rights, statutory damages, annoyance, nuisance, and invasion of their privacy.
- 5. Through this action, Plaintiff seeks an injunction and statutory damages on behalf of herself and the Class members, as defined below, and any other available legal or equitable remedies resulting from the unlawful actions of Defendant.

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

- 6. Plaintiff is, and at all times relevant hereto was, an individual and a "called party" as defined by Fla. Stat § 501.059(1)(a) in that she was the regular user of a telephone number ******-9534 (the "9534 Number") that received Defendant's telephonic sales calls.
- 7. Defendant is, and at all times relevant hereto was a foreign corporation and a "telephone solicitor" as defined by Fla. Stat. § 501.059(f). Defendant maintains its primary place of business and headquarters in New York, New York. Defendant directs, markets, and provides business activities throughout the State of Florida.
- 8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220 and Fla. Stat. § 26.012(2). The matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$30,000 exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- 9. Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in Florida because this suit arises out of and relates to Defendant's contacts with this state. Defendant made or caused to be made

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telephonic sales calls into Florida without the requisite prior express written consent in violation of the FTSA. Plaintiff received such calls while residing in and physically present in Florida.

FACTS SPECIFIC TO PLAINTIFF LYLE OBIE

- 10. On August 4, 2021, and August 10, 2021, Defendant transmitted a pre-recorded telemarketing sales call to Plaintiff's cellular telephone to the 9534 Number, seeking to solicit payment for their consuming service of providing satellite radio services. Plaintiff has never transacted with Defendant, has never contacted or been contacted by Defendant, and does not have nor ever sought an account with Defendant.
- 11. The pre-recorded telemarketing call was transmitted to Plaintiff's cellular telephone and within the time frame relevant to this action.
- 12. The purpose or ultimate goal of Defendant's telephonic sales calls was to solicit the sale of consumer services.
- 13. The pre-recorded telemarketing call originated from a telephone number owned and/or operated by or on behalf of Defendant.
- 14. Upon information and belief, Defendant caused similar telephonic sales calls to be sent to individuals residing in Florida.
- 15. Plaintiff is the regular user of the telephone number that received the above telephonic sales calls.
- 16. To transmit the above telephonic sales calls, Defendant utilized a computer software system that automatically selected and/or automatically dialed Plaintiff's and the Class members' telephone numbers.

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- 17. Plaintiff never provided Defendant with express written consent authorizing Defendant to transmit telephonic sales call to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number utilizing an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers.
- 18. Defendant's conduct in placing or causing to be placed the prerecorded call via an automated system for the selection and/or dialing of telephone numbers without prior express written consent violated the FTSA.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

PROPOSED CLASS

- 19. Plaintiff brings this lawsuit as a class action on behalf of herself individually and on behalf of all other similarly situated persons as a class action pursuant to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220(b)(2) and (b)(3). The "Class" that Plaintiff seeks to represent is defined as: All persons in Florida who (1) were sent a telephonic sales call regarding Defendant's goods and/or services (2) via the same equipment or type of equipment utilized to call Plaintiff.
- 20. Excluded from the Class is Defendant, its officers, directors, affiliates, legal representatives, employees, successors, subsidiaries and assigns, as well as the judge and court staff to whom this case is assigned. Plaintiff does not know the exact number of members in the Class but believes the Class members number is in the several thousands, if not more. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the Class definition if discovery of further investigation reveals that the Class should be modified.

NUMEROSITY

21. Upon information and belief, Defendant has placed telephonic sales calls to telephone numbers belonging to thousands of consumers listed throughout Florida without their prior express written consent. The members of the Class, therefore, are believed to be so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.

22. The exact number and identities of the Class members are unknown at this time and can be ascertained only through discovery. Identification of the Class members is a matter capable of ministerial determination from Defendant's call records.

COMMON QUESTIONS OF LAW AND FACT

- 23. There are numerous questions of law and fact common to the Class which predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:
 - (1) Whether Defendant initiated telephonic sales calls to Plaintiff and the Class members;
 - (2) Whether the calls at issue constitute "telemarketing" within the meaning of the FTSA;
 - (3) Whether the calls were placed via an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers;
 - (4) Whether the message/communication was prerecorded; and
 - (5) Whether Defendant is liable for damages.
- 24. The common questions in this case are capable of producing common answers that are equally applicable classwide. If Plaintiff's claim that Defendant routinely transmits telephonic sales calls without prior express written consent is accurate, Plaintiff and the Class members will have identical claims capable of being efficiently adjudicated and administered in this case.

TYPICALITY

25. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class members, as they are all based on the same factual and legal theories and are subject to the same or similar affirmative defenses, meritorious or not. By prosecuting her own claim, Plaintiff necessarily advances the claims of putative Class Members.

PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF CLASS MEMBERS

26. Plaintiff is a representative who will fully and adequately assert and protect the interests of the Class and has retained competent counsel. Neither Plaintiff nor the undersigned counsel possess interests fundamentally in conflict with those of the Class. Accordingly, Plaintiff and counsel is an adequate representative and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class.

SUPERIORITY AND PREDOMINANCE

- 27. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this lawsuit, because individual litigation of the claims of all members of the Class is economically unfeasible and procedurally impracticable. While the aggregate damages sustained by the Class may be significant, the individual damages incurred by each member of the Class resulting from Defendant's wrongful conduct are too small to warrant the expense of individual lawsuits. The likelihood of individual Class members prosecuting their own separate claims is remote, and, even if every member of the Class could afford individual litigation, the court system would be unduly burdened by individual litigation of such cases. Moreover, the aforementioned common answers predominate over individual questions, if any. Virtually all issues in this litigation are subject to common proof, including issues as to both liability and damages.
- 28. The prosecution of separate actions by members of the Class would create a risk of establishing inconsistent rulings and/or incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant. For example, one court might enjoin Defendant from performing the challenged acts, whereas another may not. Additionally, individual actions may be dispositive of the interests of the Class, although certain class members are not parties to such actions.

COUNT I VIOLATION OF FLA. STAT. §501.059 (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

- 29. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein.
- 30. It is a violation of the FTSA to "make or knowingly allow a telephonic sales call to be made if such call involves an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers or the playing of a recorded message when a connection is completed to a number called without the prior express written consent of the called party." Fla. Stat §501.059(8)(a).
- 31. A "telephonic sales call" is defined as a "telephone call, text message, or voicemail transmission to a consumer for the purpose of soliciting a sale of any consumer goods or services, soliciting an extension of credit for consumer goods or services or an extension of credit for such purposed." Fla. Stat §501.059(1)(i).
 - 32. Prior express written consent means an agreement in writing that:
 - 1. Bears the signature of the called party.
 - 2. Clearly authorizes the person making or allowing the placement of a telephonic sales call...to deliver or cause to be delivered to the called party a telephonic sales call using an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers, the playing of a recorded message when a connection is completed to a number called, or the transmission of a prerecorded voicemail;
 - 3. Includes the telephone number to which the signatory authorizes a telephonic sales call to be delivered; and
 - 4. Includes a clear and conspicuous disclosure informing the called party that:
 - a. ...authorizes the person making or allowing the placement of a telephonic sales call to deliver or cause to be delivered a telephonic sales call to the called party using an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers or the playing of a recorded messaged...; and

b. he or she is not required to directly or indirectly sign the written agreement or to agree to enter into such an agreement as a condition of purchasing any property, goods, or services.

Fla. Stat. § 501.059(1)(g).

- 33. Defendant failed to secure prior express written consent from Plaintiff and the Class members.
- 34. In violation of the FTSA, Defendant made and/or knowingly allowed telephonic sales calls to be made to Plaintiff and the Class members without Plaintiff's and the Class members' prior express written consent.
- 35. Defendant made and/or knowingly allowed the telephonic sales calls to Plaintiff and the Class members to be made utilizing an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers.
- 36. As a result of Defendant's conduct, and pursuant to § 501.059(10)(a) of the FTSA, Plaintiff and Class members are each entitled to a minimum of \$500.00 in damages for each violation. Plaintiff and the Class members are also entitled to an injunction against future calls. *Id*.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of the Class, prays for the following relief:

- a) An order certifying this case as a class action on behalf of the Class as defined above, appointing Plaintiff as the representative of the Class, and appointing Plaintiff's counsel as Class Counsel;
- b) An award of statutory damages for Plaintiff and each member of the Class;
- c) An order declaring that Defendant's actions, as set out above, violate the FTSA;
- d) An injunction requiring Defendant to cease all telephonic sales calls made without express written consent, and to otherwise protect the interests of the Class;

e) Such further and other relief as the Court deems necessary.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the Class, hereby demands a trial by jury.

DOCUMENT PRESERVATION DEMAND

Plaintiff demands that Defendant take affirmative steps to preserve all records, lists, electronic databases or other itemization of telephone numbers associated with the communications or transmittal of the calls as alleged herein.

Dated: September 28, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

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