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

Case No.: 18-cv-167
CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
Jury Trial Demanded

Defendant.

INTRODUCTION

1. This class action seeks redress for collection practices that violate the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* (the "FDCPA") and the Wisconsin Consumer Act, Chs. 421-427, Wis. Stats.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The court has jurisdiction to grant the relief sought by the Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337, and 1367. Venue in this District is proper in that Defendant directed its collection efforts into the District.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff Sheila Schmitz ("Schmitz") is an individual who resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County).

4. Plaintiff Audrey Machnik ("Machnik") is an individual who resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County).

5. Each plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), in that Defendant sought to collect from her a debt allegedly incurred for personal, family or household purposes.

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6. Each plaintiff is also a "customer" as defined in the WCA, Wis. Stat. § 421.301(17), in that she engaged in a consumer transaction.

7. Defendant LTD Financial Services, LP ("LTD") is a foreign limited partnership with its principal place of business located at 7322 Southwest Freeway Ste 1600, Houston, Texas 77074. Its registered agent in Wisconsin is C T Corporation System, 301 S. Bedford St., Suite 1, Madison, Wisconsin 53703.

8. LTD is engaged in the business of a collection agency, using the mails and telephone to collect consumer debts originally owed to others.

9. LTD is engaged in the business of collecting debts owed to others and incurred for personal, family or household purposes.

10. LTD is licensed as a "Collection Agency" by the Division of Banking in the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 218.04 and Wis. Admin. Code Ch. DFI-Bkg 74.

11. LTD is a debt collector as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a and Wis. Stat. § 427.103(3).

12. Defendant First Savings Bank ("First Savings") is a foreign bank, with its principal place of business located at 201 North 3rd Street, Beresford, South Dakota 57004. Its registered agent is Rick Christensen, 201 North Third, Beresford, South Dakota 57004.

13. First Savings issues credit cards account, including the First Savings Credit Card. https://firstsavingscc.com/.

14. First Savings does substantial business in Wisconsin.

15. Wis. Stat. § 427.103(3) defines debt collector as: "any person engaging, *directly or indirectly*, in debt collection, and includes any person who sells, or offers to sell, forms represented to be a collection system, device or scheme, intended or calculated to be used to

collect claims. The term does not include a printing company engaging in the printing and sale of forms." (emphasis added).

16. Wis. Stat § 427.103(2) states: "Debt collection" means any action, conduct or practice of soliciting claims for collection or in the collection of claims owed or due or alleged to be owed or due a merchant by a customer."

17. First Savings is a "debt collector" under Wisconsin law, in that it collects consumer debts owed to itself, both directly and indirectly through collection agencies.

18. First Savings is a "merchant" as defined in the WCA, as the alleged debt arose from use of Plaintiff's consumer credit account. Wis. Stat. § 421.301(25) ("The term [merchant] includes but is not limited to a seller, lessor, manufacturer, creditor, arranger of credit and any assignee of or successor to such person.")

19. The Western District of Wisconsin has noted: "Unlike the FDCPA, the Wisconsin Consumer Act does not provide exceptions to its general definition of a debt collector." *Hartman v. Meridian Fin. Servs.*, 191 F. Supp. 2d 1031, 1048 (W.D. Wis. 2002).

20. The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions has likewise noted that merchants and creditors are "Debt Collectors" under the WCA:

Anyone attempting to collect a debt arising from a consumer credit transaction in Wisconsin, whether a merchant doing its own debt collecting or a third-party debt collector, must follow Wisconsin's debt collection law, Ch. 427, Wis. Stats. This is an important point because many merchants collecting debt owed directly to them mistakenly believe that they are exempt from Wisconsin's debt collector" under law because they are not included within the definition of "debt collector" under the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

https://www.wdfi.org/wca/business_guidance/creditors/debt_collection/.

21. First Savings uses third-party debt collection agencies, including LTD, to collect consumer debts.

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22. First Savings, directly or indirectly, is a "debt collector" under this arrangement.Wis. Stat. § 427.103(3).

23. Any company meeting the definition of a "debt collector" (here, First Savings) is vicariously liable for the actions of a second company collecting debts on its behalf. *Janetos v. Fulton Friedman & Gullace, LLP*, 825 F.3d 317, 325-26 (7th Cir. 2016) (assignees who are "debt collectors" are responsible for the actions of those collecting on their behalf); *citing Pollice*, 225 F.3d at 404-05.

FACTS

Facts Relating to Plaintiff Schmitz

24. On or about March 6, 2017, Defendant mailed a debt collection letter to Schmitz regarding an alleged debt. A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as Exhibit A.

25. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form letter, generated by computer and with information specific to Schmitz inserted by computer.

26. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form debt collection letter, used by Defendant LTD to attempt to collect alleged debts.

27. Upon information belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> was the first written communication that Defendant LTD mailed to Schmitz regarding this alleged debt.

28. Exhibit A contains the statutory validation notice that the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §

1692g, requires that debt collectors send within five days of the initial communication:

Exhibit A.

29. Immediately below the validation notice, <u>Exhibit A</u> also contains the following:

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

You may call this office to discuss this debt at 1-800-741-2100, ask for MIKE GATES. Please refer to the reference number above.

Exhibit A.

30. The statement that the consumer "may call this office to discuss this debt" contradicts and overshadows the consumer's verification rights under 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692g(a)(4) and 1692g(a)(5), which can only be triggered if the consumer communicates her dispute or request for verification in writing. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b); *McCabe v. Crawford & Co.*, 210 F.R.D. 631, 638 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 24, 2002) ("Because Crawford's letter might leave a consumer with the mistaken impression that it is sufficient to dispute the debt by telephone, we find that McCabe adequately states a claim under § 1692g(a)(4)"); *see also McCabe v. Crawford & Co.*, 272 F. Supp. 2d 736, 743 (N.D. Ill. July 8, 2003); *Chandler v. Eichel*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 156168, at* 9 (S.D. Ind. Sept. 25, 2017) (citing *McCabe*, 272 F. Supp. 2d at 743-44).

31. Many reasons why a consumer would call "to discuss" a debt, for example that the debt is not owed, that the debt collector is dunning the wrong person, or that the amount of the debt is wrong are actually disputes. As discussed below, a consumer's question about whether the "creditor account number" is correct on Exhibit A (and it is not) would also be a dispute.

32. The false statement that the consumer can call with a dispute rather than submit a dispute in writing, or that both methods of communication are equivalent, misleads the consumer into not successfully exercising her validation rights under 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b), which includes a temporary cessation of collection activities until verification is provided.

33. <u>Exhibit A</u> also contains the following:

CREDITOR:	
BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE	
ORIGINAL CREDITOR:	
BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE	
CREDITOR ACCOUNT #:	
XXX9792	
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LTD REF NO:	8647	
BALANCE:	\$2,330.98	

Exhibit A.

34. <u>Exhibit A</u> states that the "CREDITOR" of the debt is "BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE," and that the "ORIGINAL CREDITOR" of the debt is "BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE" ("Barclays").

35. <u>Exhibit A</u> further states that the "CREDITOR ACCOUNT #" ends in 9792, the "LTD REF NO" ends in 8647, and the "BALANCE" is \$2,330.98.

36. <u>Exhibit A</u> also contains a payment remittance slip, which includes the following:

LTD REF NO: 8647 CREDITOR ACCOUNT #: XXX9792

BALANCE: \$2,330.98

Exhibit A.

37. The remittance slip in <u>Exhibit A</u> restates the "LTD REF NO" and the "CREDITOR ACCOUNT #."

38. Upon information and belief, the debt LTD is attempting to collect is a "Juniper MasterCard," owned and issued by Barclays, and associated with an account number ending in 0299. A copy of an account statement for this account dated November 16, 2016 is attached to this complaint as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

39. <u>Exhibit B</u> contains the following account information:

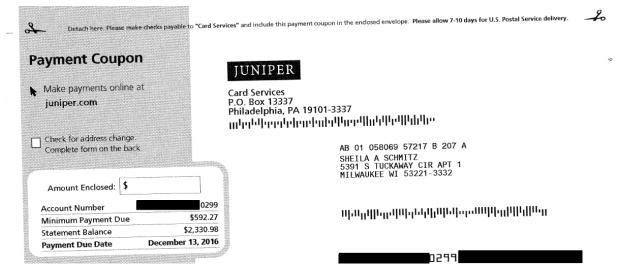


Exhibit B.

40. <u>Exhibit A</u> as a whole is false, deceptive, misleading, and confusing in its identification of the debt and its creditor.

41. <u>Exhibit A</u> states that the "CREDITOR ACCOUNT #" ends in 9792 but <u>Exhibit B</u> states that the account number ends in 0299.

42. The confusion engendered by <u>Exhibit A</u> is compounded by the fact that Defendant LTD is collecting on an account that is past due and <u>Exhibit A</u> states that Barclays is both the "CREDITOR" and the "ORIGINAL CREDITOR." *See Tourgeman v. Collins Fin. Servs.*, 755 F.3d 1109, 1119 n. 6 (9th Cir. 2014) (misidentification of an account number can be a material false statement).

43. The unsophisticated consumer is aware that "bad" consumer debts, including past-due credit card accounts, may be sold to third-party debt buyers, often within weeks of the account "charging off."

44. The unsophisticated consumer is also aware that third-party debt buyers generally assign purchased accounts new account numbers.

45. The unsophisticated consumer, receiving Exhibit A, would be confused and misled as to whether LTD correctly identified the current creditor in its letter, which named

Barclays as the original creditor and provided a creditor account number that was different from the number associated with her Barclays account.

46. The unsophisticated consumer, receiving <u>Exhibit A</u>, would be confused and misled as to the character of the debt and whether it had been sold to a third-party debt buyer.

47. The unsophisticated consumer, receiving <u>Exhibit A</u>, would be confused and misled as to the identity of the debt and its creditor.

48. The unsophisticated consumer, receiving <u>Exhibit A</u>, would be confused and misled as to whether the <u>Exhibit A</u> was sent to collect on an account that was not hers.

49. Schmitz was confused and misled by Exhibit A.

50. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused and misled by Exhibit A.

51. Schmitz had to spend time and money investigating Exhibit A.

52. Schmitz had to take time to obtain and meet with counsel, including traveling to counsel's office by car and its related expenses, including but not limited to the cost of gasoline and mileage, to advise Schmitz on the consequences of <u>Exhibit A</u>.

Facts Relating to Plaintiff Machnik

First Savings' October 21, 2016 Account Statement and November 4, 2016 Letter

53. On or about October 21, 2016, First Savings mailed an account statement to Machnik regarding an alleged debt, allegedly owed to First Savings and associated with Machnik's "First Savings Credit Card" credit card account with an account number ending in 7289. A copy of this account statement is attached to this complaint as <u>Exhibit C</u>.

54. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit C</u> is a form account statement, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Machnik inserted by computer.

55. <u>Exhibit C</u> states:

ACCOUNT SUMMARY		PAYMENT INFORMATION	•
Credit Limit	\$400.00	New Balance	\$446.26
Credit Available	\$46.00-	Minimum Payment Due	\$112.26
Statement Closing Date	October 21, 2016	Payment Due Date	November 16, 2016

Exhibit C.

56. <u>Exhibit C</u> states that, as of October 21, 2016, Machnik's account ending in 7289 had a "New Balance" of \$446.26, with a "Payment Due Date" of November 16, 2016, and a "Minimum Payment Due" of \$112.26.

57. On or about November 4, 2016 First Savings mailed Machnik a debt collection letter regarding the same alleged debt, allegedly owed to First Savings. A copy of this account statement is attached to this complaint as <u>Exhibit D</u>.

58. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit D</u> is a form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Machnik inserted by computer.

59. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit D</u> is a form debt collection letter, generated by computer, and used by First Savings to attempt to collect alleged debts.

60. <u>Exhibit D</u> contains the following:

RE: Account number ending in 7289

Credit Limit: \$400Delinquent Amount: \$30.00Current Balance: \$446.26Amount Overlimit: \$46.26Minimum Payment Due: \$66.00Amount Overlimit: \$46.26

Dear: Audrey J Machnik:

This letter is to bring to your attention that your credit card account is delinquent. The minimum payment due by your next scheduled due date is \$66.00.

Exhibit D.

61. <u>Exhibit D</u>, mailed on November 4, 2016, just a few days after First Savings mailed <u>Exhibit C</u> to Machnik, contains account information that contradicts and conflicts the account information in Exhibit C.

62. <u>Exhibit C</u> states that, as of October 21, 2016 the minimum payment due on November 16, 2016 was \$112.26 but <u>Exhibit D</u>, sent during the same billing cycle, states that "the minimum payment due by your next scheduled due date is \$66.00."

63. Machnik was confused and misled by the contradiction between <u>Exhibit C</u> and <u>Exhibit D</u>.

64. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused and misled by the contradiction between Exhibit C and Exhibit D.

First Savings' February 19, 2017 Account Statement and LTD's February 23, 2017 Letter

65. On or about February 19, 2017, First Savings mailed an account statement to Machnik regarding an alleged debt, allegedly owed to First Savings and associated with Machnik's "First Savings Credit Card" credit card account with an account number ending in 7289. A copy of this account statement is attached to this complaint as <u>Exhibit E</u>.

66. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit E</u> is a form account statement, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Machnik inserted by computer.

67. <u>Exhibit E</u> states:

AUDREY J MACHNIK

Account Number: XXXX XXXX XXXX 7289

ACCOUNT SUMMARY		PAYMENT INFORMATION	
Credit Limit	\$400.00	New Balance	\$585.09
Credit Available	\$185.00-	Minimum Payment Due	\$387.09
Statement Closing Date	February 19, 2017	Payment Due Date	March 16, 2017

Exhibit E.

68. <u>Exhibit E</u> states that, as of February 19, 2017, Machnik's account ending in 7289 had a "New Balance" of \$585.09, with a "Payment Due Date" of March 16, 2017, and a "Minimum Payment Due" of \$387.09.

69. On or about February 23, 2017 LTD mailed Machnik a debt collection letter regarding the same alleged debt, allegedly owed to First Savings. A copy of this account statement is attached to this complaint as <u>Exhibit F.</u>

70. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit F</u> is a form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Machnik inserted by computer.

71. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit F</u> is a form debt collection letter, generated by computer, and used by First Savings to attempt to collect alleged debts.

72. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit F</u> is the first written communication LTD mailed to Machnik regarding the alleged debt referenced in <u>Exhibit F</u>.

73. <u>Exhibit F</u> contains the statutory validation notice that the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. 1692g, requires debt collectors mail to alleged debtors along with, or within five days of, the initial written communication:

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

<u>Exhibit F</u>.

74. Immediately below the validation notice, <u>Exhibit A</u> also contains the following:

You may call this office to discuss this debt at 1-877-754-0013, ask for BILL LARRY. Please refer to the reference number above.

Exhibit F.

75. The statement that the consumer "may call this office to discuss this debt" contradicts and overshadows the consumer's verification rights under 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692g(a)(4) and 1692g(a)(5), which can only be triggered if the consumer communicates her dispute or request for verification in writing. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b); *McCabe v. Crawford & Co.*, 210 F.R.D. 631, 638 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 24, 2002) ("Because Crawford's letter might leave a consumer

with the mistaken impression that it is sufficient to dispute the debt by telephone, we find that McCabe adequately states a claim under § 1692g(a)(4)"); *see also McCabe v. Crawford & Co.*, 272 F. Supp. 2d 736, 743 (N.D. Ill. July 8, 2003); *Chandler v. Eichel*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 156168, at* 9 (S.D. Ind. Sept. 25, 2017) (citing *McCabe*, 272 F. Supp. 2d at 743-44).

76. Many reasons why a consumer would call "to discuss" a debt, for example that the debt is not owed, that the debt collector is dunning the wrong person, or that the amount of the debt is wrong are actually disputes. As discussed below, a consumer's question about whether the debt has been accelerated as of the date the letter was sent (and it had not been) would also be a dispute.

77. The false statement that the consumer can call with a dispute rather than submit a dispute in writing, or that both methods of communication are equivalent, misleads the consumer into not successfully exercising her validation rights under 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b), which includes a temporary cessation of collection activities until verification is provided.

78. <u>Exhibit F</u> also contains the following:

CREDITOR: FIRST SAVINGS CREDIT CARD CREDITOR ACCOUNT #: 7289				
LTD REF NO: BALANCE:	89 \$585.09	933		

Exhibit F.

79. <u>Exhibit F also contains a payment remittance slip, which states the following:</u>

LTD REF NO: 8933 CREDITOR ACCOUNT #: 7289 BALANCE: \$585.09

Exhibit F.

80. <u>Exhibit F</u>, mailed on February 23, 2017, just a few days after First Savings mailed <u>Exhibit E</u> to Machnik, contains account information that contradicts and conflicts with the account information in <u>Exhibit E</u>.

81. <u>Exhibit E</u> states that, as of February 19, 2017 the minimum payment due on March 16, 2017 was \$387.09 but <u>Exhibit F</u>, sent just a few days later, states that the "Balance" is \$585.09 and does not reference a minimum payment at all.

82. Machnik was confused and misled by the contradiction between <u>Exhibit E</u> and <u>Exhibit F</u>.

83. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused and misled by the contradiction between Exhibit E and Exhibit F.

84. The unsophisticated consumer would be unable to determine whether the debt had been accelerated or not, or how much debt is actually due as of the date of <u>Exhibit F</u>. <u>Exhibit F</u> states that the "Balance" is \$585.09 without stating an amount "due" while <u>Exhibit E</u> seeks only a minimum payment of \$387.09. *See Machnik v. RSI Enters.*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 160772, at *6 (E.D. Wis. Sept. 29, 2017) ("In the context of a debt, 'owing' an amount is distinguishable from the amount 'due."").

85. LTD and First Savings both represented the amount of the debt in a way that was confusing to the unsophisticated consumer and/or misrepresented the amount of the debt.

86. Upon information and belief, LTD and First Savings work in a scripted process to collect First Savings debts such as Machnik's.

87. Upon information and belief, LTD is fully aware of the contents and representations in Exhibit E.

88. Upon information and belief, LTD is fully aware that First Savings sends account statements in the form of Exhibit E to consumers just a few days before LTD mails a letter in the form of Exhibit F.

89. Upon information and belief, LTD is fully aware that its letter is sent during account billing cycles wherein First Savings has sent a statement to consumers seeking a "minimum payment" and not representing that the entire balance is due.

90. Machnik was confused and misled by Exhibits E and F.

91. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused by Exhibits E and F.

92. Machnik had to spend time and money investigating Exhibits E and F.

93. Machnik had to take time to obtain and meet with counsel, including traveling to counsel's office by car and its related expenses, including but not limited to the cost of gasoline and mileage, to advise Plaintiff on the consequences of <u>Exhibits E and F</u>.

The FDCPA

94. The FDCPA creates substantive rights for consumers; violations cause injury to consumers, and such injuries are concrete and particularized. *Pogorzelski v. Patenaude & Felix APC*, No. 16-C-1330, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 89678 *9 (E.D. Wis. June 12, 2017) ("A plaintiff who receives misinformation from a debt collector has suffered the type of injury the FDCPA was intended to protect against."); *Spuhler v. State Collection Servs.*, No. 16-CV-1149, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 177631 (E.D. Wis. Oct. 26, 2017) ("As in Pogorzelski, the Spuhlers' allegations that the debt collection letters sent by State Collection contained false representations of the character, amount, or legal status of a debt in violation of their rights under the FDCPA sufficiently pleads a concrete injury-in-fact for purposes of standing."); *Bock v. Pressler & Pressler, LLP*, No. 11-7593, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81058 *21 (D.N.J. May 25, 2017) ("through

[s]ection 1692e of the FDCPA, Congress established 'an enforceable right to truthful information concerning' debt collection practices, a decision that 'was undoubtedly influenced by congressional awareness that the intentional provision of misinformation' related to such practices, 'contribute[s] to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy,"); Quinn v. Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC, No. 16 C 2021, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 107299 *8-13 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 11, 2016) (rejecting challenge to Plaintiff's standing based upon alleged FDCPA statutory violation); Lane v. Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, No. 15 C 10446, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 89258 *9-10 (N.D. Ill. July 11, 2016) ("When a federal statute is violated, and especially when Congress has created a cause of action for its violation, by definition Congress has created a legally protected interest that it deems important enough for a lawsuit."); Church v. Accretive Health, Inc., No. 15-15708, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 12414 *7-11 (11th Cir. July 6, 2016) (same); see also Mogg v. Jacobs, No. 15-CV-1142-JPG-DGW, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 33229, 2016 WL 1029396, at *5 (S.D. Ill. Mar. 15, 2016) ("Congress does have the power to enact statutes creating legal rights, the invasion of which creates standing, even though no injury would exist without the statute," (quoting Sterk v. Redbox Automated Retail, LLC, 770 F.3d 618, 623 (7th Cir. 2014)). For this reason, and to encourage consumers to bring FDCPA actions, Congress authorized an award of statutory damages for violations. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a).

95. Moreover, Congress has explicitly described the FDCPA as regulating "abusive practices" in debt collection. 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(a) - 1692(e). Any person who receives a debt collection letter containing a violation of the FDCPA is a victim of abusive practices. *See* 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(e) ("It is the purpose of this subchapter to eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors, to insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive

debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged, and to promote consistent State action to protect consumers against debt collection abuses").

96. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e generally prohibits "any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt."

97. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(2) specifically prohibits the "false representation of the character, amount, or legal status" of an alleged debt.

98. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) specifically prohibits the "use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt."

99. 15 U.S.C. § 1692f generally prohibits any "unfair or unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect a debt."

100. 15 U.S.C. § 1692f(1) specifically prohibits "the collection of any amount . . . unless such amount is expressly authorized by the agreement creating the debt or permitted by law."

101. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g states, in part:

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;
- (2) the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed;

102. The Seventh Circuit has held that a debt collector must state the required disclosures in a non-confusing manner. *See Miller v. McCalla, Raymer, Padrick, Cobb, Nichols, & Clark, L.L.C.*, 214 F.3d 872, 875 (7th Cir. 2000).

103. While *Miller* addressed a debt collector's obligation to provide the amount of the debt under 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), the Seventh Circuit has held that the standards for claims under § 1692g(a)(2) are the same. *Janetos v. Fulton Friedman & Gullace, LLP*, 825 F.3d 317, 319 (7th Cir. 2016):

Section 1692g(a) requires debt collectors to disclose specific information, including the name of the current creditor, in certain written notices they send to consumers. If a letter fails to disclose the required information clearly, it violates the Act, without further proof of confusion.

104. Likewise, the Seventh Circuit has held that the standards for claims under 15

U.S.C. § 1692e and § 1692g are the same. McMillan v. Collection Professionals, Inc., 455 F.3d

754, 759 (7th Cir. 2006):

We cannot accept the district court's view that claims brought under § 1692e or § 1692f are different from claims brought under § 1692g for purposes of Rule 12(b)(6) analysis. Whether or not a letter is 'false, deceptive, or misleading' (in violation of § 1692e) or 'unfair or unconscionable' (in violation of § 1692f) are inquiries similar to whether a letter is confusing in violation of § 1692g. After all, as our cases reflect, the inquiry under §§ 1692e, 1692g and 1692f is basically the same: it requires a fact-bound determination of how an unsophisticated consumer would perceive the letter.")

The WCA

105. The Wisconsin Consumer Act ("WCA") was enacted to protect consumers against

unfair, deceptive, and unconscionable business practices and to encourage development of fair and economically sound practices in consumer transactions. Wis. Stat. § 421.102(2).

106. The Wisconsin Supreme Court has favorably cited authority finding that the WCA "goes further to protect consumer interests than any other such legislation in the country," and is "probably the most sweeping consumer credit legislation yet enacted in any state." *Kett* v. *Community Credit Plan, Inc.,* 228 Wis. 2d 1, 18 n.15, 596 N.W.2d 786 (1999) (citations omitted).

107. To further these goals, the Act's protections must be "liberally construed and applied." Wis. Stat. § 421.102(1); *see also* § 425.301.

108. "The basic purpose of the remedies set forth in Chapter 425, Stats., is to induce compliance with the WCA and thereby promote its underlying objectives." *First Wisconsin Nat'l Bank v. Nicolaou*, 113 Wis. 2d 524, 533, 335 N.W.2d 390 (1983). Thus, private actions under the WCA are designed to both benefit consumers whose rights have been violated and also competitors of the violators, whose competitive advantage should not be diminished because of their compliance with the law.

109. To carry out this intent, the WCA provides Wisconsin consumers with an array of protections and legal remedies. The Act contains significant and sweeping restrictions on the activities of those attempting to collect debts. *See* Wis. Stats. § 427.104.

110. The Act limits the amounts and types of additional fees that may be charged to consumers in conjunction with transactions. Wis. Stats. § 422.202(1). The Act also provides injured consumers with causes of action for class-wide statutory and actual damages and injunctive remedies against defendants on behalf of all customers who suffer similar injuries. *See* Wis. Stats. §§ 426.110(1); § 426.110(4)(e). Finally, "a customer may not waive or agree to forego rights or benefits under [the Act]." Wis. Stat. § 421.106(1).

111. Consumers' WCA claims under Wis. Stat. § 427.104(1) are analyzed using the same methods as claims under the FDCPA. Indeed, the WCA itself requires that the court analyze the WCA "in accordance with the policies underlying a federal consumer credit protection act," including the FDCPA. Wis. Stat. § 421.102(1).

112. Further, the Wisconsin Supreme Court has held that WCA claims relating to debt collection are to be analyzed under the "unsophisticated consumer" standard. *Brunton v. Nuvell Credit Corp.*, 785 N.W.2d 302, 314-15. In *Brunton*, the Wisconsin Supreme Court explicitly

adopted and followed the "unsophisticated consumer" standard, citing and discussing *Gammon* v. *GC Servs. Ltd. P'ship*, 27 F.3d 1254, 1257 (7th Cir. 1994). *Id.*

113. Wis. Stat. § 427.104(1)(g) states that a debt collector may not: "Communicate with the customer or a person related to the customer with such frequency of at such unusual hours or in such a manner as can reasonably be expected to threaten or harass the customer."

114. Wis. Stat. § 427.104(1)(h) states that a debt collector may not: "Engage in other conduct . . . in such a manner as can reasonably be expected to threaten or harass the customer."

115. The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, which is tasked with the regulation of licensed debt collectors, has found that "conduct which violates the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act" can reasonably be expected to threaten or harass the customer. *See* Wis. Admin. Code DFI-Bkg 74.16(9) ("Oppressive and deceptive practices prohibited.").

116. Wis. Stat. § 427.104(1)(j) states that a debt collector may not: "Claim, or attempt or threaten to enforce a right with knowledge or reason to know that the right does not exist."

117. Wis. Stat. § 427.104(1)(L) states that a debt collector may not: "Threaten action against the customer unless like action is taken in regular course or is intended with respect to the particular debt."

COUNT I -- FDCPA

118. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

119. Count I is brought on behalf of Schmitz and against LTD.

120. <u>Exhibit A</u> contains false, deceptive, misleading, and confusing statements about the character of the debt and the identity of the creditor.

121. By misstating the creditor account number and identifying the current creditor as the "Original Creditor," <u>Exhibit A</u> misidentifies the debt and implies to the unsophisticated consumer that the debt has been sold to an undisclosed third-party debt buyer.

122. LTD violated 15 U.S.C. §§1692e, 1692e(2)(A), 1692e(10), and 1692g(a)(2).

COUNT II -- FDCPA

123. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

124. Count II is brought on behalf of Machnik and against LTD.

125. Prior to sending <u>Exhibit F</u>, LTD was aware that First Savings had sent Machnik an account statement stating Machnik's account had a "Minimum Payment Due" of \$387.09 and a "Payment Due Date" of March 16, 2017.

126. LTD represented to Machnik that Machnik's First Savings account had been accelerated by seeking to collect the entire balance and not just the amount actually due.

127. LTD misrepresented the amount, character, and legal status of the debt it was collecting.

128. LTD's attempts to collect the entire balance of Machnik's and class members' First Savings accounts were false, misleading, and confusing representations, and were also an unfair and unconscionable means of collecting a debt.

129. LTD violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2)(A), 1692e(10), 1692f, 1692f(1), and 1692g(a)(1).

COUNT III -- FDCPA

130. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

131. Count III is brought on behalf of Plaintiffs Schmitz and Machnik and against LTD.

132. Exhibits A and F contradict and overshadow 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692g(a)(4) and 1692g(a)(5) by informing the consumer that he may "call this office to discuss this debt."

133. <u>Exhibits A and F</u> misleadingly direct consumers to dispute debts orally, which does not invoke the protections of 15 U.S.C. 1692g(b).

134. LTD violated 15 U.S.C. §§1692e, 1692g(a)(4), 1692g(a)(5), and 1692g(b).

COUNT IV -- WCA

135. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

136. Count IV is brought on behalf of Schmitz and against LTD.

137. LTD is licensed as a collection agency by the Division of Banking in the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

138. <u>Exhibit A</u> contains false, deceptive, misleading, and confusing statements about the character of the debt and the identity of the creditor.

139. By misstating the creditor account number and identifying the current creditor as the "Original Creditor," <u>Exhibit A</u> misidentifies the debt and implies to the unsophisticated consumer that the debt has been sold to an undisclosed third-party debt buyer.

140. <u>Exhibit A</u> is a communication that violates the FDCPA and can reasonably expected to harass the customer.

141. Defendant violated Wis. Stat. §§ 427.104(1)(g) and 427.104(1)(h).

COUNT V -- WCA

142. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

143. Count V is brought on behalf of Machnik and against Defendants LTD and First Savings.

144. <u>Exhibits C-F</u> contain false, deceptive, misleading, and confusing statements about the amount, character, and legal status of the debt.

145. In Exhibit C, First Savings represented to Plaintiff that, as of October 21, 2016, her account had a "Minimum Payment Due" of \$112.26 and a "Payment Due Date" of November 16, 2016 but, in Exhibit D, First Savings represented to Plaintiff that, as of November 4, 2016, the "Minimum Payment Due" was \$66.00.

146. In <u>Exhibit E</u>, First Savings represented to Plaintiff that, as of February 19, 2017, her account had a "Minimum Payment Due" of \$387.09 and a "Payment Due Date" of March 16, 2017 but, in <u>Exhibit F</u>, LTD represented to Plaintiff that, as of February 23, 2017, the entire balance of the account, \$585.09, was due.

147. <u>Exhibit F</u> attempts to collect the debt as though it had been accelerated when it had not.

148. <u>Exhibit F</u> is a communication that violates the FDCPA and can reasonably expected to harass the customer.

149. Defendants violated Wis. Stat. §§ 427.104(1)(g), 427.104(1)(h), 427.104(1)(j), and 427.104(1)(L).

COUNT VI -- WCA

150. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

151. Count VI is brought on behalf of Machnik and against Defendant LTD.

152. LTD is licensed as a collection agency by the Division of Banking in the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

153. <u>Exhibit F</u> contains false, deceptive, misleading, and confusing statements about the amount, character, and legal status of the debt and attempts to collect amounts that are not yet due

154. <u>Exhibit F</u> is a communication that violates the FDCPA and can reasonably expected to harass the customer.

155. LTD violated Wis. Stat. §§ 427.104(1)(g) and 427.104(1)(h).

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

156. Plaintiffs brings this action on behalf of two Classes.

157. Class I ("Confusing Creditor Name Class"), consists of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent a collection letter in the form represented by <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Complaint in this action, (c) attempting to collect a debt incurred for personal, family, or household purposes, (d) and owed to Barclays, (e) where the letter was mailed between January 30, 2017 and January 30, 2018, inclusive, (f) and was not returned by the postal service. Plaintiff Schmitz is the named representative of Class I.

158. Class II ("False Acceleration of Debt Class"), consists of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent a collection letter in the form represented by <u>Exhibit F</u> to the Complaint in this action, (c) attempting to collect a debt incurred for personal, family, or

household purposes, (d) and owed to First Savings, (e) where the letter was mailed between January 30, 2017 and January 30, 2018, inclusive, (f) and was not returned by the postal service. Plaintiff Machnik is the named representative of Class II.

159. Each Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable. On information and belief, there are more than 50 members of each Class.

160. There are questions of law and fact common to the members of each Class, which common questions predominate over any questions that affect only individual class members. The predominant common questions are whether Defendants violated the FDCPA and the WCA.

161. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.

162. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class members. Plaintiffs have retained counsel experienced in consumer credit and debt collection abuse cases.

163. A class action is superior to other alternative methods of adjudicating this dispute.Individual cases are not economically feasible.

JURY DEMAND

164. Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Classes and against Defendants for:

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

Dated: January 30, 2018

ADEMI & O'REILLY, LLP

By: /s/ Mark A. Eldridge John D. Blythin (SBN 1046105) Mark A. Eldridge (SBN 1089944) Jesse Fruchter (SBN 1097673) Ben J. Slatky (SBN 1106892) 3620 East Layton Avenue Cudahy, WI 53110 (414) 482-8000 (414) 482-8001 (fax) jblythin@ademilaw.com meldridge@ademilaw.com jfruchter@ademilaw.com

EXHIBIT A

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Sheila A Schmitz 5391 S Tuckaway Cir Apt 1 Milwaukee, WI 53221-3332

ORIGINAL CREDITOR:

CREDITOR ACCOUNT #:

BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE

BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE

8647

\$2.330.98

CREDITOR:

XXX9792

LTD REF NO:

BALANCE:



7322 Southwest Freeway Suite 1600 Houston, TX 77074-2053

MON thru THU 8:00A.M. until 9:00P.M. CT FRI 8:00A.M. until 5:00P.M. CT SAT 8:00A.M. until 12:00 Noon CT

> Toll Free: 1-800-741-2100 Phone: (713) 773-3100 Fax: (713) 414-2126

> > March 6, 2017

Dear Sheila A Schmitz.

Your account with the above named creditor has been placed with LTD Financial Services, L.P., a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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

You may call this office to discuss this debt at 1-800-741-2100, ask for MIKE GATES. Please refer to the reference number above.

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7322 Southwest Freeway Suite 1600 Houston, TX 77074-2053	LTD REF NO: CREDITOR ACCOUNT #: XX	8647 X9792	004173074
	BALANCE:	\$2,330.98	

Sheila A Schmitz 5391 S Tuckaway Cir Apt 1 Milwaukee, WI 53221-3332

Our TOLL FREE Number is 1-800-741-2100

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We are required under state laws 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.

CALIFORNIA NOTICE OF RIGHTS

The state Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act require that, except under unusual circumstances, collectors may not contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. They may not harass you by using threats of violence or arrest or by using obscene language. Collectors may not use false or misleading statements or call 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 collection activities, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov.

COLORADO NOTICE OF RIGHTS

IF A CONSUMER NOTIFIES A DEBT COLLECTOR OR COLLECTION AGENCY IN WRITING THAT THE CONSUMER REFUSES TO PAY A DEBT OR THAT THE CONSUMER WISHES THE DEBT COLLECTOR OR COLLECTION AGENCY TO CEASE FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THE CONSUMER, THE DEBT COLLECTOR OR COLLECTION AGENCY SHALL NOT COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH THE CONSUMER WITH RESPECT TO SUCH DEBT, EXCEPT TO ADVISE THE CONSUMER THAT THE DEBT COLLECTOR'S OR COLLECTION AGENCY'S FURTHER EFFORTS ARE BEING TERMINATED; NOTIFY THE CONSUMER THAT THE COLLECTION AGENCY OR CREDITOR MAY INVOKE SPECIFIED REMEDIES THAT ARE ORDINARILY INVOKED BY SUCH COLLECTION AGENCY OR CREDITOR, OR NOTIFY THE CONSUMER THAT THE COLLECTION AGENCY OR CREDITOR INTENDS TO INVOKE A SPECIFIED REMEDY. IF SUCH NOTICE FROM THE CONSUMER IS MADE BY MAIL, NOTIFICATION SHALL BE COMPLETE UPON RECEIPT.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLORADO FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, SEE: <u>WWW.COAG.GOV/CAR</u> OUR COLORADO ADDRESS IS 717 17TH STREET, SUITE 2300, DENVER, CO 80202 TOLL FREE AT 1-866-436-4766.

MASSACHUSETTS NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A WRITTEN OR ORAL REQUEST THAT TELEPHONE CALLS REGARDING YOUR DEBT 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 DEBT COLLECTOR.

MINNESOTA NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE OF RIGHTS

North Carolina Department of Insurance Permit Number 101449 (HOUSTON Office) and 4372 (SAN ANTONIO Office)

NEW YORK NOTICE OF RIGHTS

CITY OF NEW YORK LICENSE # 1040646 (HOUSTON OFFICE) AND 1232423 (SAN ANTONIO OFFICE) CITY OF BUFFALO LICENSE # 203711

TENNESSEE NOTICE OF RIGHTS

LTD Financial Services, L.P. is licensed by the Collection Service Board of the Department of Commerce and Insurance, 500 James Robertson Pkwy, Nashville, TN 37243.

WISCONSIN NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This collection agency is licensed by the Division of Banking in the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, www.wdfi.org.

If you have a complaint or concern with the way we are collecting this debt, please contact our Customer Care Department at 7322 Southwest Freeway Suite 1600, Houston, TX 77074-2053, email <u>customercare@ltdfin.com</u>, or toll-free at 1-866-310-9845.

LTD Financial Services, L.P. is a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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LTD FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P. P.O. BOX 630769 HOUSTON, TX 77263-0769

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Exhibit B

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Customer News

CREDIT LINE WARNING

Your account balance is currently over the approved credit line. To bring your account into good standing, please pay at least \$973.25. This amount is equal to your minimum payment due of \$592.27 plus the amount over your credit line which is currently \$380,98.

JUNIPER

MasterCard[®] Statement

Primary Account Number Ending in: 0299 Statement Billing Period: 10/17/16 - 11/16/16

Account	Summary

Minimum Payment Due	\$592.27
Payment Due Date	12/13/16
Statement End Date	11/16/16
Credit Line	\$0.00
Credit Available	\$0.00
Cash Credit Line	\$0.00
Cash Credit Available	\$0.00
Past Due Amount	\$507.80
Overlimit Amount	\$380.98

(Questions? Call 1-	888-232-0780
		juniper.com
Activity Summary	у	
Previous Balance		\$2,269.20
- Payments		\$0.00
+ Purchases	·····	\$0.00
- Other Credits		\$0.00
+ Balance Transfe	rs	\$0.00
+ Cash Advances		\$0.00
+ Fees Charged		\$37.00
+ Interest Charge	d	\$24.78

Payment Due Date

Previous Balance

Statement Balance

Statement Balance

Minimum Payment Due

Payment Information

Statement Balance **Minimum Payment Due Payment Due Date**

 	\$2,330.98
	\$592.27
	12/13/2016

December 13, 2016

\$592.27

\$2,269.20

\$2,330.98

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\$2,330.98

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your minimum payment by listed above, you may have to pay a late fee of up to \$37.00.

Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For example:

If you make no additional charges using this card and each month you pay	You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about	And you will end up paying an estimated total of
Only the minimum payment	9 years	\$3,708.00

If you would like information about credit counseling services, please call 800-570-1403.

* Repayment information is based on your account activity and the APRs on your account as of the closing date of this statement. Account activity after the closing date is not reflected. To view your most recent transaction activity online, go to juniper.com.

Detach here. Please make checks payable to "Card Services" and include this payment coupon in the enclosed envelope. Please allow 7-10 days for U.S. Postal Service delivery

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Payment Coupon

Make payments online at juniper.com

Check for address change. Complete form on the back

Amount Enclosed:	
Account Number	0299
Minimum Payment Due	\$592.27
Statement Balance	\$2,330.98
Payment Due Date	Case 214812,200

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Card Services P.O. Box 13337 Philadelphia, PA 19101-3337 ունըներուներուներերուներերերեր

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Important Information



Lost or Stolen Card: Your credit card is issued by Barclays Bank Delaware. If your card is lost or stolen, please contact us immediately at 1-888-232-0780 at any time.

Payment Information: Each billing cycle, you must pay at least the Minimum Payment Due shown on your monthly statement by its Payment Due Date. Both the Minimum Payment Due and Payment Due Date are noted on your statement and on your home page when you login to juniper.com. At any time you may pay more than the Minimum Payment Due up to the full amount you owe us, however you cannot "pay ahead". This means that if you pay more than the required Minimum Payment Due in any billing cycle or if you make more than one payment in a billing cycle, you will still need to pay the next month's required Minimum Payment Due by your next Payment Due Date. Remember to make all checks payable to Card Services. Please allow 7 to 10 days for the U.S. Postal Service to deliver your payment to us. Upon our receipt, your available credit may not be increased by the payment amount for up to 7 days to ensure the funds from the bank on which your payment is drawn are collected and not returned. When you provide a check as payment on this Account, you authorize us to either use the information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution. For inquiries, please call 1-888-232-0780.

Mailed Payments: A conforming payment received by us by 5 p.m. ET will be credited to your account the day of receipt. A "conforming payment" is a payment that: 1) is mailed using the enclosed envelope and payment coupon included with this statement or mailed with a payment coupon printed from juniper.com to Card Services, P.O. Box 13337 Philadelphia, PA 19101-3337; and 2) is in the form of a single, non-folded check or money order made payable in U.S. dollars from a U.S. based institution. Any payment that does not meet these requirements, or any payment with multiple checks or money orders, additional correspondence, staples, paperclips, etc. will be considered a "non-conforming payment" which may delay the crediting of the payment for up to 5 days.

Other Payment Options:

<u>Web</u>: Visit juniper.com to set up your payments. <u>Mobile</u>: To download the Barclaycard Mobile App, text MOBILE to 53818.

Phone: Call us at 1-888-232-0780 and we will process your payment.

All payments made via web, mobile app or pay by phone by 7:00 P.M. ET will be credited to your account that same day.

<u>Overnight Payments</u>: Send overnight courier service or U.S.P.S. Priority Mail payments to REMITCO, Card Services, Lock Box 913337, 2080 Cabot Boulevard West, Langhorne, PA 19047. A payment received at this address by 5 P.M. ET that otherwise meets the requirements of a conforming payment will be credited to your account that same day.

How We Will Calculate Interest.

We use a method called "daily balance (including new purchases)." We calculate interest separately for each "Balance Subject to Interest Rate." These include for example, Purchases at the current rate, Balance Transfers at the current rate, Cash Advances at the current rate, and different promotional balances. Your monthly billing statement shows each "Balance Subject to Interest Rate."

To calculate interest, we first calculate a daily balance for each Balance Subject to Interest Rate. We start with the balance, for that Balance Subject to Interest Rate, as of the end of the previous day. We add any interest calculated on the previous day's balance. (This means interest is compounded daily). We add any new Purchases, Balance Transfers or Cash Advances to the appropriate balance, subtract any new payments or credits from the appropriate balance, and make other adjustments. A credit balance is treated as a balance of zero. We then multiply each daily balance by the applicable daily periodic rate. We do this for each day in the billing period. That gives us the daily interest. We add up all the daily interest for all of the daily balances to get the total interest for the billing period.

Accrual of Interest and How to Avoid Paying Interest on Purchases. Your due date is at least 23 days after the close of each billing cycle. On Purchases, interest begins to accrue as of the transaction date. However, you can avoid paying interest on Purchases in any given billing cycle if you pay your Statement Balance in full by the Payment Due Date. You may also avoid paying interest on Purchases if either Paragraph A or Paragraph B of this section applies to your account.

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Make changes to your contact information below.

Name	
Address	
City	State Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone
E-mail Address	

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Activity for SHEILA A SCHMITZ - card ending in 0299

No Transaction Activity At This Time

Summary of Fees and Interest

Trans Da	te Posting Date	Transaction Description	Amour
11/13	11/14	LATE PAYMENT FEE	\$37.(
		Total Fees for this Period	\$37.0
Interest (Charged		_
Trans Da	te Posting Date	Transaction Description	Amou
			\$22.0
11/16	11/16	INTEREST CHARGE ON PURCHASES	\$2.

Year-to-Date Summary of Fees and Interest Charged*

Total Fees charged in 2016 \$259.00Total Interest charged in 2016\$234.45

*This Year-to-Date Summary reflects the Fees and Interest charged on billing statements with closing dates in 2016. The Summary does not reflect any fees or interest adjustments and/or credits that have been made.

Interest Charge Calculation - 31 Days in Billing Cycle

	Promotional Rate End Date		ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (APR)	Interest Charge
Purchases Current Purchases		\$2,177.83	12.24%(v)	\$22.62
Balance Transfers Current Balance Transfers/Checks		\$0.00	12.24%(v)	\$0.00
Cash Advances		\$108.09	23.49%(v)	\$2.16
Total	al interact rate on W			\$24.78

Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual interest rate on your account. (v)=Variable Rate

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Important Information



A. If you have Purchase balances with a 0% promotional APR, you can avoid paying interest on those Purchase balances during the promotional period, and the following Paragraph B will not apply to your account. (However, to avoid a late fee, pay at least your Minimum Payment Due.)

B. If you have Purchase balances with an APR that is greater than 0%, and you also have other types of promotional balances on your account, you still may be able to avoid paying interest on those balances without paying your Statement Balance in full. If this applies to your Account, you will see a Paragraph titled "Avoiding Interest on Purchases (Grace Period)" appearing directly below the Interest Charge Calculation section on the front of this Statement. This will show the amount you can pay by the Payment Due Date and still avoid interest charges on your Purchase balances. This amount may differ from your Statement Balance. It may differ because you currently have certain promotional APR balances, and the nonpayment of these balances will not affect your grace period on Purchases, provided you pay all other balances on your account. (However, to avoid a late fee, pay at least your Minimum Payment Due.)

For Balance Transfers, interest will accrue from the transaction date which generally will be the day the payee accepts the Check. For Cash Advances, interest will accrue from the transaction date which generally will be the day you take the Cash Advance. Please note that purchases of Cash Equivalents, which include money orders, travelers checks, foreign currency, lottery tickets, gambling chips and wire transfers, are treated as Cash Advances and do not have a grace period. See your Cardmember Agreement for more information.

Minimum Interest Charge: This fee, if imposed, appears in the Summary of Fees as a "Minimum Interest Charge" or "Minimum Charge. "

Credit Bureau Disputes: If you believe that an entry we have made on your credit bureau report is inaccurate or incomplete, please contact the reporting agency directly or contact us at Card Services, P.O. Box 8803 Wilmington, DE 19899-8801. Please include your name; your account number; the credit reporting agency where you received the bureau report; a description of the error; and why you believe it is an error. We will promptly investigate, notify you of our findings, and send an update to the credit bureaus if warranted within 30 days.

What To Do If You Think You Find A Mistake On Your Statement

If you think there is an error on your statement, write to us at:

Card Services P.O. Box 8802 Wilmington, DE 19899-8802.

In your letter, give us the following information:

- Account information: Your name and account number.
- Dollar amount: The dollar amount of the suspected error.
- Description of problem: If you think there is an error on your bill, describe what you believe is wrong and why you believe it is a mistake.

You must contact us within 60 days after the error appeared on your statement.

You must notify us of any potential errors *in writing.* You may call us, but if you do we are not required to investigate any potential errors and you may have to pay the amount in question.

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While we investigate whether or not there has been an error, the following are true:

- We cannot try to collect the amount in question, or report you as delinquent on that amount.
- The charge in question may remain on your statement, and we may continue to charge you interest on that amount. But, if we determine that we made a mistake, you will not have to pay the amount in question or any interest or other fees related to that amount.
- While you do not have to pay the amount in question, you are responsible for the remainder of your balance.
 We can apply any part of the remainder of your balance.
- We can apply any unpaid amount against your credit limit.

Your Rights If You Are Dissatisfied With Your Credit Card Purchases

If you are dissatisfied with the goods or services that you have purchased with your credit card, and you have tried in good faith to correct the problem with the merchant, you may have the right not to pay the remaining amount due on the purchase.

To use this right, all of the following must be true:

- The purchase must have been made in your home state or within 100 miles of your current mailing address, and the purchase price must have been more than \$50. (Note: Neither of these are necessary if your purchase was based on an advertisement we mailed to you, or if we own the company that sold you the goods or services.)
- 2. You must have used your credit card for the purchase. Purchases made with cash advances from an ATM or with a check that accesses your credit card account do not qualify.
- 3. You must not yet have fully paid for the purchase.

If all of the criteria above are met and you are still dissatisfied with the purchase, contact us *in writing* at:

Card Services P.O. Box 8802 Wilmington, DE 19899-8802.

While we investigate, the same rules apply to the disputed amount as discussed above. After we finish our investigation, we will tell you our decision. At that point, if we think you owe an amount and you do not pay, we may report you as delinquent.

Please refer to your Cardmember Agreement for additional information about the terms of your Account.

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FIRST SAVINGS CREDIT CARD

AUDREY J MACHNIK

First Savings Credit Card

Sioux Falls SD 57117-5019

Make Check Payable to:

PO Box 2509

FIRST SAVINGS CREDIT CARD

Omaha NE 68103-2509

First Savings Credit Card

PO Box 5019

Account Number: XXXX XXXX XXXX 7289

ACCOUNT SUMMARY		PAYMENT INFORMATION			
Credit Limit		\$400.00	New Balance		\$446.26
Credit Availab	le	\$46.00-	Minimum Payment Du	le	\$112.26
Statement Clo	sing Date	October 21, 2016	Payment Due Date		November 16, 2016
Days in Billing	Cycle	30	Late Payment Warnin	g: If we do not receive yo	ur minimum payment by
Previous Balance		\$408.74	5:00 PM CT on the date listed above, you may have to pay up to a		ave to pay up to a
- Payments 8	k Credits	\$0,00 \$29.00 late fee.			
+ Purchases & Other Charges		\$0.00	Minimum Payment Warning: if you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more interest and it will take you longer to pay		
+ Cash Advar	nces	\$0,00	off your balance. For e		take you longer to pay
+ FEES CHA	RGED	\$31,00	If you make no		
+ INTEREST CHARGED		\$6.52	additional charges	You will pay off the balance shown on this	And you will end up paying an estimated
= New Balanc	20	\$446.26	using this card and each month you pay	statement in about	total of
Questions?	Call Card Services 1-888-469-0291	5010	Only the minimum	Maria Carlo Ca	

PO Box 5019, Sioux Fails, SD 57117-5019 Or Write:

If you make no additional charges using this card and each month you pay	You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about	And you will end up paying an estimated total of
Only the minimum payment	16 months	\$502.00

If you would like information about credit counseling services, call 1-888-469-0291.

Notice: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TRANSACTIONS				
Tran Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
			FEES	
10/18	10/18		MONTHLY PARTICIPATION FEE	6.00
10/16	10/16		LATE FEE	25,00
			TOTAL FEES FOR THIS PERIOD	31.00
			INTEREST CHARGED	
10/21	10/21		Interest Charge on Purchases	6.52
10/21	10/21		Interest Charge on Cash Advances	0.00
			TOTAL INTEREST FOR THIS PERIOD	6.52

Please detach this portion and submit with payment using enclosed envelope.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Account Number		XXXX XXXX XXXX 7289
Payment Due Date November 16, 2		November 16, 2016
New Balance		\$446.26
Minimum Payment Due		\$112.26
Past Due Amount		\$30.00
Amount Enclosed	\$	•

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Notification Of Disputed Item

Please sign this form and return it to the Customer Service address on the front of your statement. DO NOT mail this form with your payment. If your card has been lost, stolen or you have not received it, do not use this form and call 1-898-469-0291 immediately. Please print in blue or black ink.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)		I have not received the merchandise that was to be shipped to me. Expected date of detivery (mm/dd/yy). Thave asked the merchant to credit my account: YES / NO (circle one).			
					I have RETURNED / CANCELLED (circle one) the merchandise on(mm/dd/yy) because Please provide Please provide
		REFERENCE#:	AMOUNT:	a copy of the returned receipt, postal receipt or proof of refund.	
MERCHANT:	······	☐ The attached credit slip was posted as a charge on my statement. ☐ I was issued a credit slip for \$ on (mm/dd/yy) which has not posted on my			
I have examined the charges made to my account and reason:	am disputing an item for the following	statement. A copy of my credit slip is enclosed.			
 Neither I nor anyone authorized by me to use my c addition, neither I nor anyone authorized by me received charge (if you do not recognize a charge, choose th immediately). Although I made a charge with the merchant, I was \$ that I did not authorize nor did anyone authorize nor did anyone	goods or services represented by this is option and call Customer Service bilted for (#) charges totaling	Merchandise shipped to me arrived damaged and/or defective on (mm/dd/yy). I returned it on (mm/dd/yy). The merchant's response was Please provide a copy of the returned receipt, postal receipt or proof of refund. The sales receipt amount was increased from \$ to \$ My sales slip was added incorrectly. Enclosed is my copy of the sales receipt which shows the correct amount. Other – please attach a letter describing the dispute.			

Note: You may write to us, use this form or a copy of this form. If you use this form, you may want to make a copy or record the information on the reverse side.

Information About Your Account

- Renewing your Account: You may call the Customer Service telephone number or write to us at the Customer Service address on the front of your statement before your Annual Fee is billed to have the account cancelled and the Annual Fee will not be billed. Annual Fee is billed to have the account cancelled and the Annual Fee will not be billed. Annual Percentage Rate (APR): Refer to the front of this statement for the APR applicable to this account. Penalty APR and When it Applies: See the Late Payment Warning on the front of this statement. If a penalty APR applies to your account, it will be listed in this section and
- may be applied to your account if you make a late payment. If your APR's are increased for this reason, the Penalty APR will apply until you make six consecutive minimum payments when due.
- Annual Fees: See the front of the statement the month prior to renewal of the account.
- Currency Conversion Fee: See the message on the front of your statement for the percentage applicable.
- Balance Subject to Interest Calculation Method: We calculate the interest on your account by multiplying the Monthly Periodic Rate by the Average Daily Balance of your account (including new purchases).
- How to Avoid Paying Interest on Purchases: Your due date is at least 25 days after the close of each billing cycle. We will not charge you interest on purchases if you pay your entire balance by the due date each month. Payments: In the event your check is returned unpaid for insufficient funds or uncollected funds, we may represent your check electronically. In the ordinary course of
- business, your check will not be provided to you with your bank statement but a copy can be retrieved by contacting your financial institution.

Billing Rights Summary

What To Do If You Think You Find A Mistake On Your Statement: If you think there is an error on your statement, write to us at First Savings Credit Card. POBox 5019. Slotux Falls SD 57117-5019. You may also contact us on the web at <u>www.lirstsavingscc.com</u>. In your letter, give us the following information: Your name, account number, dollar amount of the suspected error and a description of the problem describing what you believe is wrong and why you believe ii is a mistake. You must contact us within 60 days after the error appeared on your statement. You must notify us of any potential errors in writing or electronically. You may call us but if you do, we are not required to investigate any potential errors and you may have to pay the amount in question. While we investigate whether or not there has been an error, the following are true: we cannot try to collect the amount in question or report you as delinquent on that amount, the charge in question may remain on your statement and we may continue to charge you interest on that amount. But, if we determine that there was a mistake, you will not have to pay the amount in question, you are responsible for the remainder of your balance. We can apply any unpaid amount against your credit card, and you have tried in good faith to correct the problem with the merchant, you may have the right not to pay the remaining amount due on the purchase. To use this right, all of the following

Four Hights in rou Are bissatisfied with four oreat Card Purchases: if you are dissatisfied with the problem with the merchant, you may have the right not to pay the remaining amount dute on the purchase. To use this right, all of the following must be true: The purchase must have been made in your home state or within 100 miles of your current mailing address and the purchase price must have been more than \$50. (Note: Neither of these are necessary if your purchase was based on an advertisement we mailed to you or if we own the company that sold you the goods or services.) You must have used your credit card or the purchase. Purchases made with cash advances from an ATM or with a check that accesses your credit card account do not guilting. You must have fully fully fully entited to your our purchase. It all of the approximate on the approximation of the approximate on the approximate of the You must nave used your creatic ard for the purchase. Furchases made with cash advances from an AFM or with a check that accesses your creatic card account do not qualify. You must not yet have fully paid for the purchase. If all of the criteria above are met and you are still dissatisfied with the purchase, contact us in writing or electronically at First Savings Credit Card, PO Box 5019, Sioux Falls SD 57117-5019 or <u>www.firstsavingscc.com</u>. While we investigate, the same rules apply to the disputed amount as discussed above. After we finish our investigation, we will tell you our decision. At that point, if we think

you owe an amount and you do not pay, we may report you as delinquent.

ADDRESS:	PLEASE INDICATE CHANGES	- 	710.0005
RESIDENCE PHONE: ()	BUSINESS PHONE: ()	STATE	ZIP CODE
PLEASE SE	ND ANOTHER CARD FOR AN	AUTHORIZED U	SER
NAME:	PRIMARY CARDHOLDER SI ts. Refer to Annual Fees listed above and your (IGNATURE	

\$85.00

Totals 2016 Year-to-Date

Total fees charged in 2016 Total interest charged in 2016

tal interest charged in 2016 \$63.96

IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Privacy Notice - Federal law requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Our privacy policy has not changed and you may review our policy and practices with respect to your personal information at www.firstsavingscc.com or we will mail you a free copy upon request if you call us at 1-888-469-0291.

WE MAY REPORT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ACCOUNT TO CREDIT BUREAUS. LATE PAYMENTS, MISSED PAYMENTS, OR OTHER DEFAULTS ON YOUR ACCOUNT MAY BE REFLECTED IN YOUR CREDIT REPORT.

YOUR ACCOUNT IS PAST DUE. PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TODAY OR CALL 1-888-469-0291 FOR ASSISTANCE.

INTEREST CHARGE CALCULATION	
Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual Interest rate on your account	

Type of Balance	ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (APR)	Balance Subject to Interest rate	interest Charge
Purchases	18.90% (f)	\$414,54	\$6.52
Cash Advances	18.90% (f)	\$0.00	\$0.00

(v) = variable (f) = fixed

Did you know that First Savings Credit Card provides an easy and secure way to view your credit card account Information and make payments online? Please register at www.firstsavingscc.com.

THE MINIMUM PAYMENT DUE INCLUDES ANY AMOUNT OVER YOUR CREDIT LIMIT.

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Exhibit D

FIRST SAVINGS CREDIT CARD PO BOX 5019 SIOUX FALLS SD 57117-5019



November 4, 2016

AUDREY J MACHNIK 2970 S 60TH ST MILWAUKEE WI 53219-3167

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RE: Account number ending in 7289

Credit Limit: \$400Delinquent Amount: \$30.00Current Balance: \$446.26Amount Overlimit: \$46.26Minimum Payment Due: \$66.00

Dear: Audrey J Machnik:

This letter is to bring to your attention that your credit card account is delinquent. The minimum payment due by your next scheduled due date is \$66.00.

We offer the following payment options:

* Western Union Quick Collect (First Savings Credit Card and your account number)

* MoneyGram Express Payment (Receive Code is 3890)

* Payment by phone by calling 1-888-437-0109 (ACH or Debit Card payments)

* Payment over the internet at www.firssavingslcc.com

* Check or money order should be sent to:

FIRST SAVINGS CREDIT CARD, PO Box 2509, Omaha, NE 68103-2509 * Priority payments should be sent to:

> FIRST SAVINGS CREDIT CARD, 500 E 60th Street N, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Sincerely,

FIRST SAVINGS CREDIT CARD

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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AUDREY J MACHNIK

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ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Credit Limit		\$400.00
Credit Availab	le	\$185.00
Statement Clo	sing Date	February 19, 2017
Days in Billing	Cycle	28
Previous Bala	nce	\$579.09
Payments 8	Credits	\$0.00
+ Purchases	& Other Charges	\$0.00
+ Cash Advar	ICes	\$0.00
+ FEES CHA	RGED	\$6.00
+ INTEREST	CHARGED	\$0.00
≖ New Baland	9	\$585.09
Questions? Or Write:	Call Customer Service 1-888-469 PO Box 5019, Sioux Falls, SD 5	

Account Number: XXXX XXXX XXXX 7289

PAYMENT INFORMATION New Balance \$585.09 Minimum Payment Due \$387.09 Payment Due Date March 16, 2017

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your minimum payment by 5:00 PM CT on the date listed above, you may have to pay up to a \$29.00 late fee.

Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For example:

If you make no additional charges using this card and each month you pay	You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about	And you will end up paying an estimated total of	
Only the minimum payment	14 months	\$585.00	

If you would like information about credit counseling services, call 1-888-469-0291.

Notice: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TRAN	SACTI	ONS		
Tran Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
			FEES	
02/19	02/19		MONTHLY PARTICIPATION FEE	6.00
			TOTAL FEES FOR THIS PERIOD	6.00
			INTEREST CHARGED	
02/19	02/19	•	Interest Charge on Purchases	0.00
02/19	02/19		Interest Charge on Cash Advances	0.00
			TOTAL INTEREST FOR THIS PERIOD	0.00

Please detach this portion and submit with payment using enclosed envelope.

First Savings Credit Card PO Box 5019 Sioux Falls SD 57117-5019

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Account Number	XXXX XXXX XXXX 7289
Payment Due Date	March 16, 2017
New Balance	\$585.09
Minimum Payment Due	\$387.09
Past Due Amount	\$172.00
Amount Enclosed	\$.

FIRST SAVINGS CREDIT CARD

Make Check Payable to:

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Notification Of Disputed Item Please sign this form and return it to the Customer Service address on the front of your statement. DO NOT mail this form with your payment. If your card has been lost, stolen or you have not received it, do not use this form and call 1-888-469-0291 immediately. Please print in blue or black ink.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	DATE	□ I have not received the merchandise that was to be shipped to me. Expected date of delivery(mm/dd/yy). I have asked the merchant to credit my account:YES / NO (circle one).
ACCOUNT#:		I have RETURNED / CANCELLED (circle one) the merchandise on(mm/dd/yy) because Please provide
REFERENCE#:	AMOUNT:	a copy of the returned receipt, postal receipt or proof of refund.
MERCHANT:		I was issued a credit slip for \$ on (mm/dd/yy) which has not posted on my
I have examined the charges made to my acc reason:	ount and am disputing an item for the following	statement. A copy of my credit slip is enclosed. Merchandise shipped to me arrived damaged and/or defective on(mm/dd/yy). I returned
	use my card made the charge listed above. In	it on(mm/dd/yy). The merchant's response was Please provide a copy of the returned receipt, postal receipt or proof of retund.
	e received goods or services represented by this choose this option and call Customer Service	The sales receipt amount was increased from \$ to \$ My sales slip was added incorrectly. Enclosed is my copy of the sales receipt which shows the correct amount.
	ant, I was billed for(#) charges totaling yone authorized to use my card. I have all my he sales slip for the charge I authorized.	Other - please attach a letter describing the dispute.

Note: You may write to us, use this form or a copy of this form. If you use this form, you may want to make a copy or record the information on the reverse side.

Information About Your Account Renewing your Account: You may call the Customer Service telephone number or write to us at the Customer Service address on the front of your statement before your Annual Fee is billed to have the account cancelled and the Annual Fee will not be billed.

- Annual Percentage Rate (APR): Refer to the front of this statement for the APR applicable to this account. Penalty APR and When it Applies: See the Late Payment Warning on the front of this statement. If a penalty APR applies to your account, it will be listed in this section and may be applied to your account if you make a late payment. If your APR's are increased for this reason, the Penalty APR will apply until you make six consecutive minimum payments when due.

- Annual Fees: See the front of the statement the month prior to renewal of the account. Currency Conversion Fee: See the message on the front of your statement for the percentage applicable. Balance Subject to Interest Calculation Method: We calculate the interest on your account by multiplying the Monthly Periodic Rate by the Average Daily Balance of your account (including new purchases).
- How to Avoid Paying Interest on Purchases: Your due date is at least 25 days after the close of each billing cycle. We will not charge you interest on purchases if you pay Powentix by the event your check is returned unpaid for insufficient funds or uncollected funds, we may represent your check electronically. In the ordinary course of
- business, your check will not be provided to you with your bank statement but a copy can be retrieved by contacting your financial institution.

Billing Rights Summary

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Your Rights If You Are Dissatisfied With Your Credit Card Purchases: If you are dissatisfied with the goods or services you have purchased with your credit card, and you have Your Hights if you are Dissatisfied with Your Credit Card Purchases: If you are dissatisfied with the goods or services you have purchased with your credit card, and you have tried in good faith to correct the problem with the merchant, you may have the right not to pay the remaining amount due on the purchase. To use this right, all of the following must be true: The purchase must have been made in your home state or within 100 miles of your current mailing address and the purchase price must have been more than \$50. (Note: Neither of these are necessary if your purchase was based on an advertisement we malled to you or if we own the company that sold you the goods or services.) You must have used your credit card for the purchase. Purchases made with cash advances from an ATM or with a check that accesses your credit card account do not qualify. You must not yet have fully paid for the purchase. If all of the criteria above are met and you are still dissatisfied with the purchase, contact us in writing or electronically at First Savings Credit Card, PO Box 5019, Sioux Falls SD 57117-50190 mww. firstsavingsc.com.

While we investigate, the same rules apply to the disputed amount as discussed above. After we finish our investigation, we will tell you our decision. At that point, if we think you owe an amount and you do not pay, we may report you as delinquent.

PL	EASE INDICATE CHANGE	S BELOW	
ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
RESIDENCE PHONE: ()	BUSINESS PHONE: ()	Texture 1
PLEASE SEND	ANOTHER CARD FOR A	N AUTHORIZED US	ER
NAME:	PRIMARY CARDHOLDEF		
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\$12.00

Totals 2017 Year-to-Date

Total fees charged in 2017

Total interest charged in 2017 \$0.00

IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Privacy Notice - Federal law requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Our privacy policy has not changed and you may review our policy and practices with respect to your personal information at www.firstsavingscc.com or we will mail you a free copy upon request if you call us at 1-888-469-0291.

INTEREST CHARGE CALCULATION

Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual interest rate on your account

Type of Balance	ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (APR)	Balance Subject to Interest rate	Interest Charge
Purchases	0.00% (f)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash Advances	0.00% (f)	\$0.00	\$0.00

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EXHIBIT F

Audrey J Machnik 2970 S 60th St Milwaukee, WI 53219-3167



7322 Southwest Freeway Suite 1600 Houston, TX 77074-2053

MON thru THU 8:00A.M. until 9:00P.M. CT FRI 8:00A.M. until 5:00P.M. CT SAT 8:00A.M. until 12:00 Noon CT

> Toll Free: 1-877-754-0013 Phone: (713) 773-3100 Fax: (713) 414-2126

> > February 23, 2017

CREDITOR: FIRST SAVINGS CREDIT CARD CREDITOR ACCOUNT #: 7289

LTD REF NO:	8933	
BALANCE:	\$585.09	

Dear Audrey J Machnik,

Your account with the above named creditor has been placed with LTD Financial Services, L.P., a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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

You may call this office to discuss this debt at 1-877-754-0013, ask for BILL LARRY. Please refer to the reference number above.

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	322 Southwest Freeway Suite 1600 ouston, TX 77074-2053	LTD REF NO: CREDITOR ACCOUNT #:	8933 7289	004114430211
		BALANCE:	\$585.09	
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We are required under state laws 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.

CALIFORNIA NOTICE OF RIGHTS

The state Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act require that, except under unusual circumstances, collectors may not contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. They may not harass you by using threats of violence or arrest or by using obscene language. Collectors may not use false or misleading statements or call 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 collection activities, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov.

COLORADO NOTICE OF RIGHTS

IF A CONSUMER NOTIFIES A DEBT COLLECTOR OR COLLECTION AGENCY IN WRITING THAT THE CONSUMER REFUSES TO PAY A DEBT OR THAT THE CONSUMER WISHES THE DEBT COLLECTOR OR COLLECTION AGENCY TO CEASE FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THE CONSUMER, THE DEBT COLLECTOR OR COLLECTION AGENCY SHALL NOT COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH THE CONSUMER WITH RESPECT TO SUCH DEBT, EXCEPT TO ADVISE THE CONSUMER THAT THE DEBT COLLECTOR'S OR COLLECTION AGENCY'S FURTHER EFFORTS ARE BEING TERMINATED; NOTIFY THE CONSUMER THAT THE COLLECTION AGENCY OR CREDITOR MAY INVOKE SPECIFIED REMEDIES THAT ARE ORDINARILY INVOKED BY SUCH COLLECTION AGENCY OR CREDITOR, OR NOTIFY THE CONSUMER THAT THE COLLECTION AGENCY OR CREDITOR INTENDS TO INVOKE A SPECIFIED REMEDY. IF SUCH NOTICE FROM THE CONSUMER IS MADE BY MAIL, NOTIFICATION SHALL BE COMPLETE UPON RECEIPT.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLORADO FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, SEE: <u>WWW.COAG.GOV/CAR</u> OUR COLORADO ADDRESS IS 717 17TH STREET, SUITE 2300, DENVER, CO 80202 TOLL FREE AT 1-866-436-4766.

MASSACHUSETTS NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A WRITTEN OR ORAL REQUEST THAT TELEPHONE CALLS REGARDING YOUR DEBT 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 DEBT COLLECTOR.

MINNESOTA NOTICE OF RIGHTS

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

NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE OF RIGHTS

North Carolina Department of Insurance Permit Number 101449 (HOUSTON Office) and 4372 (SAN ANTONIO Office)

NEW YORK NOTICE OF RIGHTS

CITY OF NEW YORK LICENSE # 1040646 (HOUSTON OFFICE) AND 1232423 (SAN ANTONIO OFFICE)

CITY OF BUFFALO LICENSE # 203711

TENNESSEE NOTICE OF RIGHTS

LTD Financial Services, L.P. is licensed by the Collection Service Board of the Department of Commerce and Insurance, 500 James Robertson Pkwy, Nashville, TN 37243.

WISCONSIN NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This collection agency is licensed by the Division of Banking in the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, www.wdfi.org.

If you have a complaint or concern with the way we are collecting this debt, please contact our Customer Care Department at 7322 Southwest Freeway Suite 1600, Houston, TX 77074-2053, email <u>customercare@ltdfin.com</u>, or toll-free at 1-866-310-9845.

LTD Financial Services, L.P. is a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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 docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

Place an X in the appropriate	Box: Green Bay Division		Milwaukee Division	
I. (a) PLAINTIFFS		DEFENDANTS		
Sheila Schmit	tz, et al.	LTD Financia	al Services LP, et al.	
	of First Listed Plaintiff Milwaukee	NOTE: IN LAN	of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES (D CONDEMNATION CASES, US INVOLVED.	
(c) Attorney's (Firm Name	, Address, and Telephone Number)	Attorneys (If Known)		
	3620 E. Layton Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110 e (414) 482-8001-Facsimile			
II. BASIS OF JURISD	DICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)	III. CITIZENSHIP OF P	PRINCIPAL PARTIES	
1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)		PTF DEF 1 1 Incorporated or Prior of Business In This 1	
2 U.S. Government Defendant	4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	Citizen of Another State	2 2 Incorporated and P of Business In A	· u —
		Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	3 3 Sorign Nation	
IV. NATURE OF SUI CONTRACT	T (Place an "X" in One Box Only) TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
 110 Insurance 120 Marine 130 Miller Act 140 Negotiable Instrument 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment 151 Medicare Act 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits 160 Stockholders' Suits 190 Other Contract 195 Contract Product Liability 196 Franchise REAL PROPERTY 210 Land Condemnation 220 Foreclosure 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment 240 Torts to Land 245 Tort Product Liability 290 All Other Real Property 		 620 Other Food & Drug 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 630 Liquor Laws 640 R.R. & Truck 650 Airline Regs. 660 Occupational 8747 860 Other 90 Other 710 Fair Labor Standards act 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations 730 Labor/Mgmt. Relations 740 Railway Labor Act 790 Other Labor Litigation 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act MMIGRATION 463 Habeas Corpus - 	422 Appeal 28 USC 158 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS 820 Copyrights 830 Patent 840 Trademark 861 HIA (1395ff) 862 Black Lung (923) 863 DIWC/DIW W (405(g)) 864 SSID Title XVI 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	 400 State Reapportionment 410 Antitrust 430 Banks and Banking 450 Commerce 460 Deportation 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations 480 Consumer Credit 490 Cable/Sat TV 810 Selective Service 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 890 Other Statutory Actions 891 Agricultural Acts 892 Economic Stabilization Act 893 Environmental Matters 894 Energy Allocation Act 900Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTI	ON Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you 15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq Brief description of cause:	are filing (Do not cite jurisdiction	nal statutes unless diversity):	
VII. REQUESTED IN			•	if demanded in complaint:
COMPLAINT: VIII. RELATED CAS IF ANY	UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 E(S) (See instructions): JUDGE		JURY DEMAND: DOCKET NUMBER	: 🗹 Yes 🗖 No
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

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

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

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

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

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

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

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

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

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

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

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

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

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

 unless diversity.
 Example:
 U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

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

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

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

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

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

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

Sheila Schmitz, et al.)))
Plaintiff(s))
v.) Civil Action No. 18-cv-167
)
LTD Financial Services LP)
and First Savings Financial Bank,)
Defendant(s))

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

LTD Financial Services LP c/o C T Corporation System 301 S. Bedford St Suite 1 Madison, Wisconsin 53703

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you receive 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 the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: John D. Blythin

Ademi & O'Reilly, LLP 3620 East Layton Avenue Cudahy, WI 53110

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.

STEPHEN C. DRIES, CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. 18-cv-167

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(l))

This summons and the attached complaint for (name of individual and title, if any):

nersonally served	the summons and the attached con	plaint on the individual at (place):	
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Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

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Sheila Schmitz, et al.)))
Plaintiff(s)) $(i_{-i}i_{-i}) = 10 + 10$
V.) Civil Action No. 18-cv-167))
LTD Financial Services LP)
and First Savings Bank,)
Defendant(s))

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

First Savings Bank c/o Rick Christensen 201 North Third Beresford, South Dakota 57004

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you receive 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 the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: John D. Blythin Adami & O'Pailly, LLP

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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.

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This summons and the attached complaint for (name of individual and title, if any):

\Box I personally serve	ed the summons and the attached comp	laint on the individual at (place):	
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Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

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