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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

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In the Matter of

LabMD, Inc., a corporation.

DOCKET NO. 9357

ROBERT BOBACK'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO QUASH OR LIMIT SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM OF LabMD, INC.

On May 2, 2014, Respondent LabMD, Inc. ("LabMD") served on non-party Robert Boback's counsel a Subpoena Ad Testificandum to Mr. Boback (the "Subpoena," attached as **Exhibit A**) to appear for testimony in Washington D.C. on May 20, 2014. Although LabMD indicated it would coordinate a date and time, the Subpoena left Mr. Boback with roughly 20-days to clear his calendar and appear in Washington D.C. to give testimony. As the Chief Executive Officer of Tiversa with a heavy travel and meeting schedule this is simply not feasible. In an effort to resolve this issue and provide a reasonable alternative, Mr. Boback, through counsel, offered to give his testimony via videoconference. LabMD refused. As a result, Mr. Boback files this emergency motion seeking relief from LabMD's harassing and baseless tactics.

Mr. Boback, as CEO of Tiversa, has several critical, previously scheduled meetings that make in-person testimony burdensome. As an initial matter, Mr. Boback has previously provided an entire day's worth of deposition testimony in this matter. See Affidavit of Robert Boback ("Boback Aff.," attached as Exhibit B), \P 2. Nonetheless, Mr. Boback is willing – although disagrees with the need to – provide additional testimony. Mr. Boback does, however,

object to traveling to Washington D.C. for an entire day waiting to be called as a non-party witness.

Notably, well before receiving the Subpoena, Mr. Boback scheduled high level meetings with several clients in New York. These meetings are scheduled to begin on May 19, and will continue through May 22. Mr. Boback is then scheduled to travel back to Pittsburgh for internal meetings and company related business. Given his out of town meetings, it is critical that he return to Pittsburgh on May 23. The following week, Mr. Boback has more meetings scheduled in Pittsburgh with customers – again, on the calendar well before the Subpoena was issued – which are critical to the ongoing growth of Tiversa. *See* Boback Aff., ¶ 3.

Accordingly, because Mr. Boback has a number of pre-existing travel plans on and around the time period during which LabMD has requested to solicit his second day of testimony, Mr. Boback has merely requested that he be permitted to provide his testimony via videoconference. *See id.*, ¶ 4. *See also* E-mail correspondence between Jarrod D. Shaw, Counsel for Mr. Boback, and William A. Sherman, II, Counsel for LabMD (attached as Exhibit C). Counsel for the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") has consented to Mr. Boback appearing via videoconference, and confirmed that the hearing room to be used for Mr. Boback's testimony has videoconference capabilities. *See* Exhibit C.

LabMD's refusal to allow Mr. Boback to appear by video is purely to harass a non-party witness. The FTC has agreed to allow Mr. Boback to appear via video conference. LabMD, however, has stated that it is "not willing to consent to Mr. Boback appearing by video." Id. When counsel for Mr. Boback asked LabMD's counsel to explain its reasoning for this position, LabMD's counsel stated only "I want him there live," despite admitting the fact that LabMD's counsel's office – in Pittsburgh – is fully equipped to allow videoconferencing,

and therefore Mr. Boback's video appearance would be free of cost for all parties. Based on this harassing position, the Subpoena should be quashed in its entirety because LabMD's stance is unduly burdensome, inefficient, and clearly aimed only at harassing Mr. Boback, with whom LabMD is involved in separate litigation in federal court. *See Tiversa Holding Corp. v. LabMD, Inc.*, 2014 WL 1584211 (W.D. Pa. Apr. 21, 2014) (denying LabMD's and Michael J. Daugherty's Motion to Dismiss the complaint filed against them by Mr. Boback and Tiversa Holding Corp. alleging, *inter alia,* defamation, and holding that Defendants' statements are capable of defamatory meaning.). Given the full day of testimony previously given, LabMD already has the testimony it needs for the hearing. In the alternative, the Subpoena should be limited such as to allow Mr. Boback's testimony to be taken via videoconference.

The law supports Mr. Boback's request. 16 C.F.R. § 3.31(c)(2)(i) states that a discovery vehicle is improper if it is "unreasonably cumulative or duplicative, or is obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive." Mr. Boback has already provided an entire day's worth of testimony in this matter, under questioning from both LabMD and the FTC. See Boback Aff., ¶ 2. Thus, requiring Mr. Boback to provide his testimony again will, undoubtedly, be both "cumulative" and "duplicative," but Mr. Boback is still willing to appear via video. However, requiring Mr. Boback to travel from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Washington, DC to appear in person, as opposed to allowing him to appear via videoconference at no cost to any party in this matter, is unquestionably less convenient, more burdensome, and more expensive, and therefore improper under 16 C.F.R. § 3.31(c)(2)(i). See also In the Matter of LabMD, Inc., a corporation, Respondent, 2013 WL 6327986, at *7 (F.T.C. Nov. 22, 2013) (stating, in this matter, that in order to avoid an undue burden LabMD could "reduce its costs by appearing for the depositions telephonically"); Reddick v. Dillard Store

Services, Inc., 2010 WL 3025205 (S.D. III. Aug. 2, 2010) (quashing a subpoena requiring a witness to travel from Oregon to Illinois for trial because, inter alia, "requiring the doctor to travel from Oregon for trial—particularly when his deposition was videotaped—imposes undue burden and expense"). This conclusion is particularly unassailable here, where the only reasoning provided for requiring Mr. Boback to appear in-person is that LabMD's counsel "want[s] him there live." See also 16 C.F.R. § 3.43(d)(iii) (stating that an "Administrative Law Judge shall exercise reasonable control over the mode and order of interrogating witnesses ... so as to ... [p]rotect witnesses from harassment ... "); 16 C.F.R. § 3.31(d) (permitting an Administrative Law Judge to "protect a party or other person from annoyance ... ").1

Requiring Mr. Boback to appear in-person to give his testimony in this matter is less convenient for him, more burdensome for him, and more expensive for the parties. LabMD has provided absolutely no reasoning in support of its demand, making clear that it is simply trying to harass Mr. Boback, an adversary in another proceeding. As such, Mr. Boback's Motion to Quash the Subpoena should be granted in its entirety, and he should not be required to testify in this matter. In the alternative, the Subpoena should be limited, and Mr. Boback should be allowed to provide his testimony in this matter via videoconference.

¹ As an alternative, LabMD's counsel proposed that the testimony could be given live in Pittsburgh and that the FTC, LabMD and the Administrative Law Judge all travel to Pittsburgh to hear Mr. Boback's testimony. This highlights the absurdity of LabMD's position and its unwillingness to make the most reasonable accommodation.

Dated: May 12, 2014

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 16 C.F.R. § 3.22(g)

Counsel for the movant, Mr. Boback, hereby certifies that on May 9, 2014, counsel for Mr. Boback and counsel for LabMD, Inc. met via telephone in a good-faith effort to resolve by agreement the issues regarding Robert Boback's Emergency Motion to Quash or Limit Subpoena Ad Testificandum of LabMD, Inc. No resolution was reached.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 12, 2014, I served and filed the original and twelve (12) copies of the foregoing document by hand delivery to:

Donald S. Clark, Esq. Secretary, Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, R.m. H-113 Washington, DC 20580

I also certify that I caused two (2) copies of the foregoing document to be served by hand delivery to:

The Honorable D. Michael Chappell Chief Administrative Law Judge Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Rm. H-110 Washington, DC 20580

I further certify that I delivered via first-class mail a copy of the foregoing document to:

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Dated: May 12, 2014

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

In the Matter of LabMD, Inc., a corporation.	DOCKET NO. 9357			
ORDER GRANTING ROBERT BOBACK'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO QUASH OR LIMIT SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM OF LabMD, INC.				
Having considered Robert Boback's Em	ergency Motion to Quash or Limit Subpoena Ad			
Testificandum of LabMD, Inc., I hereby ORDE	R that:			
Robert Boback's Motion is GRA	NTED, and the Subpoena Ad Testificandum is			
QUASHED IN ITS ENTIRETY.				
Robert Boback's Motion is GRA	NTED, and the Subpoena Ad Testificandum is			
LIMITED IN THAT MR. BOBACK CAN APP	PEAR IN THIS MATTER VIA			
VIDEOCONFERENCE. LabMD, Inc. will com	npensate Mr. Boback for the value of his time lost			
at a proper percentage of his average yearly con	npensation.			
Robert Boback's Motion is DEN	IED. LabMD, Inc. will compensate Mr. Boback			
for the value of his time lost at a proper percenta	age of his average yearly compensation.			
ORDERED:	D. Michael Chappell Chief Administrative Law Judge			

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A



SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM ADJUDICATIVE HEARING

Provided by the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, and Issued Pursuant to Rule 3.34(a), 16 C.F.R. § 3.34(a) (2010)

1. TO

Robert Boback
Tiversa Holding Corporation
606 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

2, FROM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

This subpoena requires you to attend and give testimony at an adjudicative hearing, at the date and time specified in Item 5, and at the request of Counsel listed in Item 8, in the proceeding described in Item 6.

3. PLACE OF ADJUDICATIVE HEARING

FTC Courtroom Room 532 Federal Trade Commission Building 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20580 4. YOUR APPEARANCE WILL BE BEFORE

D. Michael Chappell, Chief Administrative Law Judge

5. Date and time of adjudicative Hearing May 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

6. SUBJECT OF PROCEEDING

In the Matter of LabMD, Inc. Docket No. 9357

7. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Chief Judge D. Michael Chappell

Federal Trade Commission Washington, D.C. 20580 8. COUNSEL AND PARTY ISSUING SUBPOENA

William A. Sherman II, Respondent Counsel Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 610

Washington, DC 20004 202-372-9100

DATE SIGNED

May 1, 2014

SIGNATURE OF COUNSEL ISSUING SUBPOENA

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

APPEARANCE

The delivery of this subpoena to you by any method prescribed by the Commission's Rules of Practice is legal service and may subject you to a penalty imposed by law for failure to comply.

MOTION TO LIMIT OR QUASH

The Commission's Rules of Practice require that any motion to limit or quash this subpoena must comply with Commission Rule 3.34(c), 16 C.F.R. § 3.34(c), and in particular must be filed within the earlier of 10 days after service or the time for compilance. The original and ten copies of the petition must be filed before the Administrative Law Judge and with the Secretary of the Commission, accompanied by an affidavit of service of the document upon counsel listed in Item 8, and upon all other parties prescribed by the Rules of Practice.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Commission's Rules of Practice require that fees and mileage be paid by the party that requested your appearance. You should present your claim to Counsel listed in Item 8 for payment. If you are permanently or temporarily living somewhere other than the address on this subpoena and it would require excessive travel for you to appear, you must get prior approval from Counsel listed in Item 8.

A copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice is available online at http://bit.ly/FTCRulesofPractice. Paper copies are available upon request.

This subpoena does not require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

In	the	Matter of	١f

LabMD, Inc., a corporation.

DOCKET NO. 9357

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT BOBACK

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)	
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY)	SS

Robert Boback, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says as follows:

- 1. I make this statement based upon my personal knowledge of the facts set forth within.
- 2. I have previously spent approximately one day's time providing deposition testimony to both LabMD, Inc. and the Federal Trade Commission in the above-referenced matter.
- 3. I am currently scheduled to be in New York for high level meetings with several clients on the following days: May 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Each of these meetings were scheduled prior to my receipt of the subpoena issued in this matter and they cannot be rescheduled as they are planned with several high level executives of Tiversa's largest business relationships. The week following these meetings in New York I have additional meetings in Pittsburgh with customers, which were also scheduled prior to any receipt of the subpoena issued in this matter. Given this schedule, it is critical that I return to and spend the day in Pittsburgh on May 23rd. As the Chief Executive Officer of Tiversa, Inc., I need to spend the time in Pittsburgh

meeting with my management team and coordinating business issues that result from my meetings.

4. Notwithstanding my schedule, I am available to provide testimony via videoconference in this matter on May 23, 2014.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Robert Boback

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

Sworn and signed before me, the undersigned officer, on this the \(\frac{1}{12}\) day of May, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and official seal.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Notarial Seal
Dana Korbe, Notary Public
City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County
My Commission Expires April 12, 2015
MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

Notary Public

EXHIBIT C

Lauritzen, Jessica B.

From: Sherman, William [mailto:william.sherman@dinsmore.com]

Sent: Friday, May 09, 2014 1:56 PM

To: Shaw, Jarrod D.

Cc: Rubinstein, Reed; Kent Huntington; Harris, Sunni; Pepson, Michael D.; VanDruff, Laura Riposo (Ivandruff@ftc.gov)

Subject: RE: Letter to J. Shaw w/copy of subpoena

Jarrod,

We are not willing to consent to Mr. Boback appearing by video. I assume you will take whatever action you deem necessary.

William



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From: Shaw, Jarrod D. [mailto:JShaw@ReedSmith.com]

Sent: Friday, May 09, 2014 9:42 AM

To: Sherman, William

Cc: Rubinstein, Reed; Kent Huntington; Harris, Sunni; Pepson, Michael D.; VanDruff, Laura Riposo (Ivandruff@ftc.gov)

Subject: RE: Letter to J. Shaw w/copy of subpoena

William,

I wanted to revisit this issue. I have heard from the FTC and they consent to Mr. Boback appearing via video conferencing. In addition, the hearing room has the technology to allow for video conferencing.

Please let me know whether it is acceptable for Mr. Boback to participate by video. Given that Dinsmore has a Pittsburgh office, I would propose that Mr. Boback testify from there on May 23. Currently, May 20-22 is unavailable as Mr. Boback has previously scheduled meetings with clients and will be traveling out of state.

I understand there is a conference on May 15 before the judge. I think we should file a joint request to have Mr. Boback appear by videoconference before then so that it is teed up for the judge at the conference.

Jarrod

From: Sherman, William [mailto:william.sherman@dinsmore.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 12:19 PM

To: Shaw, Jarrod D.

Cc: Rubinstein, Reed; Kent Huntington; Harris, Sunni; Pepson, Michael D.; VanDruff, Laura Riposo (https://livenstein/, Reed; Kent Huntington; Harris, Sunni; Pepson, Michael D.; VanDruff, Laura Riposo (https://livenstein/, Pepson, Michael D.; VanDruff, Laura Riposo (https://livenstein/

Subject: RE: Letter to J. Shaw w/copy of subpoena

Jarrod.

I will take this under consideration and discuss it with my colleagues and the FTC and get back with you. Thank you for your response.

William



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From: Shaw, Jarrod D. [mailto:JShaw@ReedSmith.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 12:10 PM

To: Sherman, William

Cc: Rubinstein, Reed; Kent Huntington; Harris, Sunni; Pepson, Michael D.; VanDruff, Laura Riposo (Ivandruff@ftc.gov)

Subject: RE: Letter to J. Shaw w/copy of subpoena

William,

I have inquired with the FTC as to whether there are video capabilities in the hearing room. If so, I would request that both parties consent to Mr. Boback appearing by video. Given that he has already spent a day giving deposition testimony (which can be used at the hearing), Mr. Boback is now being further inconvenienced by the attached subpoena.

Please indicate whether his appearance by video is acceptable. Otherwise, we will be forced to seek redress from the Judge.

Jarrod

From: Sherman, William [mailto:william.sherman@dinsmore.com]

Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 12:23 PM

To: Shaw, Jarrod D.

Cc: Rubinstein, Reed; Kent Huntington; Harris, Sunni; Pepson, Michael D.

Subject: FW: Letter to J. Shaw w/copy of subpoena

Mr. Shaw,

Please find a courtesy copy of the subpoena to be served upon Mr. Boback. Call should you have any questions. Thank you

William



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