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Proceedings: (IN CHAMBERS) Injunction [DE 30]			Order Re: Plaintiff's Motio	n for a	Preliminary	

I. INTRODUCTION

On November 4, 2024, the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC") filed a Complaint against Seek Capital, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Seek Capital, LLC, a California limited liability company, and the entities' CEO, Roy Ferman (collectively, "Defendants"). The FTC asserts claims for violations of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act ("FTCA"), the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and the Consumer Review Fairness Act ("CRFA"). (ECF No. 1.)

Presently before the Court is the FTC's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. (ECF No. 30.) For the following reasons, the Court **GRANTS** the Motion.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND¹

The FTC alleges the following in the Complaint:

Defendants market their services to new and aspiring small business owners, promising in online advertising and through telemarketers that they can secure business loans or business lines of credit for them. In reality, however, Defendants merely apply for multiple credit cards on behalf of the business owners. In the course of marketing their services, Defendants make various misrepresentations, including that: (1) they procure loans or lines of credit for customers; (2) they have relationships with lenders; (3) they offer credit cards with "line of credit capability"; (4) they offer specific favorable financing terms, like 0% APR; (5) they charge no fees until their customer receives funding; (6) using their services will not harm their customers' credit scores; and (7) their reviews are truthful. Defendants

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¹ Defendants make numerous objections to the evidence presented in support of the Motion. To the extent the Court relies upon evidence to which they have objected, the objections are **OVERRULED**. To the extent the Court does not rely upon evidence to which they have objected, the objections are **DENIED** as moot.

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also inflate their fees by obtaining more credit than their customers need. Defendants' scheme has taken \$37 million from consumers in a span of just three years, affecting well over 5,000 consumers.

III. JUDICIAL STANDARD

The second provision of Section 13(b) of the FTCA provides that "in proper cases the [FTC] may seek, and after proper proof, the court may issue, a permanent injunction." 15 U.S.C. § 53(b). Cases involving alleged violations of any provisions of law enforced by the FTC are "proper cases" for which the FTC may seek injunctive relief. FTC v. Evans Prods. Co., 775 F.2d 1084, 1086 (9th Cir. 1985). Section 13(b) also permits the Court to grant a preliminary injunction while the FTC pursues a permanent injunction. FTC v. H. N. Singer, Inc., 668 F.2d 1107, 1113–14 (9th Cir. 1982).

The standard for preliminary injunctive relief under Section 13(b) differs from that typically applied to private litigants. That is, Section 13(b) "places a lighter burden" on the FTC because the FTC need not show irreparable harm. FTC v. Consumer Def., LLC, 926 F.3d 1208, 1212 (9th Cir. 2019) (quoting FTC v. Warner Commc'ns Inc., 742 F.2d 1156, 1159 (9th Cir. 1984)). In determining whether to grant a preliminary injunction under Section 13(b), a court need only (1) determine the likelihood that the Commission will ultimately succeed on the merits and (2) balance the equities." Id.

IV. DISCUSSION

The FTC argues it is entitled to injunctive relief because Defendants² violate the FTCA and the CRFA. The Court proceeds to analyze the FTC's likelihood of success on the merits with respect to both claims, then proceeds to balance the equities. Finally, the Court considers whether the scope of injunctive relief requested by the FTC is appropriate.

A. <u>Likelihood of Success on the Merits</u>

1. FTCA

Section 5 of the FTCA prohibits "unfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce." 15 U.S.C. § 45(a)(1). The FTC alleges Defendants have engaged in both unfair methods of competition and deceptive acts under the FTCA. The Court addresses each theory of liability in turn.

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² Despite the two LLCs being separate entities, and Ferman being a separate individual, there does not appear to be any dispute that Defendants may all be liable for injunctive relief due to their collective participation in a common enterprise. See FTC v. Grant Connect, LLC, 763 F.3d 1094, 1105 (9th Cir. 2014); FTC v. Network Servs. Depot, Inc., 617 F.3d 1127, 1138 n.9 (9th Cir. 2010). Accordingly, the Court does not consider whether injunctive relief is appropriate against specific defendants, and instead considers whether injunctive relief is appropriate against Defendants as a group.

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a. Unfair Methods of Competition

The FTC alleges Defendants violate the FTCA by charging consumers for fees without obtaining their express, informed consent. A practice is unfair under the FTCA where it "causes or is likely to cause substantial injury to consumers [that] is not reasonably avoidable by consumers themselves and not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or to competition." 15 U.S.C. § 45(n).

Here, the FTC has presented evidence that, among other allegedly unfair acts of competition, Defendants inflate their fees by securing more credit than their customers want. In one instance, a customer told Defendants' representative that he needed access to \$40,000 in cash to purchase a trailer for his trucking company. (Severino Decl. ¶ 2, ECF No. 8-17.) Defendants told him that they could secure \$50,000 to \$60,000 and ultimately sent him an invoice indicating they had secured more than \$60,000 in credit, with 10% of the credit payable to Defendants as a fee. (*Id.* ¶ 5, Attach. E.) It is well settled that billing customers for unauthorized charges causes substantial injury. *See FTC v. Amazon.com, Inc.*, 2016 WL 10654030, at *8 (W.D. Wash. July 22, 2016) (collecting cases). And the FTC has presented evidence that customers cannot reasonably avoid the injury. In fact, one consumer objected to Defendants' seeking more credit than she requested, but Defendants proceeded anyway. (Weaver Decl. ¶¶ 5, 10, ECF No. 8-5 (customer notes that she told Defendants' representative she needed \$28,000, rejected the representative's \$80,000 offer, and received a funding estimate for \$60,000 to \$80,000 anyway).) Moreover, neither consumers nor competition benefit when consumers are charged for more than they authorize.

Accordingly, the FTC has demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits with respect to its claim that Defendants engage in unfair methods of competition under the FTCA by charging consumers for fees without obtaining their express, informed consent.

b. Deceptive Acts

An act is deceptive under the FTCA if (1) there is a representation, omission, or practice that, (2) is likely to mislead consumers acting reasonably under the circumstances, and (3) the representation, omission, or practice is material. FTC v. Pantron I Corp., 33 F.3d 1088, 1095 (9th Cir. 1994). In assessing whether a representation or practice is likely to mislead consumers, a court may consider the overall "net impression" conveyed by the representation. FTC v. Cyberspace. Com, LLC, 453 F.3d 1196, 1200 (9th Cir. 2006) ("A solicitation may be likely to mislead by virtue of the net impression it creates even though the solicitation also contains truthful disclosures."). Evidence of past deception is "highly probative to show that a practice is likely to mislead consumers acting reasonably under the circumstances." Id. at 1201.

Here, the FTC alleges Defendants misrepresent that: (1) they procure loans or lines of credit for customers when they actually obtain credit cards; (2) they have relationships with lenders; (3) they offer

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credit cards with "line of credit capability"; (4) they offer specific favorable financing terms, like 0% APR; (5) they charge no fees until their customer receive funding; (6) using their services will not harm their customers' credit scores; and (7) their reviews are truthful. Defendants do not dispute making these representations. Nor do they dispute that these statements are material. Indeed, express claims about the nature of a defendant's services are presumed material. See Pantron I Corp., 33 F.3d at 1095–96. Instead, they dispute only whether the representations were false or misleading. The Court analyzes each representation in turn.

Loans vs. Credit Cards

The FTC alleges Defendants misrepresent that they procure loans or lines of credit. Defendants admit that they marketed their services with statements like: "Need a Business Startup Loan?," "Instant Loan Pre-Approval," and "Best Business Startup Loans of 2024" (Answer ¶¶ 21, 23, ECF No. 24) despite the fact that their "simple and straightforward" business model primarily involves securing "business and personal credit cards" for their customers. (Ferman Decl. ¶ 9, ECF No. 39-1.) The FTC has also submitted various declarations from consumers indicating they were misled by Defendants into believing Defendants could help them secure loans or lines of credit, only to later find out that Defendants' business revolved around securing credit cards. (See, e.g., Barker Decl. ¶ 16, ECF No. 30-4.)

Defendants argue that advertising business loans and lines of credit but offering credit cards is not misleading because their paperwork clearly reveals that they secure credit cards and their representatives eventually disclose that they secure credit cards during phone calls with customers. In support of this argument, Defendants provide excerpted transcripts from phone calls between the FTC's declarants and their representatives where the representatives disclose the credit card funding model.

The fact is, however, subsequent disclosures do not necessarily cure an initial deception. FTC v. Resort Car Rental Sys., 518 F.2d 962, 964 (9th Cir. 1975). The FTCA "is violated if [the defendant] induces the first contact through deception, even if the buyer later becomes fully informed before entering the contract." Id. At minimum, the FTC has presented sufficient evidence that Defendants got customers in the door by advertising loans and lines of credit only to later explain that they help customers obtain credit cards. Cf. FTC v. DIRECTV, Inc., 2018 WL 3911196, at *15 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 16, 2018) (no misleading net impression where the FTC could not show that defendant's advertisements were a deceptive door opener). That is misleading.

Accordingly, the FTC has demonstrated it is likely to succeed on the merits of its claim that Defendants violate the FTCA by misrepresenting that they procure loans or lines of credit.

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ii. Relationships with Lenders

The FTC alleges Defendants misrepresent their relationships with lenders. To that end, the FTC has presented evidence that Defendants flaunt their purported "relationships" with banks and lenders to give customers the impression that using their service provides unique benefits that are unavailable to the general public. In one instance, Defendants told a customer they had "special relationships" and "special bargaining power" with "partners" that could get him the funding he needed despite the fact that his business had "no depth or weight to it." (Robinson Decl. ¶ 7, ECF No. 8-11.) Defendants also told him they offer "special funding" no other company has access to. (*Id.*)

The FTC has also presented evidence that this is not true. In fact, Defendants' former Director of Banking Relations Ryan Roth explains in his declaration that Defendants intentionally *obscure* their role when dealing with banks on customers' behalf to avoid raising the banks' suspicions. (Roth Decl. ¶ 19, ECF No. 8-21.) According to Roth, Defendants' "secret strategy" to get customers approved for funding is to simply lie on the credit card applications by exaggerating income and other information about the applicant to deceive lenders. (*Id.* ¶ 13.)

Defendants argue there is no misrepresentation because they have relationships with major credit card issuers wherein they "match and refer" clients to the banks and receive financial compensation in exchange. (Opp'n at 5, ECF No. 39.) Whether Defendants leverage these types of relationships for their own benefit is immaterial. Defendants' representations mislead consumers into believing that these relationships benefit the consumer in tangible ways. And there is no evidence in the record this is true. Thus, these statements are misleading.

Accordingly, FTC has demonstrated it is likely to succeed on the merits of its claim that Defendants violate the FTCA by misrepresenting their relationships with lenders.

iii. Line of Credit Capability

The FTC alleges that in the instances when Defendants tell consumers they secure credit cards, they misrepresent that the cards function like a line of credit. Defendants admit that when they tell customers they acquire credit cards, they describe the credit cards as having "line of credit capability." (Answer ¶ 38.) The FTC has also presented evidence that Defendants do not obtain credit cards that function like a line of credit, which provides access to cash. (See, e.g., Munoz Decl. ¶ 11, Attach. D., ECF No 8-3 ("Neither credit card provided [my] business with a revolving line of credit allowing access to cash as promised.").)

Defendants argue that advertising "line of credit capability" is not misleading. To support their argument, they point to a declaration by expert witness Andrea Lorberbaum, who testifies that Defendants' use of the term "line of credit capability" is accurate in part because customers are able to

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obtain cash up to the credit card's limit using the cards' balance transfer feature. (Lorberbaum Decl. ¶¶ 8–11, ECF No. 39-15.) This argument falls flat. Defendants acknowledge that not all of the credit cards they obtain for their clients have that feature. (Opp'n at 3 (noting that "[a]lmost all of the cards" have a balance transfer feature that allows access to cash) (emphasis added).) The fact that some have that feature does not make Defendants' indiscriminate use of the term "credit cards with line of credit capability" nondeceptive. The record indicates that consumers reasonably misinterpret "line of credit capability" to mean Defendants' credit cards operate like a line of credit and provide access to cash. That is not always true. Thus, "line of credit capability" is misleading.

Accordingly, FTC has demonstrated it is likely to succeed on the merits of its claim that Defendants violate the FTCA by advertising "line of credit capability."

iv. Financing Terms

The FTC alleges Defendants misrepresent that they offer specific financing terms. The record shows that Defendants' representatives routinely advertise certain specific favorable financing terms, like zero percent APR for a certain period, but do not always deliver. For example, Defendants' representative told a customer they would obtain a line of credit with 0% APR for 24 months. (Depuy Decl. ¶¶ 4, 6, ECF No. 8-2.) After the customer signed up for Defendants' services, Defendants' representative told her that some (not all) of the cards they had obtained for her had a "fantastic 12-month no interest plan." (*Id.* ¶ 15.) Defendants do not appear to dispute that falsely advertising specific financing terms is misleading.

Accordingly, the FTC has demonstrated it is likely to succeed on the merits of its claim that Defendants violate the FTCA by falsely advertising favorable financing terms.

v. No Fees Until Funding

The FTC alleges Defendants misrepresent that they charge no fees until their customers receive funding. Defendants admit that they tell clients they do not charge upfront fees, that fees are results based, and that no costs are incurred until funding is approved. (Answer ¶ 41.) They also admit that they charge an "early termination fee" for customers who decide not to proceed with their services after a certain period of time. (*Id.* ¶ 49.) Moreover, the FTC has submitted evidence that consumers are misled by this practice. (*See, e.g.*, Bugbee Decl., Attach. P at 70, ECF No. 8-28 ("I'm receiving harassing calls from [Defendants] saying I owe them a fee for early termination. The consultant said several times they do not charge you anything unless they get you business funding. Once again I never received a cent from them.").)

Defendants argue that the early termination fee does not make their "No Upfront Fees" representation misleading because they prominently disclose the early termination fee in red font on the

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front page of their funding estimate agreement. This argument is not convincing. The FTC has presented substantial evidence that Defendants' customers are rushed to sign the funding estimate agreement, often without first reviewing it. (See, e.g., Severino Decl. ¶ 6 (customer notes that he received Defendants' funding estimate agreement while driving, explained that he was on the road and could not read it, but nonetheless felt pressured to sign the agreement while on the phone)). Thus, the misrepresentation is not cured by the disclosure in the funding estimate agreement. See FTC v. Am. Fin. Benefits Ctr., 2018 WL 11354861, at *9–10 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 29, 2018) (misrepresentations not cured by disclosures in contracts consumers were rushed to e-sign at the end of sales calls).

Accordingly, the FTC has demonstrated it is likely to succeed on the merits of its claim that Defendants violate the FTCA by misleadingly advertising that they charge no upfront fees.

vi. Credit Score Impact

The FTC alleges Defendants misrepresent that the credit applications they submit on behalf of their customers will not harm their credit scores. Defendants admit they advertise online that their services will not affect customers' credit scores. (Answer ¶ 23.) In reality, customers are often shocked when they see significant drops in their credit scores after engaging Defendants. (See, e.g., Depuy Decl. ¶ 19 (customer notes that her credit score dropped 63 points because of Defendants' credit applications).)

Defendants argue their representations regarding the impact of their services on customers' credit scores are not misleading because their representatives eventually tell customers that their credit score may drop. Once again, Defendants point to excerpted call transcripts between the FTC's declarants and their representatives and highlight where the representatives disclose the credit score risks. As discussed above, the FTCA "is violated if [the defendant] induces the first contact through deception, even if the buyer later becomes fully informed before entering the contract." *Resort Car Rental Sys.*, 518 F.2d at 964. Defendants cannot lure customers by misrepresenting that their services will not harm credit scores and avoid liability by later telling them the opposite.

Accordingly, the FTC has demonstrated it is likely to succeed on the merits of its claim that Defendants violate the FTCA by advertising that their services will not harm their customers' credit scores.

vii. Customer Reviews

The FTC alleges Defendants misrepresent that their customer reviews are truthful. In support of this allegation, the FTC submits evidence that Defendants either pressure consumers into leaving positive reviews before they have received any services or submit favorable reviews on their own. (Bugbee Decl. ¶¶ 109, 112, ECF No. 8-24.) In their Opposition, Defendants confirm that they solicit

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reviews from customers but raise no meaningful objection to the FTC's evidence that the reviews are untruthful.

Accordingly, the FTC has demonstrated it is likely to succeed on the merits of its claim that Defendants violate the FTCA by misrepresenting that their customer reviews are truthful.

To summarize, the FTC has demonstrated it is likely to succeed on the merits of its claim that Defendants violate the FTCA by engaging in both unfair methods of competition and deceptive acts.

2. CRFA

The CRFA prohibits offering a form contract that prohibits or restricts the ability of consumers to leave reviews. 15 U.S.C. § 45b (b), (c). Here, the FTC has presented evidence that Defendants' "Verification and Compliance Questionnaire" contains a provision barring consumers from posting negative online reviews about Defendants for three years. (Munoz Decl., Attach. D.)

Accordingly, the FTC has demonstrated it is likely to succeed on the merits of its claim that Defendants violate the CRFA by offering a form contract that restricts the ability of consumers to leave reviews regarding their services.

B. Weighing the Equities

Although the court weighs both the private and public interests in deciding whether to grant a preliminary injunction, the public interests "receive far greater weight." *Warner Commc'ns Inc.*, 742 F.2d at 1165. "When the Commission demonstrates a likelihood of ultimate success, a countershowing of private equities alone does not justify denial of a preliminary injunction." *Id.*

Here, Defendants argue that the balance of the equities favors them because they stopped utilizing the objectionable practices discussed above, making an injunction unnecessary and the risk of further injury to the public obsolete. Conversely, they argue that entering the FTC's requested injunction would effectively put them out of business. The Court disagrees for two reasons.

First, the fact that Defendants allegedly discontinued their objectionable practices does not make an injunction any less necessary. Although Defendants conveniently omit precisely when they stopped violating the law, the FTC maintains that Defendants changed their practices *after* being threatened with FTC intervention. (Reply at 9, ECF No. 42.) "[C]ourts have repeatedly held that defendants' cessation of violations as a direct result of government intervention is treated as if the violations never stopped—or, at a minimum, are imminently about to recur." *United States v. MyLife.com, Inc.*, 499 F. Supp. 3d 757, 767 (C.D. Cal. 2020). As persuasively argued by the FTC, Defendants have taken in over \$37 million from consumers over the past three years as a result of their deceptive scheme, and nothing prohibits

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them from reversing any recent changes to their practices at any time. In fact, the sheer number of misrepresentations at issue in this case gives rise to a fair inference of continued violations absent restraint. FTC v. Sw. Sunsites, Inc., 665 F.2d 711, 723 (5th Cir. 1982).

Second, as discussed above, the FTC has demonstrated a substantial likelihood of success on the merits, so the risk of putting Defendants out of business is not sufficient on its own to deny injunctive relief. *Warner Commc'ns Inc.*, 742 F.2d at 1165.

Accordingly, the balance of the equities weighs in favor of injunctive relief.

C. Scope of Injunctive Relief

A district court has the authority to grant preliminary and permanent injunctive relief pursuant to Section 13(b) of the FTCA and Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *H. N. Singer, Inc.*, 668 F.2d at 1111. In actions brought under Section 13(b) of the FTC Act, a court may exercise the full breadth of its equitable powers to order such ancillary relief as may be necessary to accomplish complete justice. *Id.* at 1111–13.

Here, Defendants represent that they "agreed to stipulate to the same preliminary injunction sought by the FTC, save for one term—the FTC's [] demand that [Defendants] be prohibited from contacting any of [their] past or current clients." (Opp'n at 3.) They argue this provision of the FTC's proposed preliminary injunction is overbroad, unnecessary, and would effectively put them out of business. Once again, the Court disagrees.

The FTC has presented evidence that despite allegedly ceasing their objectionable practices, Defendants continue to unlawfully collect on invoices they issued to customers who fell victim to their deceptive scheme, threatening them with legal action if they do not pay up immediately. (*See, e.g.*, Ferdon Decl. ¶ 20, ECF No. 30-3.) The Court is persuaded that restricting Defendants from contacting its customers is necessary to mitigate consumer harm pending trial.

Accordingly, the scope of the injunction requested by FTC is appropriate and necessary.

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Court **GRANTS** the FTC's Motion for Preliminary Injunction. The terms of the injunction are as follows:

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DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. "Asset" means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to, any property, wherever located and by whomever held.
- B. "Consumer" means any natural person, an organization or other legal entity, including a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited liability company, association, cooperative, or any other group or combination actings as an entity.
- C. "Corporate Defendant(s)" means Seek Capital, LLC, also doing business as Seek Business Capital and SBC Business, and each of their subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns.
- D. "Defendants" means Corporate Defendants and Individual Defendants, individually, collectively, or in any combination.
- E. "Document" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of "document" and "electronically stored information" in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a), Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a), and includes writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, sound and video recordings, images, Internet sites, web pages, websites, electronic correspondence, incluing e-mail and instant messages, contracts, accounting data, advertisements, FTP Logs, Server Access Logs, books, written or printed records, handwritten notes, telephone logs, telephone scripts, transcripts of calls, receipt books, ledgers, personal and business canceled checks and check registers, bank statements, appointment books, computer records, customer or sales databases and any other electronically stored information, including Documents located on remote servers or cloud computing systems, and other data or data compilations from which information can be obtained directly or, if necessary, after translation into a reasonably usable form. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of the term.
- F. "Electronic Data Host" means any person or entity in the business of storing, hosting, or otherwise maintaining electronically stored information. This includes, but is not limited to, any entity hosting a website or server, and any entity providing "cloud based" electronic storage.
- G. "Individual Defendant" means Roy Ferman.

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PROHIBITED CONDUCT

- I. IT IS ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or indirectly, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promoting, or offering for sale of any goods or services, are preliminarily restrained and enjoined from:
- A. Misrepresenting, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication:
 - a. That Defendants obtain business loans or business lines of credit for Consumers;
 - b. That Defendants have relationships with lenders;
 - That Defendants offer credit cards with line of credit capability;
 - d. That Defendants offer specific financing terms, like 0% APR for 18 or 24 months;
 - e. That Defendants charge no fees until funding;
 - f. That Defendants' applications will not harm Consumers' credit scores;
 - g. That Consumers have authorized the charges on their invoice;
 - h. That reviews of Seek were truthful reviews by actual users of Defendants' services; and
 - Any other fact material to Consumers concerning any good or service such as the total costs; any material restrictions, limitations, or conditions; or any material aspect of its performance, efficacy, nature, or central characteristics.
- B. Billing Consumers for fees without having previously obtained express, informed consent, and having created and maintained a record of such consent;
- C. Prohibiting or restricting any Consumer, potential purchaser, or investor from communicating reviews, performance assessments, and similar analyses about Defendants' products or services, or the conduct of Defendants; or threatening or imposing a penalty or fee against any Consumer, potential purchaser, or investor who engages in such communications.

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PROHIBITION ON RELEASE OF CUSTOMER INFORMATION

- II. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby preliminarily restrained and enjoined from:
- A. Selling, renting, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disclosing the name, address, birth date, telephone number, email address, credit card number, bank account number, Social Security number, or other financial or identifying information of any Person that any Defendant obtained in connection with any activity that pertains to the subject matter of this Order; and
- B. Benefitting from or using the name, address, birth date, telephone number, email address, credit card number, bank account number, Social Security number, or other financial or identifying information of any Person that any Defendant obtained in connection with any activity that pertains to the subject matter of this Order.
- C. Provided, however, that Defendants may disclose such identifying information to a law enforcement agency, to their attorneys as required for their defense, as required by any law, regulation, or court order, or in any filings, pleadings, or discovery in this action in the manner required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and by any protective order in the case.

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

- III. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that each Defendant, within ten (10) calendar days of service of this Order upon them, shall prepare and deliver to FTC counsel:
- A. Completed financial statements on the forms attached to this Order as **Attachment A**(Financial Statement of Individual Defendant) for Individual Defendant, and **Attachment B** (Financial Statement of Corporate Defendant) for each Corporate Defendant; and
- B. Completed **Attachment** C (IRS Form 4506, Request for Copy of a Tax Return) for each Defendant.
- C. The following information about the Corporate Defendants: (1) total gross monthly revenue from November 2021 to date, (2) gross monthly revenue from November 2021 to date by source, including but not limited to consumer payments for credit card services, consumer payments for other services, sale of leads or payments for referrals, (3) total

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gross expenses on a monthly basis from November 2021 to date; (4) gross expenditures on a monthly basis per category from November 2021 to date, including but not limited to payroll, advertising, marketing, utilities, and property leases.

CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS

IV. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the FTC may obtain credit reports concerning any Defendant pursuant to Section 604(a)(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681b(a)(1), and that, upon written request, any credit reporting agency from which such reports are requested shall provide them to the FTC.

PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

- V. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:
- A. Destroying, erasing, falsifying, writing over, mutilating, concealing, altering, transferring, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, directly or indirectly, Documents that relate to:
 (1) the business, business practices, Assets, or business or personal finances of any Defendant; (2) the business practices or finances of entities directly under the control of any Defendant; or (3) the business practices or finances of entities directly or indirectly under common control with any other Defendant; and
- B. Failing to create and maintain Documents that, in reasonable detail, accurately, fairly, and completely reflect Defendants' incomes, disbursements, transactions, and use of Defendants' Assets.

MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ORDER

IX. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for purposes of monitoring compliance with this Order, the FTC is authorized to use all lawful means, including, but not limited to, posing as consumers and businesses to Defendants, their employees, or any other entity managed or controlled in whole or in part by any Defendant, without the necessity of identification or prior notice.

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REPORT OF NEW BUSINESS ACTIVITY

VI. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from creating, operating, or exercising any control over any business entity, whether newly formed or previously inactive, including any partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, or corporation, without first providing FTC counsel with a written statement disclosing: (1) the name of the business entity; (2) the address and telephone number of the business entity; (3) the names of the business entity's officers, directors, principals, managers, and employees; and (4) a detailed description of the business entity's intended activities.

DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS

VII. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall provide a copy of this Order to each affiliate, telemarketer, marketer, sales entity, successor, assign, member, officer, director, employee, agent, independent contractor, client, attorney, spouse, subsidiary, division, and representative of any Defendant within three (3) days from the date of entry of this Order, and provide the FTC with a sworn statement that this provision of the Order has been satisfied, which statement shall include the names, physical addresses, phone number, and email addresses of each such person or entity who received a copy of the Order. Furthermore, Defendants shall not take any action that would encourage officers, agents, members, directors, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, assigns or other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them to disregard this Order or believe that they are not bound by its provisions.

EXPEDITED DISCOVERY

VIII. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d) and (f) and 30(a)(2)(A)(iii), and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a), 33, 34, and 45, the FTC is granted leave, at any time after service of this Order, to conduct limited expedited discovery for the purpose of discovering: (1) the nature, location, status, and extent of Defendants' Assets; (2) the nature, location, and extent of Defendants' business transactions and operations; (3) Documents reflecting Defendants' business transactions and operations; or (4) compliance with this Order. The limited expedited discovery set forth in this Section shall proceed as follows:

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- A. The FTC may take the deposition of parties and non-parties. Forty-eight (48) hours' notice shall be sufficient notice for such depositions. The limitations and conditions set forth in Rules 30(a)(2)(A) and 31(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure regarding subsequent depositions of an individual shall not apply to depositions taken pursuant to this Section. Any such deposition taken pursuant to this Section shall not be counted towards the deposition limit set forth in Rules 30(a)(2)(A) and 31(a)(2)(A) and depositions may be taken by telephone or other remote electronic means;
- B. The FTC may serve upon parties requests for production of Documents or inspection that require production or inspection within five (5) days of service, *provided*, *however*, that three (3) days of notice shall be deemed sufficient for the production of any such Documents that are maintained or stored only in an electronic format;
- C. The FTC may serve upon parties interrogatories that require response within five (5) days after the FTC serves such interrogatories;
- D. The FTC may serve subpoenas upon non-parties that direct production or inspection within five (5) days of service;
- E. Service of discovery upon a party to this action, taken pursuant to this Section, shall be sufficient if made by facsimile, email, or by overnight delivery;
- F. Any expedited discovery taken pursuant to this Section is in addition to, and is not subject to, the limits on discovery set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court. The expedited discovery permitted by this Section does not require a meeting or conference of the parties, pursuant to Rules 26(d) & (f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

SERVICE OF THIS ORDER

IX. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order as well as the Motion for Preliminary Injunction and all other pleadings, Documents, and exhibits filed contemporaneously with that Motion (other than the complaint and summons), may be served by any means, including facsimile transmission, electronic mail or other electronic messaging, personal or overnight delivery, U.S. Mail or FedEx, by agents and employees of the FTC, by any law enforcement agency, or by private process server, upon any Defendant or any person (including any financial institution) that may have possession, custody or control of any Asset or Document of any Defendant, or that may be subject to any provision of this Order pursuant to Rule 65(d)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil

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	Procedure. For purposes of this Section, service upon an office of any entity shall effect service upon the entire en		subsidiary, affiliate or						
	CORRESPONDENCE AND SERVICE O	N THE F	ΓC						
X.	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of this Order, all correspondence and service of pleadings on the FTC shall be addressed to Maya Sequeira, Katherine Worthman, and Laura Antonini, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Mail Drop CC-10232, Washington, D.C. 20580, email msequeira@ftc.gov, kworthman@ftc.gov, and lantonini@ftc.gov.								
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XI.	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that that this Court shall for all purposes.	retain juris	sdiction of this matter						

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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ATTACHMENT A

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT

Definitions and Instructions:

- 1. Complete all items. Enter "None" or "N/A" ("Not Applicable") in the first field only of any item that does not apply to you. If you cannot fully answer a question, explain why.
- 2. "Dependents" include your spouse, live-in companion, dependent children, or any other person, whom you or your spouse (or your children's other parent) claimed or could have claimed as a dependent for tax purposes at any time during the past five years.
- 3. "Assets" and "Liabilities" include ALL assets and liabilities, located within the United States or any foreign country or territory, whether held individually or jointly and whether held by you, your spouse, or your dependents, or held by others for the benefit of you, your spouse, or your dependents.
- 4. Attach continuation pages as needed. On the financial statement, state next to the Item number that the Item is being continued. On the continuation page(s), identify the Item number(s) being continued.
- 5. Type or print legibly.
- 6. Initial each page in the space provided in the lower right corner.
- 7. Sign and date the completed financial statement on the last page.

Penalty for False Information:

Federal law provides that any person may be imprisoned for not more than five years, fined, or both, if such person:

- (1) "in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or devise a material fact; makes any materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation; or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry" (18 U.S.C. § 1001);
- (2) "in any . . . statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code, willfully subscribes as true any material matter which he does not believe to be true" (18 U.S.C. § 1621); or
- (3) "in any (. . . statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code) in any proceeding before or ancillary to any court or grand jury of the United States knowingly makes any false material declaration or makes or uses any other information . . . knowing the same to contain any false material declaration" (18 U.S.C. § 1623).

For a felony conviction under the provisions cited above, federal law provides that the fine may be not more than the greater of (i) \$250,000 for an individual or \$500,000 for a corporation, or (ii) if the felony results in pecuniary gain to any person or pecuniary loss to any person other than the defendant, the greater of twice the gross gain or twice the gross loss. 18 U.S.C. § 3571.

BACKGROUN	ID INFORMATIO	N			
Item 1. Information About You					
Full Name	Social Security No.				
Current Address of Primary Residence	Driver's License No.	State Issued			
	Phone Numbers	Date of Birth: / /			
	Home: ()	(mm/dd/yyyy) Place of Birth			
Rent Own From (Date): / /	Fax: () E-Mail Address				
(mm/dd/yyyy) Internet Home Page					
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Previous Addresses for past five years (if required, use additional	l pages at end of form)				
Address		From: / / Until: / / (mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)			
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Address		From: / / Until: / /			
		☐Rent ☐Own			
Address		From: / / Until: / /			
Identify any other name(s) and/or social security number(s) you have use	d, and the time period(s) d	Rent Own Iuring which they			
were used:					
Item 2. Information About Your Spouse or Live-In Com	nanion				
Spouse/Companion's Name	Social Security No.	Date of Birth			
		/ / (mm/dd/yyyy)			
Address (if different from yours)	Phone Number ()	Place of Birth			
	Rent Own	From (Date): / / (mm/dd/yyyy)			
Identify any other name(s) and/or social security number(s) you have use	d, and the time period(s) o				
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Employer's Name and Address	Job Title				
	Years in Present Job	Annual Gross Salary/Wages \$			
Item 3. Information About Your Previous Spouse					
Name and Address		Social Security No.			
	Date of Birth				
	(mm/dd/yyyy)				
Item 4. Contact Information (name and address of closest living	g relative other than your s	pouse)			
Name and Address		Phone Number			

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Item 5. Information About Dependents (whether	ner or not	they reside w	ith you)				
Name and Address		Social Secu	rity No.	Date of Birth			
				/ / (mm/dd/yyyy)			
	Relationship)	(
Name and Address		Social Secu	rity No.	Date of Birth			
				/ / (mm/dd/yyyy)			
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Name and Address			Date of Birth				
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		Relationship)	(mm/dd/yyyy)			
Name and Address		Social Secu	rity No.	Date of Birth			
				(mm/dd/yyyy)			
		Relationship					
Item 6. Employment Information/Employment I Provide the following information for this year-to-date and for ear officer, member, partner, employee (including self-employment) period. "Income" includes, but is not limited to, any salary, com royalties, and benefits for which you did not pay (e.g., health inson your behalf.	ach of the), agent, o missions,	previous five owner, shareho, distributions,	older, contractor, particip draws, consulting fees,	oant or consultant at loans, loan paymen	any time during that ts, dividends,		
Company Name and Address		Dates E	mployed	Income Received: Y-T-D & 5 Prior Yrs.			
				Year	Income		
	From (I	Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)		Φ.		
Ownership Interest? ☐ Yes ☐ No		,	1	20	\$ \$		
Positions Held	From (I	Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)	-	\$		
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Ownership Interest? ☐ Yes ☐ No				20	\$		
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			To (Month/Year)				
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Ownership Interest?				_	\$		
Positions Held	From (I	Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)		\$		
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Item 7. Pending Lawsuits Fi List all pending lawsuits that have bee any foreign country or territory. Note: resulted in final judgments or settleme	en filed by or against you or your spou At Item 12, list lawsuits that resulted	use in any court	or before	e an administi ettlements in y	rative ag our favo	ency in the United or. At Item 21, list I	States or in awsuits that
Caption of Proceeding	Court or Agency and Location	Case No.		ature of	Re	lief Requested	Status or
			Pro	ceeding		· ·	Disposition
Item 8. Safe Deposit Boxes List all safe deposit boxes, located wit you, your spouse, or any of your depe	hin the United States or in any foreig ndents, or held by others for the ben	n country or ter efit of you, your	ritory, wh spouse,	ether held inc or any of you	dividually r depend	or jointly and whe	ther held by
Name of Owner(s)	Name & Address of Depos	sitory Institution		Box No	٥.	Conte	ents
						Ini	tials:

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REMINDER: When an item asks for information regarding your "assets" and "liabilities" include <u>ALL</u> assets and liabilities, located within the United States or in any foreign country or territory, or institution, whether held individually or jointly, and whether held by you, your spouse, or any of your dependents, or held by others for the benefit of you, your spouse, or any of your dependents. In addition, provide all documents requested in Item 24 with your completed Financial Statement.

ASSETS

Item 9. Cash, Bank, and Money Market Accounts

List cash on hand (as opposed to cash in bank accounts or other financial accounts) and all bank accounts, money market accounts, or other financial accounts, including but not limited to checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit. The term "cash on hand" includes but is not limited to cash in the form of currency, uncashed checks, and money orders.

a. Amount of Cash on Hand \$			form of Cash on Hand					
Name & Address of Finance	cial Institution		Account	Current Balance				
					\$			
					\$			
					\$			
					\$			
					\$			
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ncluding but not limited to, stocks, stoc	ck options, corporate b ipal bonds. Also list ar	onds, mutu ny U.S. savi	ial funds, L ings bonds	J.S. governm	ent securities (including			
	Issuer	,			No. of Units Owned			
	Dualian Assault	NI-						
	Current Fair Ma \$	Current Fair Market Value Loan(s) Agair \$			ainst Security			
	Issuer		Type of \$	Security	No. of Units Owned			
	Broker Account	No.						
			. ,					
Owner of Security			Issuer Type of Security					
Broker House, Address		Broker Account No.						
	Current Fair Ma \$	rket Value		Loan(s) Ag	ainst Security			
	Name & Address of Finance Securities Including but not limited to, stocks, stocks	Name & Address of Financial Institution Securities noluding but not limited to, stocks, stock options, corporate by treasury notes), and state and municipal bonds. Also list ar Issuer Broker Account Current Fair Ma \$ Issuer Broker Account Current Fair Ma \$ Issuer Broker Account Current Fair Ma	Name & Address of Financial Institution Securities Including but not limited to, stocks, stock options, corporate bonds, mutual treasury notes), and state and municipal bonds. Also list any U.S. sav Issuer Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value \$ Issuer Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value \$ Issuer Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value \$ Issuer Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value \$ Issuer	Name & Address of Financial Institution Securities Including but not limited to, stocks, stock options, corporate bonds, mutual funds, but the treasury notes), and state and municipal bonds. Also list any U.S. savings bonds are lissuer Issuer Type of Securities Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value Securities Issuer Type of Securities Issuer Type of Securities Issuer Type of Securities Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value Securities Issuer Type of Securities Issuer Issuer Type of Securities Issuer Issuer Type of Securities Issuer I	Name & Address of Financial Institution Account No. Securities Current Fair Market Value Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value Security Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value Security Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value Security Broker Account No. Current Fair Market Value Broker Account No.			

Item 11. Non-Public Business and Financial Interests List all non-public business and financial interests, including but not limited to any interest in a non-public corporation, subchapter-S corporation, limited liability corporation ("LLC"), general or limited partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, international business corporation or personal investment corporation, and oil or mineral lease.									
Entity's Name & Address	Type of Bus Interest (e.g.			Owner (e.g., self, spouse)		se)	Ownersh %		officer, Director, Member or Partner, Exact Title
Item 12. Amounts Owed to You, Your			pender	nts					
Debtor's Name & Address	Date Obligation Incurred (Month/Year) / Current Amount Owed		s ju		Nature of Obligation (if the result of a final cour judgment or settlement, provide court name and docket number)				
Debtor's Telephone	Debtor's Rela	tionship to	You						
Debtor's Name & Address	Date Obli Incurred (Mo	onth/Year)	\$ j		Nature of Obligation (if the result of a final court judgment or settlement, provide court name and docket number)				
	Current Amou		Payment Schedule \$						
Debtor's Telephone	Debtor's Rela	You							
Item 13. Life Insurance Policies List all life insurance policies (including endowmen	t policies) with	any cash sı	ırrender v	alue.					
Insurance Company's Name, Address, & Telephon	e No.	Beneficiary			Policy No.			Face Value \$	
		Insured			Loans Against Policy \$		nst Policy	Surrender Value \$	
Insurance Company's Name, Address, & Telephon	e No.	Beneficiary			Policy No.			Face Value \$	
		Insured			Loans Against Policy \$		nst Policy	Surrender Value \$	
Item 14. Deferred Income Arrangement List all deferred income arrangements, including but other retirement accounts, and college savings plants.	ut not limited to	, deferred a	nnuities, p	pensions pla	ıns, pro	ofit-sh	aring plan	s, 401(k)	plans, IRAs, Keoghs,
Trustee or Administrator's Name, Address & Telephone No.			Name or	n Account		Acc		Account	No.
			Date Est / / (mm/dd/		Туре	of Pla	an	1	nder Value before and Penalties
Trustee or Administrator's Name, Address & Telep	hone No.		Name on Account					Account	No.
			Date Est	tablished	Туре	of Pla	an		nder Value before s and Penalties

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Item 15. Pending Insurance Payments or Inheritances List any pending insurance payments or inheritances owed to you. Amount Expected Date Expected (mm/dd/yyyy) Type \$ / \$ \$ Item 16. Vehicles List all cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles. Registered Owner's Name Purchase Price Original Loan Amount **Current Balance** Vehicle Type Year Monthly Payment Make Registration State & No. Current Value Account/Loan No. \$ Address of Vehicle's Location Model Lender's Name and Address Registered Owner's Name Purchase Price Original Loan Amount Current Balance Vehicle Type Year Make Registration State & No. Current Value Monthly Payment Account/Loan No. \$ \$ Model Address of Vehicle's Location Lender's Name and Address Vehicle Type Year Registered Owner's Name Purchase Price Original Loan Amount Current Balance \$ Make Registration State & No. Account/Loan No. Current Value Monthly Payment Model Address of Vehicle's Location Lender's Name and Address Purchase Price Current Balance Vehicle Type Year Registered Owner's Name Original Loan Amount \$ Account/Loan No. Monthly Payment Current Value Make Registration State & No. Model Address of Vehicle's Location Lender's Name and Address Item 17. Other Personal Property List all other personal property not listed in Items 9-16 by category, whether held for personal use, investment or any other reason, including but not limited to coins, stamps, artwork, gemstones, jewelry, bullion, other collectibles, copyrights, patents, and other intellectual property. Property Category Name of Owner **Property Location** Acquisition Cost Current Value (e.g., artwork, jewelry) \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

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Item 18. Real Property List all real property interests (including	any land contract)	#.3.	194				
Property's Location	Type of Property		Name(s) on Title or Contrac	t and Ownership	Percentages		
Acquisition Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Pur	chase Price	Cur \$	rent Value	Basis of Valuati	on		
		or Account	i No.	Current Balance On First Mortgage or Contract \$ Monthly Payment \$			
Other Mortgage Loan(s) (describe)		Monthly Pa	yment	Rental Unit			
		\$ Current Bal \$		Monthly Rent R			
Property's Location	Type of Property		Name(s) on Title or Contrac	t and Ownership	Percentages		
Acquisition Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Pur	chase Price	Cur \$	rent Value	Basis of Valuation			
Lender's Name and Address Loan			No.	Current Balance On First Mortgage or Contract \$ Monthly Payment			
				\$			
Other Mortgage Loan(s) (describe)		Monthly Pa \$	yment	Rental Unit			
		Current Bal	lance	Monthly Rent Received \$			
		LIABI	LITIES				
Item 19. Credit Cards List each credit card account held by yo whether issued by a United States or fo	u, your spouse, or your do	ependents,	and any other credit cards tha	at you, your spou	se, or your dependents use,		
Name of Credit Card (e.g., Visa, MasterCard, Department Store)	Account No.	Name(s) on Acc		ount	Current Balance		
					\$		
					\$		
					\$		
			\$				
Item 20. Taxes Payable List all taxes, such as income taxes or real estate taxes, owed by you, your spouse, or your dependents.							
Type of Tax		Amount Owed			Year Incurred		
		\$					
		\$					
		\$					

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Item 21. Other Amounts Ow List all other amounts, not listed elsew								lents.		
Lender/Creditor's Name, Address, and Telephone No.		Nature of Debt (if the result of a court judgment or settlement, provide court name and docket number)								
			Lender/Cred	ditor's Re	elatio	nship to You				
Date Liability Was Incurred										
/ / (mm/dd/yyyy)	Original A	Amount	Owed		\$	ent Amount Owe	ea	Paymer	nt Schedule	
Lender/Creditor's Name, Address, and Telephone No.			Nature of Donumber)	Nature of Debt (if the result of a court judgment or settlement, provide court name and docket number)						
			Lender/Cred	ditor's Re	elatio	nship to You				
Date Liability Was Incurred / / (mm/dd/yyyy)	Original A	Amount	Owed		Curr	ent Amount Owe	ed	Paymer	nt Schedule	
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Item 22. Trusts and Escrow List all funds and other assets that an retainers being held on your behalf by dependents, for any person or entity.	e being hel	nsel. Al	so list all fund							
Trustee or Escrow Agent's Name &	Address		Established m/dd/yyyy) Gran		tor	or Beneficiaries		Present Market Value of Assets*		
		1	1					\$		
		1	/					\$		
				\$						
*If the market value of any asset is ur	nknown, de	scribe tl	ne asset and s	state its	cost,	if you know it.				
Item 23. Transfers of Assets List each person or entity to whom yo loan, gift, sale, or other transfer (exclu- entity, state the total amount transfer	u have trai ude ordinar	y and n	ecessary livin							
Transferee's Name, Address, & Rela	itionship	Pro	perty Transfe	rred	Ag	gregate Value*	Transfer (mm/dd/)		Type of Transfer (e.g., Loan, Gift)	
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*If the market value of any asset is ur	nknown, de	scribe tl	ne asset and	state its	cost,	if you know it.			,	
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	ocument Requests of the following documents with your co	ompleted Fina	#:3196 ncial Statement.			
	Federal tax returns filed during th	e last three y	ears by or on behalf of you, your spouse, or your dependen	ts.		
			ions of credit (other than credit cards) that you, your spouse by years, including by obtaining copies from lenders if necess			
Item 9	For each bank account listed in It	em 9, all acc	count statements for the past 3 years.			
Item 11		turn, annual	vide (including by causing to be generated from accounting income statement, the most recent year-to-date income statement.			
Item 17	All appraisals that have been prepared for any property listed in Item 17, including appraisals done for insurance purposes. You may exclude any category of property where the total appraised value of all property in that category is less than \$2,000.					
Item 18	All appraisals that have been pre	pared for rea	Il property listed in Item 18.			
Item 21	Documentation for all debts listed	in Item 21.				
Item 22			w listed in Item 22. Also provide any appraisals, including in s held by any such trust or in any such escrow.	surance		
	SUN	IMARY F	INANCIAL SCHEDULES			
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item 25. Co	ombined Balance Sheet for Yo	ou, Your Sp	bouse, and Your Dependents			
Assets			Liabilities			
Cash on Hand		\$	Loans Against Publicly Traded Securities (Item 10)	\$		
	Financial Institutions (Item 9)	\$	Vehicles - Liens (Item 16)	\$		
	ent Securities (Item 10)	\$	Real Property – Encumbrances (Item 18)	\$		
	d Securities (Item 10)	\$	Credit Cards (Item 19)	\$		
Non-Public Bus	siness and Financial Interests (Item 11)	\$	Taxes Payable (Item 20)	\$		
	d to You (Item 12)	\$	Amounts Owed by You (Item 21)	\$		
	Policies (Item 13)	\$	Other Liabilities (Itemize)			
	ne Arrangements (Item 14)	\$		\$		
Vehicles (Item	,	\$		\$		
Other Persona	l Property (Item 17)	\$		\$		
Real Property	*	\$		\$		
Other Assets	(Itemize)			\$		
		\$		\$		
		\$		\$		
		\$		\$		
	Total Assets	\$	Total Liabilities	\$		
Provide the cui	ombined Current Monthly Incomerent monthly income and expenses for card expenditures in the appropriate cate	you, your spoi	xpenses for You, Your Spouse, and Your Dependeuse, and your dependents. Do not include credit card payments sep	n ts parately; rather,		
,	source of each item)		Expenses			
Salary - After T	Taxes	\$	Mortgage or Rental Payments for Residence(s)	\$		
Source:	sians and Davallias	Ψ	Duan auto Tayon for Danida nag/a	+		
Fees, Commiss Source:	sions, and Royalties	\$	Property Taxes for Residence(s)	\$		
Interest			Rental Property Expenses, Including Mortgage Payments, Taxes,	+		
Source:		\$	and Insurance	\$		
Dividends and	Capital Gains	¢	Car or Other Vehicle Lease or Loan Payments	<u></u>		
Source:		\$		\$		
Gross Rental II	ncome	\$	Food Expenses	\$		

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Clothing Expenses

Utilities

Profits from Sole Proprietorships

Source:

Distributions from Partnerships, S-Corporations, and LLCs

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Item 26. Combined Current Monthly Ir	come and E	#:3197 expenses for You, Your Spouse, and Your Depender	nts (cont.)
Distributions from Trusts and Estates	\$	Medical Expenses, Including Insurance	\$
Source: Distributions from Deferred Income Arrangements	Ψ	Other Insurance Premiums	Ψ
Source:	\$	Other insurance i remiums	\$
Social Security Payments	\$	Other Transportation Expenses	\$
Alimony/Child Support Received	\$	Other Expenses (Itemize)	
Gambling Income	\$		\$
Other Income (Itemize)	T .		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
Total Income	\$	Total Expenses	\$
	A	TTACHMENTS	
Item 27. Documents Attached to this F List all documents that are being submitted with this		Itement nent. For any Item 24 documents that are not attached, explain why.	
Item No. Document Relates To		Description of Document	
Commission or a federal court. I have us responses I have provided to the items al notice or knowledge. I have provided all penalties for false statements under 18 U	ed my best e bove are true requested do .S.C. § 1001	the understanding that it may affect action by the Federal offorts to obtain the information requested in this statem and contain all the requested facts and information of ocuments in my custody, possession, or control. I know, 18 U.S.C. § 1621, and 18 U.S.C. § 1623 (five years in the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true a	ent. The which I have of the oprisonment
Executed on:			
(Date)	Signa	ature	

ATTACHMENT B

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CORPORATE DEFENDANT

Instructions:

- 1. Complete all items. Enter "None" or "N/A" ("Not Applicable") where appropriate. If you cannot fully answer a question, explain why.
- 2. The font size within each field will adjust automatically as you type to accommodate longer responses.
- 3. In completing this financial statement, "the corporation" refers not only to this corporation but also to each of its predecessors that are not named defendants in this action.
- 4. When an Item asks for information about assets or liabilities "held by the corporation," include <u>ALL</u> such assets and liabilities, located within the United States or elsewhere, held by the corporation or held by others for the benefit of the corporation.
- 5. Attach continuation pages as needed. On the financial statement, state next to the Item number that the Item is being continued. On the continuation page(s), identify the Item number being continued.
- 6. Type or print legibly.
- 7. An officer of the corporation must sign and date the completed financial statement on the last page and initial each page in the space provided in the lower right corner.

Penalty for False Information:

Federal law provides that any person may be imprisoned for not more than five years, fined, or both, if such person:

- (1) "in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry" (18 U.S.C. § 1001);
- (2) "in any . . . statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code, willfully subscribes as true any material matter which he does not believe to be true" (18 U.S.C. § 1621); or
- (3) "in any (... statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code) in any proceeding before or ancillary to any court or grand jury of the United States knowingly makes any false material declaration or makes or uses any other information . . . knowing the same to contain any false material declaration." (18 U.S.C. § 1623)

For a felony conviction under the provisions cited above, federal law provides that the fine may be not more than the greater of (i) \$250,000 for an individual or \$500,000 for a corporation, or (ii) if the felony results in pecuniary gain to any person or pecuniary loss to any person other than the defendant, the greater of twice the gross gain or twice the gross loss. 18 U.S.C. § 3571.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Item 1. General Information		
Corporation's Full Name		
Primary Business Address		From (Date)
Telephone No	Fax No	
E-Mail Address	Internet Home Page	
All other current addresses & previous addresse	es for past five years, including	post office boxes and mail drops:
Address_		From/Until
Address		From/Until
Address		From/Until
All predecessor companies for past five years:		
Name & Address		From/Until
Name & Address		From/Until
Name & Address		From/Until
Item 2. Legal Information		
Federal Taxpayer ID No.	State & Date of Inco	orporation
State Tax ID No Stat		
Corporation's Present Status: Active		
If Dissolved: Date dissolved	By Whom	
Reasons		
Fiscal Year-End (Mo./Day)		
Item 3. Registered Agent		
Name of Registered Agent		
Address		Telephone No.

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Item 4.	Principal Stockholders		
List all perso	ns and entities that own at least 5% of the corporation's stock.		
	Name & Address		% Owned
Item 5.	Board Members		
List all mem	pers of the corporation's Board of Directors.		
	Name & Address	% Owned	Term (From/Until)
Item 6.	Officers		
	e corporation's officers, including <i>de facto</i> officers (individuals with sign do not reflect the nature of their positions).	ificant mana	gement responsibility
	Name & Address		% Owned

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<u>Item /.</u> Businesses	Related to the Corporation			
List all corporations, partne	rships, and other business entities	s in which this corpora	tion has an ownership in	nterest.
	Name & Address		Business Activities	% Owned
State which of these busines	sses, if any, has ever transacted b	usiness with the corpor	ration	
Item 8. Businesses	Related to Individuals			
	rships, and other business entities ne individuals listed in Items 4 - 6			ders, board
Individual's Name	Business Name & A	<u>.ddress</u>	Business Activities	% Owned
State which of these business	sses, if any, have ever transacted			
Item 9. Related In	dividuals			
years and current fiscal year	vith whom the corporation has har-to-date. A "related individual" rs, and officers (i.e., the individual	is a spouse, sibling, pa	rent, or child of the prin	
<u>N</u>	Jame and Address	Relatio	nship Business	<u>Activities</u>

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List all outside accountain	nts retained by the corporation	n during the last three years.	
Name	<u>Firm Name</u>	Address	<u>CPA/PA?</u>
	-		
Item 11. Corpora	ation's Recordkeeping		
List all individuals within the last three years.	n the corporation with respons	sibility for keeping the corporation's finan	ncial books and records for
	Name, Address, & Teleph	none Number	Position(s) Held
Item 12. Attorne	ys		
	d by the corporation during th	e last three years.	
Name	<u>Firm Name</u>	Address	
	-		

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Item 13. Pending Lawsuits Filed by the Corporation

List all pending lawsuits that have been filed by the corporation in court or before an administrative agency. (List lawsuits that resulted in final judgments or settlements in favor of the corporation in Item 25).

Opposing Party's Nan	ne & Address	
Court's Name & Addr	ress	
Docket No	Relief Requested	Nature of Lawsuit
	Status_	
		Nature of Lawsuit_
	ress	
Docket No	Relief Requested	Nature of Lawsuit
	Status	
Opposing Party's Nan	ne & Address	
Court's Name & Addr	ress	
		Nature of Lawsuit
	Status	
	ress	
		Nature of Lawsuit
Opposing Party's Nam	ne & Address	
Court's Name & Addr	ress	
Docket No	Relief Requested	Nature of Lawsuit
	Status	

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Item 14. Current Lawsuits Filed Against the Corporation

List all pending lawsuits that have been filed against the corporation in court or before an administrative agency. (List lawsuits that resulted in final judgments, settlements, or orders in Items 26 - 27).

Opposing Party's Name	e & Address		
Court's Name & Addre	ess		
Docket No	Relief Requested	Nature of Lawsuit	
	Status		
Opposing Party's Name	e & Address		
		Nature of Lawsuit	
	ess		
		Nature of Lawsuit	
Court's Name & Addre			
Docket No	Relief Requested	Nature of Lawsuit	
	Status		
Court's Name & Addre	ess		
		Nature of Lawsuit	
Court's maille & Addre			
Docket No	Relief Requested	Nature of Lawsuit	
	Status		

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Item 15.	Bankrup	tcy Informati	on					
List all state in	nsolvency an	nd federal ban	kruptcy proce	eedings invol	ving th	e corporati	on.	
Commenceme	nt Date		Termina	tion Date			Docket No	
If State Court:	Court & Co	ounty		If Fe	deral C	ourt: Distr	ict	
Disposition								
<u>Item 16.</u>	Sa	afe Deposit B	oxes					
List all safe de benefit of the o							e corporation, or held	by others for the
Owner's Name	<u>e</u> <u>N</u>	ame & Addre	ss of Deposit	ory Institutio	<u>n</u>			Box No.
			<u>FINAN</u>	CIAL INFO	RMAT	<u>ION</u>		
	ets and liab	ilities, locate	d within the				eld by the corporation eld by the corporation	
<u>Item 17.</u>	Tax Retu	rns						
List all federal	and state co	orporate tax re	turns filed fo	or the last thre	e comp	olete fiscal	years. Attach copies	of all returns.
Federal/ State/Both	Tax Year	Tax Due Federal	Tax Paid Federal	Tax Due State		ax Paid State	Preparer's N	<u>lame</u>
		\$	\$	\$	\$			
		_ \$	\$	\$	\$			
		\$	\$	\$	\$			

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Item 18. Financial Statements

List al	l financial sta	atements that we	re prepared for t	the corpora	ation's las	t three c	omplete	fiscal y	ears and	for the	e current
fiscal y	year-to-date.	Attach copies o	f all statements,	providing	audited s	tatemeni	ts if avai	lable.			

Year	Balance She	et Profit & Loss St	atement	Cash Flow Stater	ment Chang	ges in Owner's	s Equity	Audited
				-				
em 19 <u>.</u>		l Summary		-				
	profit and loss	complete fiscal years s statement in accorda						
		Current Year-to-Da	<u>ate</u>	1 Year Ago	2 Year	s Ago	3 Yea	rs Ago
Gross Rev	<u>/enue</u>	\$	\$		\$	\$		
Expenses		\$	\$		\$	\$		
Net Profit	After Taxes	\$	\$		\$	\$		
Payables		\$	_					
0 :1-1								
Receivab.	es	\$						
		\$and Money Mai		ounts				
em 20.	Cash, Ba		rket Acco	uding but not limit				ccounts,
em 20. ist cash as	Cash, Band all bank and of deposit, he	ank, and Money Man	rket Accounts, inclu	uding but not limit n "cash" includes o	currency and	uncashed che	ecks.	
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Item 21. Government Obligations and Publicly Traded Securities

List all U.S. Government obligations, including but not limited to, savings bonds, treasury bills, or treasury notes, held by the corporation. Also list all publicly traded securities, including but not limited to, stocks, stock options, registered and bearer bonds, state and municipal bonds, and mutual funds, held by the corporation.

Issuer	Type of Security/0	Obligation
No. of Units Owned	Current Fair Market Value \$	Maturity Date
Issuer	Type of Security/O	Obligation
No. of Units Owned	Current Fair Market Value \$	Maturity Date
Item 22. Real Estate		
List all real estate, including lease	holds in excess of five years, held	d by the corporation.
Type of Property	Property'	's Location
Name(s) on Title and Ownership I	Percentages	
Current Value \$	Loan or Account No	
Lender's Name and Address		
Current Balance On First Mortgag	ee \$ Monthly F	Payment \$
Other Loan(s) (describe)		Current Balance \$
Monthly Payment \$	Rental Unit?	Monthly Rent Received \$
Type of Property	Property	's Location
Name(s) on Title and Ownership I	Percentages	
Current Value \$	Loan or Account No	
Lender's Name and Address		
Current Balance On First Mortgag	ee \$ Monthly F	Payment \$
Other Loan(s) (describe)		Current Balance \$
Monthly Payment \$		

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Item 23. Other Assets

List all other property, by category, with an estimated value of \$2,500 or more, held by the corporation, including but not limited to, inventory, machinery, equipment, furniture, vehicles, customer lists, computer software, patents, and other intellectual property.

Property Category	Property Location	Acquisition Cost	<u>Current</u> <u>Value</u>
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

Item 24. Trusts and Escrows

List all persons and other entities holding funds or other assets that are in escrow or in trust for the corporation.

Trustee or Escrow Agent's Name & Address	Description and Location of Assets	Present Market Value of Assets
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

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Item 25. Monetary Judgments and Settlements Owed To the Corporation

List all monetary judgments and settlements, recorded and unrecorded, owed to the corporation.

Opposing Party's Name & Address Court's Name & Address Docket No. Nature of Lawsuit Date of Judgment Amount \$ Opposing Party's Name & Address Court's Name & Address Docket No. Nature of Lawsuit Date of Judgment Amount \$ Item 26. Monetary Judgments and Settlements Owed By the Corporation List all monetary judgments and settlements, recorded and unrecorded, owed by the corporation. Opposing Party's Name & Address Court's Name & Address Docket No. Nature of Lawsuit _____ Date ____ Amount \$____ Opposing Party's Name & Address Court's Name & Address Docket No. Nature of Lawsuit Date of Judgment Amount \$ Opposing Party's Name & Address Court's Name & Address _____ Docket No.____ Date of Judgment Amount \$ Nature of Lawsuit Opposing Party's Name & Address Court's Name & Address Docket No. Nature of Lawsuit Date of Judgment Amount \$ Opposing Party's Name & Address____ Court's Name & Address Docket No. Nature of Lawsuit Date of Judgment Amount \$

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Item 27. Government Orders and Settlements

List all existing orders and settle	ements between the	corporation	n and any federal or	state government entities.	
Name of Agency		Contact Person			
Address				Telephone No	
Agreement Date	Nature of Agree	ement			
Item 28. Credit Cards					
List all of the corporation's cred	lit cards and store c	harge acco	unts and the individu	als authorized to use them.	
Name of Credit Care	1 or Store		Names of Authorize	ed Users and Positions Held	
Item 29. Compensation	of Employees				
List all compensation and other independent contractors, and co fiscal years and current fiscal ye consulting fees, bonuses, divide	benefits received f nsultants (other tha ear-to-date. "Comp nds, distributions, a n payments, rent, c	n those ind ensation" royalties, p	ividuals listed in Iter includes, but is not l ensions, and profit sl	most highly compensated employees, ms 5 and 6 above), for the two previou imited to, salaries, commissions, naring plans. "Other benefits" include, miums, whether paid directly to the	
Name/Position	Current Fisc Year-to-Dat		r Ago 2 Years Ag	Compensation or Type of Benefits	
	<u> </u>	\$	\$		
	<u> </u>	\$	\$		
	<u> </u>	\$	\$		
	\$	\$	\$		

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Item 30. Compensation of Board Members and Officers

List all compensation and other benefits received from the corporation by each person listed in Items 5 and 6, for the current fiscal year-to-date and the two previous fiscal years. "Compensation" includes, but is not limited to, salaries, commissions, consulting fees, dividends, distributions, royalties, pensions, and profit sharing plans. "Other benefits" include, but are not limited to, loans, loan payments, rent, car payments, and insurance premiums, whether paid directly to the individuals, or paid to others on their behalf.

Name/Position	Current Fiscal Year-to-Date	1 Year Ago	2 Years Ago	Compensation or Type of Benefits
	_ \$	\$	_\$	
	_ \$	_ \$	\$	
	_ \$	\$	_\$	
	_ \$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	

Item 31. Transfers of Assets Including Cash and Property

List all transfers of assets over \$2,500 made by the corporation, other than in the ordinary course of business, during the previous three years, by loan, gift, sale, or other transfer.

Transferee's Name, Address, & Relationship	<u>Property</u> <u>Transferred</u>	Aggregate Value	Transfer Date	Type of Transfer (e.g., Loan, Gift)
		_\$		
		\$\$		
		\$\$		
		\$\$		
		\$\$		

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Item 32. Documents Attached to the Financial Statement

List all documents that	are being submitted with	the financial statement.
Item No. Document Relates To	Description of Docume	<u>nt</u>
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Commission or a federaresponses I have provide notice or knowledge. I penalties for false state	al court. I have used my led to the items above are have provided all requesements under 18 U.S.C. §	with the understanding that it may affect action by the Federal Trade best efforts to obtain the information requested in this statement. The true and contain all the requested facts and information of which I have ted documents in my custody, possession, or control. I know of the 1001, 18 U.S.C. § 1621, and 18 U.S.C. § 1623 (five years imprisonment under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on:		
(Date)		Signature
		Corporate Position

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ATTACHMENT C

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Request for Copy of Tax Return

▶ Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.

▶ Request may be rejected if the form is incomplete or illegible.

▶ For more information about Form 4506, visit www.irs.gov/form4506. Tip: Get faster service: Online at www.irs.gov, Get Your Tax Record (Get Transcript) or by calling 1-800-908-9946 for specialized assistance. We

have teams available to assist. Note: Taxpayers may register to use Get Transcript to view, print, or download the following transcript types: Tax Return Transcript (shows most line items including Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your original Form 1040-series tax return as filed, along with any forms and schedules), Tax Account Transcript (shows basic data such as return type, marital status, AGI, taxable income and all payment types),

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Record of Account Transcript (combines the tax return and tax account transcripts into one complete transcript), Wage and Income Transcript (shows data from information returns we receive such as Forms W-2, 1099, 1098 and Form 5498), and Verification of Non-filing Letter (provides proof that the IRS has no record of a filed Form 1040-series tax return for the year you request). 1a Name shown on tax return. If a joint return, enter the name shown first. 1b First social security number on tax return, individual taxpayer identification number, or employer identification number (see instructions) 2a If a joint return, enter spouse's name shown on tax return. 2b Second social security number or individual taxpayer identification number if joint tax return 3 Current name, address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code (see instructions) Previous address shown on the last return filed if different from line 3 (see instructions) 5 If the tax return is to be mailed to a third party (such as a mortgage company), enter the third party's name, address, and telephone number. Caution: If the tax return is being sent to the third party, ensure that lines 5 through 7 are completed before signing. (see instructions). Tax return requested. Form 1040, 1120, 941, etc. and all attachments as originally submitted to the IRS, including Form(s) W-2, schedules, or amended returns. Copies of Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ are generally available for 7 years from filing before they are destroyed by law. Other returns may be available for a longer period of time. Enter only one return number. If you need more than one type of return, you must complete another Form 4506. ▶ Year or period requested. Enter the ending date of the tax year or period using the mm/dd/yyyy format (see instructions). Fee. There is a \$43 fee for each return requested. Full payment must be included with your request or it will 8 be rejected. Make your check or money order payable to "United States Treasury." Enter your SSN, ITIN, or EIN and "Form 4506 request" on your check or money order. 43.00 Cost for each return Total cost. Multiply line 8a by line 8b . If we cannot find the tax return, we will refund the fee. If the refund should go to the third party listed on line 5, check here Caution: Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed. Signature of taxpayer(s). I declare that I am either the taxpayer whose name is shown on line 1a or 2a, or a person authorized to obtain the tax return requested. If the request applies to a joint return, at least one spouse must sign. If signed by a corporate officer, 1 percent or more shareholder, partner, managing member, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, trustee, or party other than the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute Form 4506 on behalf of the taxpayer. Note: This form must be received by IRS within 120 days of the signature date. Signatory attests that he/she has read the attestation clause and upon so reading Phone number of taxpayer on line declares that he/she has the authority to sign the Form 4506. See instructions. 1a or 2a Signature (see instructions) Sign Here Print/Type name Title (if line 1a above is a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust) Spouse's signature

Print/Type name

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Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future Developments

For the latest information about Form 4506 and its instructions, go to www.irs.gov/form4506.

General Instructions

Caution: Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines, including lines 5 through 7, have been

Designated Recipient Notification. Internal Revenue Code, Section 6103(c), limits disclosure and use of return information received pursuant to the taxpayer's consent and holds the recipient subject to penalties for any unauthorized access, other use, or redisclosure without the taxpayer's express permission or request.

Taxpayer Notification. Internal Revenue Code, Section 6103(c), limits disclosure and use of return information provided pursuant to your consent and holds the recipient subject to penalties, brought by private right of action, for any unauthorized access, other use, or redisclosure without your express permission or request.

Purpose of form. Use Form 4506 to request a copy of your tax return. You can also designate (on line 5) a third party to receive the tax return.

How long will it take? It may take up to 75 calendar days for us to process your request.

Where to file. Attach payment and mail Form 4506 to the address below for the state you lived in, or the state your business was in, when that return was filed. There are two address charts: one for individual returns (Form 1040 series) and one for all other returns.

If you are requesting a return for more than one year or period and the chart below shows two different addresses, send your request based on the address of your most recent return.

Chart for individual returns (Form 1040 series)

If you filed an individual return and lived in:

Mail to:

Florida. Louisiana. Mississippi, Texas, a foreign country, American Samoa, Puerto Rico. Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address

Internal Revenue Service **RAIVS Team** Stop 6716 AUSC Austin, TX 73301

Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin

Internal Revenue Service **RAIVS Team** Stop 6705 S-2 Kansas City, MO 64999

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado. Connecticut, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming

Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team P.O. Box 9941 Mail Stop 6734 Ogden, UT 84409

Chart for all other returns

For returns not in Form 1040 series, if the address on the return was in:

Mail to:

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio. Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Internal Revenue Service **RAIVS Team** Stop 6705 S-2 Kansas City, MO 64999

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas. Utah, Washington, Wyoming, a foreign country, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address

Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team P.O. Box 9941 Mail Stop 6734 Ogden, UT 84409

Specific Instructions

Line 1b. Enter the social security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) for the individual listed on line 1a, or enter the employer identification number (EIN) for the business listed on line 1a. For example, if you are requesting Form 1040 that includes Schedule C (Form 1040), enter

Line 3. Enter your current address. If you use a P.O. box, please include it on this line 3.

Line 4. Enter the address shown on the last return filed if different from the address entered on line 3

Note. If the addresses on lines 3 and 4 are different and you have not changed your address with the IRS, file Form 8822, Change of Address, or Form 8822-B, Change of Address or Responsible Party -Business, with Form 4506.

Line 7. Enter the end date of the tax year or period requested in mm/dd/yyyy format. This may be a calendar year, fiscal year or quarter. Enter each quarter requested for quarterly returns. Example: Enter 12/31/2018 for a calendar year 2018 Form 1040 return, or 03/31/2017 for a first quarter Form 941 return.

Signature and date. Form 4506 must be signed and dated by the taxpayer listed on line 1a or 2a. The IRS must receive Form 4506 within 120 days of the date signed by the taxpayer or it will be rejected. Ensure that all applicable lines, including lines 5 through 7, are completed before signing.



You must check the box in the signature area to acknowledge you have the authority to sign and request the information. The form will not be

processed and returned to you if the box is unchecked.

Individuals. Copies of jointly filed tax returns may be furnished to either spouse. Only one signature is required. Sign Form 4506 exactly as your name appeared on the original return. If you changed your name, also sign your current name.

Corporations. Generally, Form 4506 can be signed by: (1) an officer having legal authority to bind the corporation, (2) any person designated by the board of directors or other governing body, or (3) any officer or employee on written request by any principal officer and attested to by the secretary or other officer. A bona fide shareholder of record owning 1 percent or more of the outstanding stock of the corporation may submit a Form 4506 but must provide documentation to support the requester's right to receive the information.

Partnerships. Generally, Form 4506 can be signed by any person who was a member of the partnership during any part of the tax period requested on line 7.

All others. See section 6103(e) if the taxpayer has died, is insolvent, is a dissolved corporation, or if a trustee, guardian, executor, receiver, or administrator is acting for the taxpayer.

Note: If you are Heir at law, Next of kin, or Beneficiary you must be able to establish a material interest in the estate or trust.

Documentation. For entities other than individuals, you must attach the authorization document. For example, this could be the letter from the principal officer authorizing an employee of the corporation or the letters testamentary authorizing an individual to act for an estate.

Signature by a representative. A representative can sign Form 4506 for a taxpayer only if this authority has been specifically delegated to the representative on Form 2848, line 5a. Form 2848 showing the delegation must be attached to Form 4506

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on this form to establish your right to gain access to the requested return(s) under the Internal Revenue Code. We need this information to properly identify the return(s) and respond to your request. If you request a copy of a tax return, sections 6103 and 6109 require you to provide this information, including your SSN or EIN, to process your request. If you do not provide this information, we may not be able to process your request. Providing false or fraudulent information may subject you to penalties.

Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file Form 4506 will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: Learning about the law or the form, 10 min.; Preparing the form, 16 min.; and Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS, 20 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making Form 4506 simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to:

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