INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING AN OBJECTION TO INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- 1. If you wish to object in any respect to the preliminary determinations regarding the relief to which you are entitled under the Settlement Agreement, you must do so in the manner described below. Making an objection is voluntary, but if you do not object at this time, you may be prohibited from objecting in the future. If you choose to make an objection, the judge will consider your objection before deciding whether to approve the types and amounts of relief to be provided to you and other individuals under the Settlement Agreement.
- 2. All objections must be sent by email (preferred) or by U.S. mail and postmarked by **no later than October 19, 2021**. If your objection is not emailed or postmarked by this date, your objection may not be considered and you may be prohibited from objecting at a later time.
- 3. All objections must be made in writing. Your objection must be made on the attached form, showing the caption of the case. You must fill out this form completely. You must include a description of the reason(s) for your objection. If you have hired an attorney to assist you in this matter, please indicate with your objection the name, address, and phone number of your attorney. You may attach additional pages to the form if necessary.
- 4. You must submit your objection either:
 - a. By e-mail to <u>Community.MichiganDOC@usdoj.gov</u>
 - To avoid any possible mail delays, we **strongly** prefer submission by email if possible.
 - You may access a PDF-fillable version of the Objection Form at www.justice.gov/crt-MDOC.
 - If you scan your form, please make sure each page is clear and complete.
 - b. Or by U.S. mail to the following address:

U.S. Department of Justice MDOC Settlement Team Civil Rights Division/ELS P.O. Box 14400 Washington, DC 20044-4400

If you must mail your form, please also contact the United States to let us know. You can reach us by email at <u>Community.MichiganDOC@usdoj.gov</u> or by telephone, toll-free, at 1-844-380-6167.

- 5. The Court will hold the Fairness Hearing on Individual Awards by Zoom videoconference technology on Friday, December 3 at 1pm. You may attend this hearing if you wish, but you do not need to attend the hearing to have the Court consider any written objections that you choose to submit.
- 6. If you have any questions regarding your decision to submit an objection, you may consult with an attorney of your own choosing and at your own expense. If you have any questions concerning the procedure for submitting an objection, you may consult with your own attorney or you may contact the United States by email at <u>Community.MichiganDOC@usdoj.gov</u> or by telephone, toll-free, at 1-844-380-6167. You may also consult <u>www.justice.gov/crt-MDOC</u> for additional information.