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 19 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**SAN JOSE DIVISION**

20 *In Re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation*

Case No: 15-md-02617-LHK (NC)

21 **PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO**  
 22 **CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND**  
 23 **SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF**  
 24 **FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AS**  
**AMENDED**

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## INTRODUCTION

1  
2 The Parties have negotiated a modification of the Settlement Agreement that sends more  
3 residual Settlement benefits directly to Settlement Class Members, rather than to *cy pres*. See April 18,  
4 2018 Amendment to Settlement Agreement (“April Amendment”), Ex. A to Supplemental Declaration  
5 of Eve H. Cervantez in Support of Final Approval of Settlement Agreement as Amended (“Cervantez  
6 April Amendment Decl.”).<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs were preparing to file the April Amendment and supporting  
7 papers on April 18, 2018, the same day that the Court issued its *Order Requesting Response and*  
8 *Additional Information* (Doc. 1006), which directed Plaintiffs to file a response to the Supplemental  
9 Objection of Adam E. Schulman (Doc. 976) and an updated chart showing the allocation of funds by  
10 May 2, 2018. This filing is not a response to the Court’s Order, which Plaintiffs received just hours  
11 before this filing. Plaintiffs will separately file, on the schedule set by the Court, a response to Mr.  
12 Schulman’s Supplemental Objection and an updated fund allocation chart.

13 The original non-reversionary Settlement was designed to avoid a large *cy pres* distribution by  
14 channeling funds to increase the Alternative Compensation awards from \$36 to up to \$50 (or by 40%),  
15 and then to lengthen the duration of credit monitoring and fraud resolution services from two years to  
16 up to four years (or by 100%). Only then would any residual funds go to *cy pres*. The parties’  
17 proposed modification maintains those features of the Settlement but, if funds still remain after all  
18 payments, expenses, and costs identified in the Settlement are paid or reserved for, those funds will  
19 also (1) add to the reserve for Out-of-Pocket Costs if necessary to pay valid claims up to \$10,000 per  
20 Settlement Class Member and, if funds still remain when all valid Out-of-Pocket Costs claims are paid,  
21 (2) extend credit monitoring and fraud resolution services for as long as possible, in one-month  
22 increments. **Under this proposed amendment, only an amount of money insufficient to fund one**  
23 **additional full month of Credit Services would be distributed to *cy pres*.** The April Amendment  
24 does not otherwise alter any substantive aspect of the Settlement Agreement, or change the  
25 fundamental structure and benefits.

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27 <sup>1</sup> All parties have agreed to all terms and are prepared to execute the April Amendment upon the  
28 Court’s approval. Plaintiffs have submitted an unexecuted version of the April Amendment for the  
Court’s review so that the Court may choose to approve either the original settlement or the settlement  
as amended. Cervantez April Amendment Dec. ¶19.

1 Although the original Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and deserving of final  
2 approval, the April Amendment is designed to: (1) address the surfeit of funds available as a result of  
3 the number of claims for Alternative Compensation; (2) address concerns the Court raised at the  
4 approval hearing; and (3) comport with the parties' original intent of distributing Settlement benefits  
5 directly to the Settlement Class.

6 The proposed April Amendment enhances the benefits being provided to the Settlement Class  
7 and will not adversely affect any Settlement Class Member. Therefore, there is no requirement that the  
8 Settlement Class Members be sent notice of the April Amendment, and notice should not be sent  
9 because it would be prohibitively expensive and would potentially confuse Settlement Class Members.  
10 Nevertheless, the parties recommend that the approximately 400 individuals who opted out of the  
11 Settlement Class be sent letters giving them the option to rejoin the Settlement Class and file a claim.

12 Because the April Amendment addresses concerns raised by the Court at the approval hearing,  
13 Plaintiffs respectfully submit that this modification requires no adjustment to the Court's currently  
14 contemplated schedule for final approval. Plaintiffs, of course, will be happy to provide any further  
15 information or briefing the Court requires.

16 Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court grant final approval to the Settlement,  
17 as modified by the April Amendment. If the Court declines to grant approval to the Agreement as  
18 amended, then Plaintiffs request that the Court grant final approval to the original Settlement  
19 Agreement.

## 20 **BACKGROUND**

### 21 **A. Original Settlement Agreement**

22 The original Settlement offered credit monitoring and fraud resolution services to all Settlement  
23 Class Members, along with cash payments to the subset of Settlement Class Members who believed  
24 they had suffered out-of-pocket losses as a result of the data breach and submitted valid Out-of-Pocket  
25 Costs claims. The Settlement also provided that Settlement Class Members who already had credit  
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1 monitoring could claim a cash payment of up to \$50 as Alternative Compensation, a benefit that has  
2 never been obtained in a large data breach settlement.<sup>2</sup>

3 As in other data breach settlements, the original Settlement negotiated between the parties  
4 divided class member benefits to be paid from the Net Settlement Fund (after payment of  
5 administrative expenses and Court-awarded attorneys' fees and costs and service payments) into  
6 various categories to distribute settlement benefits fairly among Settlement Class Members as follows:

7 1) Seventeen million dollars were allocated to fund two years of credit monitoring services (for  
8 Settlement Class Members who wanted to sign up for such services) and fraud resolution services (for  
9 all Settlement Class Members, regardless if they filed a claim), which is the fixed cost the parties  
10 negotiated with the third-party credit monitoring vendor.

11 2) Consistent with other large data breach settlements, fifteen million dollars were allocated to  
12 pay claims for Out-of-Pocket Costs.

13 3) The remainder was available to pay for Alternative Compensation. Plaintiffs conservatively  
14 projected there would be \$18,452,500 available to pay for Alternative Compensation, assuming Class  
15 Counsel requested, and the Court awarded, the maximum amount contemplated in the Settlement for  
16 attorneys' fees and costs and service payments. The estimated remainder would have been sufficient to  
17 pay \$36 to approximately 500,000 claimants, which Plaintiffs determined was a fair amount given the  
18 potential range of monetary damages in the case.<sup>3</sup> If more than 512,569 Settlement Class Members  
19 submitted a claim for Alternative Compensation, each Settlement Class Member's share would have  
20 been reduced *pro rata*. Conversely, if the aggregate value of Alternative Compensation claims fell  
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23 <sup>2</sup> The original Settlement also provides important enhancements to Anthem's cybersecurity practices,  
24 none of which are affected by the April Amendment.

25 <sup>3</sup> Expert estimates of damages for the black market value of personally identifiable information ranged  
26 from \$4 to \$10 per Class Member. ECF No. 743-11 at 12–13. Because the Court had not yet ruled on  
27 class certification, Plaintiffs' expert had not yet conducted a conjoint survey to measure the value, if  
28 any, of Plaintiffs' benefit of the bargain damages. *Id.* Plaintiffs' other damages measure, based on the  
value of five years of credit monitoring services, was available to Settlement Class Members without  
resort to the Alternative Compensation fund – Class Members were entitled to reimbursement for  
sums already spent on credit monitoring by filing a claim for Out-of-Pocket Costs, and they were  
entitled to claim two to four years of credit monitoring services going forward as part of the  
Settlement, on top of the two years already provided by Anthem immediately after the data breach.

1 below \$13 million (the amount necessary to pay 361,111 claims at \$36), each Alternative  
2 Compensation claimant would receive up to \$50.

3 4) The original Settlement provided that any funds remaining after the payment of Alternative  
4 Compensation claims would fund up to an additional two years of credit monitoring and fraud  
5 resolution services, at \$4.6 million per year, which could be prorated to \$383,333.33 per additional  
6 month.

### 7 **B. Actual Claims Rate**

8 The Settlement Administrator reports that as of April 17, 2018 it has received 1,232,164 timely  
9 claims for credit monitoring services, 137,243 claims for Alternative Compensation, and 6,809 claims  
10 for reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Costs. Third Supplemental Declaration of KCC Class Action  
11 Services (Lana Lucchesi) re: Updated Claim Information. (“Third KCC Decl.”) ¶2. Thus, the overall  
12 claims rate is 1.7%. *Id.* Taken separately, the credit monitoring claims rate is 1.6%, while the  
13 Alternative Compensation claims rate is just under 0.2%. *Id.* The overall Anthem claims rate of 1.7%  
14 is significantly higher than recent large-scale payment card data breach cases: over 7 times higher than  
15 *Target* and 8.5 times higher than the available figures for *Home Depot*. Cervantez April Amendment  
16 Dec. ¶¶13-17 (*Home Depot* claims rate of approximately 0.2% and *Target* claims rate of 0.23%).<sup>4</sup>

### 17 **C. How Claims Rates Affect Allocation of Settlement Funds**

18 During the February 1, 2018 hearing, the Court expressed concern that the Settlement may have  
19 been designed to discourage the Court from cutting requested attorneys’ fees by capping the maximum  
20 relief available to the Settlement Class. This was not the case. Cervantez April Amendment Decl. ¶4.  
21 In fact, the converse is true: Class Counsel expected a higher overall claims rate, including a higher  
22 claims rate for Alternative Compensation, and thus structured the original Settlement to accommodate  
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24 <sup>4</sup> Plaintiffs expected that the claims rate here would be higher than in *Target* or *Home Depot*.  
25 Cervantez April Amendment Decl. ¶¶13-17. There was no direct U.S. mail notice in *Home Depot* at  
26 all, and direct U.S. mail notice in *Target* was limited to those individuals for whom Target lacked an  
27 email address. *Id.* ¶¶14, 16. Here, in contrast, postcard notices were sent via U.S. mail to all  
28 54,925,559 Settlement Class Members for whom Defendants had a complete mailing address *and*  
email notice was also sent to all 5,151,500 Settlement Class Members for whom Defendants provided  
an email address. Declaration of Jay Garaci re: Notice Procedures, ECF No. 916-32. Moreover,  
*Target* and *Home Depot* involved payment card information, whereas the Anthem data breach  
involved personally identifiable information such as social security numbers and birthdates.

1 that. *Id.* ¶5. Had the Alternative Compensation claims rate been even slightly higher, reductions in the  
2 attorneys' fee award would have gone directly to the Settlement Class, rather than to *cy pres.* *Id.* For  
3 example, if the Alternative Compensation claims rate had been approximately 0.5% higher, a reduction  
4 of up to \$9.2 million in requested attorneys' fees would have resulted in credit monitoring and fraud  
5 resolution services being extended and would not have increased the *cy pres.* *Id.* ¶10. Exhibit B to the  
6 Cervantez April Amendment Declaration is a chart illustrating how small variations in the Alternative  
7 Compensation claims rate would have affected the amount potentially going to *cy pres.*

8         Uncertainty necessarily accompanies Settlements such as this. Not only is this the largest  
9 settlement in a data breach class action, no comparable settlement has permitted eligible Settlement  
10 Class Members to choose between credit monitoring services and Alternative Compensation based on  
11 whether a Settlement Class Member already has credit monitoring, which is an unknown variable.  
12 Thus, there was no test case to estimate the Alternative Compensation claims rate. While Class  
13 Counsel believe giving Settlement Class Members a choice of their preferred remedy is a virtue of the  
14 Settlement, it made it even more difficult to predict the Alternative Compensation claims rates.

15         In response to this uncertainty, the original Settlement Agreement provided that if the  
16 Alternative Compensation claims rate was low, money in the Net Settlement Fund would be used to  
17 increase the Alternative Compensation payments to \$50 and then to extend the credit monitoring and  
18 fraud resolution services by up to two additional years. However, because of the unexpectedly low  
19 number of Alternative Compensation claims, it appears that there will be at least \$3.3 million  
20 remaining – and more if the Court does not approve Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees request in its entirety –  
21 that will go to *cy pres.* That was never the parties' intention. The April Amendment addresses this  
22 issue by allocating Settlement Funds exactly as they were allocated in the original Settlement and then  
23 increasing the benefits provided directly to Settlement Class Members by redistributing residual funds  
24 that otherwise would have gone to *cy pres.*

#### 25         **D. The April Amendment to the Settlement Agreement**

26         Under both the original Settlement and the April Amendment, the Net Settlement Fund will be  
27 allocated to: payment of all valid claims for Out-of-Pocket Costs up to an aggregate cap of \$15 million;  
28 payment of all claims for Alternative Compensation (at \$50 per class member); payment for the initial

1 two years of credit monitoring and fraud resolution services; and payment for an additional two years  
2 of credit monitoring and fraud resolution services (four years total). Under the original Settlement, any  
3 remaining funds then would have gone directly to *cy pres*. Under the April Amendment, however, the  
4 funds remaining will not go directly to *cy pres*. Instead, they will be allocated as follows: *First*, the  
5 remainder will be used to supplement the \$15 million Out-of-Pocket Costs reserve to the extent  
6 necessary to pay Class Members up to \$10,000 each for valid Out-of-Pocket Costs. *Second*, any funds  
7 remaining after paying all valid Out-of-Pocket Costs will be used to extend credit monitoring and fraud  
8 resolution services beyond the four years contemplated in the original Settlement until there are  
9 insufficient funds in the Net Settlement Fund to pay for at least one more full month of Credit  
10 Services.<sup>5</sup> Only then would the remainder be directed to the proposed *cy pres* recipients. By extending  
11 the maximum duration of credit monitoring and fraud resolution services, the April Amendment  
12 ensures that any reductions to the attorneys' fees award will revert to Settlement Class Members and  
13 that *less* than \$416,666.66 (the maximum cost of one month of credit monitoring) will go to *cy pres*  
14 under any circumstances.

15 The April Amendment also provides that letters will be sent to the approximately 400  
16 individuals who opted out of the Settlement, giving them the option to rejoin the Settlement Class and  
17 obtain the benefits of the modified Settlement Agreement.

18 Finally, the April Amendment contains a technical amendment to the Notice provisions to  
19 address a potential ambiguity in the Notice Plan and reflect what actually occurred: The Settlement  
20 contemplated that Notices would be mailed by the end of October 2017 (ECF No. 869-12 at ¶ 21), and  
21 the Notices were in fact mailed by that deadline to all of the Settlement Class Members for whom  
22 Defendants had a complete mailing address (ECF No. 916-32). The Notice Plan also provided that any  
23 Notices returned undeliverable should be re-mailed to new addresses provided by the United States

24 <sup>5</sup> Plaintiffs have negotiated an extension of their contract with Experian to provide credit monitoring  
25 and fraud resolution Services. Under that extension, Experian has agreed to provide credit monitoring  
26 and fraud resolution services to the entire Class, as provided in the Settlement  
27 Agreement, on an indefinite basis, so long as there are funds remaining to pay for those extended  
28 Services. The cost for a fifth year of credit monitoring and fraud resolution services will remain \$4.6  
million per year (which can be prorated for full months), and the cost for the sixth year, and any  
additional years thereafter, will be \$5 million per year (which can be prorated for full months).  
Cervantez April Amendment Decl. ¶18.

1 Postal Service or found through use of a look-up service. Ex. 4 to Settlement Agreement at 13 (ECF  
2 No. 869-13). The April Amendment clarifies that the Settlement Administrator was not to cease re-  
3 mailing Notices to new addresses by the end of October 2017, but was to continue researching new  
4 addresses and re-mail returned Notices through January 29, 2018, the claims filing deadline for claims  
5 for Credit Monitoring Services or Alternative Compensation, which is what the Settlement  
6 Administrator did. Third KCC Decl. ¶13.

## 7 ARGUMENT

### 8 A. The Court Should Grant Final Approval to the Settlement Agreement as Modified.

9 The Settlement Agreement that Plaintiffs presented to the Court in their original motion for  
10 Final Approval is fair, reasonable, and adequate for all of the reasons set forth in Plaintiffs' papers, and  
11 was and is deserving of final approval. First and foremost, the Settlement achieves the primary pre-  
12 settlement goals articulated in Plaintiffs' complaint and class certification papers: equitable relief to  
13 protect their privacy through (1) very specific improvements to Anthem's cybersecurity that were  
14 derived in consultation with security professionals based on Plaintiffs' extensive discovery, coupled  
15 with three years of independent compliance monitoring, and an agreement to maintain a set level of  
16 cybersecurity funding for the next three years; and (2) credit monitoring services for the time  
17 recommended by Plaintiffs' expert for the more than one million Settlement Class Members who  
18 claimed such services, plus fraud resolution services for any Settlement Class Members who need such  
19 assistance in the next four years. This is real relief that will benefit Settlement Class Members now;  
20 any delay in this necessary and immediate protection to further litigate the case or attempt to negotiate a  
21 "better" settlement would not be in the Settlement Class's interests. The Settlement also provides what  
22 is likely full compensation for all Settlement Class Members who incurred any out-of-pocket costs that  
23 could possibly be related to the Anthem data breach. And unlike most data breach settlements, the  
24 Settlement also provides cash compensation for those who do not need credit monitoring, in an amount  
25 many times more than at least one potential measure of damages: All Settlement Class Members who  
26 claimed Alternative Compensation will receive \$50, compared to the \$4 to \$10 estimated by experts for  
27 "loss of value of PII." The original Settlement also provides that any remainder in the Net Settlement  
28 Fund will be directed to *cy pres*, as permitted by Ninth Circuit law. *See, e.g., In re Google Referrer*

1 *Header Privacy Litig.*, 869 F.3d 737, 742 (9th Cir. 2017) (affirming *cy pres* only settlement of \$5.3  
 2 million for 129 million class members where proof of individual claims or distribution of award to all  
 3 class members would be burdensome and costly).

4 The April Amendment makes the already good Settlement even better. Although Ninth Circuit  
 5 precedent would have allowed a large *cy pres* award given the size of the Settlement Class, the  
 6 modified Settlement redirects money that would have gone to *cy pres* directly back to the Settlement  
 7 Class, consistent with the parties' original intent in reaching this Agreement: first to compensate  
 8 Settlement Class Members who submit valid claims for Out-of-Pocket Costs, to the extent the original  
 9 \$15 million fund is oversubscribed,<sup>6</sup> and second to extend the duration of credit monitoring services (to  
 10 over one million Settlement Class Members who filed claims) and fraud resolution services (available  
 11 to *all* Settlement Class Members). Pursuant to the April Amendment, less than \$416,666.66 will go to  
 12 *cy pres* no matter what the Court decides with respect to Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees. The proposed  
 13 Settlement, including the April Amendment, thus benefits the entire Settlement Class and should be  
 14 finally approved.

15 **B. Additional Notice of the Amended Settlement Is Not Required.**

16 There is no requirement that the Settlement Class be provided with notice of the April  
 17 Amendment. To the contrary, courts have repeatedly held that when a settlement is modified after class  
 18 notice has already been sent, the class need not receive another notice unless the modification would  
 19 have a material *adverse* effect on class member rights, because there is no reason to think that a class  
 20 member who did not opt out after receiving notice of the original settlement would opt out based on a  
 21 modified improved settlement. *See, e.g., Knuckles v. Elliott*, 2016 WL 3912816, \*5–6 (E.D. Mich. July  
 22 20, 2016) (notice of settlement modification “required only where the amendment would have a  
 23 material *adverse* effect on the rights of class members”) (internal punctuation and citations omitted,  
 24 emphasis in original); *Klee v. Nissan North America, Inc.*, 2015 WL 4538426, \*5 (C.D. Cal. July 7,  
 25 2015) (“[W]hen a settlement is amended to make it more valuable, it is unnecessary to give additional  
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27 <sup>6</sup> As of January 31, 2018, the Settlement Administrator did not expect that the out of pocket damages  
 28 fund would be exhausted. Second Supplemental Declaration of KCC (ECF No. 958) ¶9. However,  
 the deadline for out of pocket claims is over a year away.

1 notice to those class members that received adequate notice of the original proposed settlement and  
2 decided not to opt out.”); *In re Prudential Ins. Co. of America Sales Practices Litig.*, 962 F. Supp. 450,  
3 473 n.10 (D.N.J. 1997) (“Class members need not be informed of the Final Enhancements to the  
4 settlement because the Proposed Settlement is only more valuable with these changes. Plainly, class  
5 members who declined to opt out earlier, would not choose to do so now.”); *Trombley v. Bank of*  
6 *America Corp.*, 2013 WL 5153503, \*6 (D.R.I. Sept. 12, 2013) (no additional notice or hearing required  
7 where revised settlement is more beneficial to class); *Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth* (Federal  
8 Judicial Center 2004) § 21.61 (“If the fairness hearing leads to substantial changes *adversely* affecting  
9 some members of the class, additional notice, followed by an opportunity to be heard, might be  
10 necessary.”) (emphasis added); *see also Shaffer v. Continental Cas. Co.*, 362 F. App’x. 627, 631 (9th  
11 Cir. 2010) (“Although changes were made to the release after potential class members received the  
12 notice, the changes did not render the notice inadequate because they narrowed the scope of the  
13 release.”).

14 *Knuckles v. Elliott*, 2016 WL 3912816, explains, under circumstances similar to those here, why  
15 additional notice is not required when a modified settlement does not adversely affect class members.  
16 In *Knuckles*, the settlement provided that \$14 would be paid to each class member who filed a claim,  
17 with the unclaimed remainder directed to *cy pres*. *Id.* at \*2. At the fairness hearing, the Court  
18 expressed concern because only ten percent of the class had filed claims, meaning that ninety percent of  
19 the settlement fund would go to *cy pres*. *Id.* at \*5. At the court’s suggestion, the parties modified the  
20 settlement to require a *pro rata* distribution of the entire settlement fund to those who had already filed  
21 claims, rather than directing the unclaimed remainder to *cy pres*. *Id.* The court cited to numerous  
22 district court decisions that had held that notice of an amendment to a class action settlement is required  
23 only where the amendment might have a “material *adverse* effect on the rights of class members.” *Id.*  
24 (quoting *Keepseagle v. Vilsack*, 102 F. Supp. 3d 306, 313 (D.D.C. 2015)). The court explained that  
25 “the modification involves changes to the agreed upon *cy pres* distribution and it improves the deal for  
26 Class members. As such, Class members who will receive a larger distribution and individuals who  
27 failed to opt-out or submit a Proof of Claim form – and thus who have waived whatever rights they had  
28 in the Settlement Fund – need not receive notice of the modification.” *Id.* at \*6.

1 The rationale in these cases also governs here. Settlement Class Members who failed to either  
2 opt out or file a claim have already agreed to release their claims and waive whatever rights they had in  
3 the Settlement Fund (subject to their unexpired right to file a claim for Out-of-Pocket Costs and to  
4 access fraud resolution services). There is no reason that Settlement Class Members who failed to opt  
5 out of the original Settlement would now want to opt out of the modified Settlement that does not  
6 adversely affect them. And here, unlike in *Knuckles*, which offered enhanced benefits only to those  
7 class members who had already filed a claim, the modified Settlement improves the deal for *all*  
8 Settlement Class Members by providing extended fraud resolution services for all Settlement Class  
9 Members beyond the four year maximum contemplated in the original Settlement Agreement.<sup>7</sup>

10 Further, sending another direct notice to Settlement Class Members in this case would be  
11 prohibitively expensive (over \$14 million in postage alone) and would render the April Amendment  
12 moot by expending all of the funds that might otherwise be used to benefit the class on a notice that  
13 was not required. See *In re Remeron End-Payor Antitrust Litig.*, 2005 WL 2230314, at \*19 (D.N.J.  
14 Sept. 13, 2005) (“[A]dditional class notice is not always required because, e.g., of the cost of notice that  
15 would take recovered money from the class.”); *In re Compact Disc Minimum Advertised Price*  
16 *Antitrust Litig.*, 292 F. Supp. 2d 184, 186 (D. Me. 2003) (“[I]t would be too burdensome and costly to  
17 repeat a mailing to the over eight million class members informing them of favorable changes in the  
18 proposed amended settlement, especially to those who never objected to the first proposed  
19 settlement.”). In addition, such a notice likely would confuse Settlement Class Members, who already  
20 received notice. Cf. *Manual Complex Lit.* § 21.28, Interlocutory Appeals of Certification Decisions  
21 (recognizing “the confusion and the substantial expense of renotification” that may result when two  
22 notices are sent).

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24 <sup>7</sup> *Trombley v. Bank of America Corp.*, 2013 WL 5153503, is similar. In *Trombley*, notice was sent to  
25 almost 400,000 class members, of whom only 3,591 filed claims. *Id.* at \*2. The court denied final  
26 approval because the amount of attorney’s fees requested was unreasonable in relation to the benefit to  
27 class members. *Id.* The parties then revised the settlement agreement to provide that class members  
28 who had submitted valid claims would each receive larger cash awards, with the remainder to be  
divided *pro rata* among class members who had not submitted claims. *Id.* at \*2, \*6. The court held  
that “[b]ecause the compensation provided by the Revised Settlement Agreement is more beneficial to  
the class than the compensation offered by the original settlement agreement, no additional notice nor  
a second hearing is necessary.” *Id.* at \*6.

1 For all these reasons, the April Amendment does not contemplate notice of the April  
2 Amendment being sent to the Settlement Class. However, the parties have agreed and recommend that  
3 the approximately 400 individuals who opted out of the Settlement Class be given the opportunity to  
4 rejoin the Settlement Class and enjoy the benefits of the enhanced Settlement. This is consistent with  
5 the decisions of some courts that have considered the issue and have held that when a post-notice  
6 settlement modification benefits the class, class members who opted out should be permitted to opt  
7 back in to receive any additional settlement benefits. *See, e.g., Knuckles*, 2016 WL 3912816, at \*6;  
8 *Klee*, 2015 WL 4538426, at \*5; *In re Prudential Ins. Co.*, 962 F. Supp. at 473 n.10. Further, sending  
9 letters to individuals who excluded themselves from the Settlement Class will not be burdensome or  
10 costly and will not delay implementation of the Agreement. Accordingly, the April Amendment  
11 requires that the Settlement Administrator send a letter to those individuals, and include a form by  
12 which those individuals may rejoin the Settlement Class and request credit monitoring services or  
13 Alternative Compensation.

14 **CONCLUSION**

15 For the foregoing reasons, and those stated in Plaintiffs' papers in support of final approval, the  
16 Court should find that the Settlement Agreement, as modified by the April Amendment, is fair,  
17 reasonable, and adequate, and should grant final approval thereto.

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