IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,	
Plaintiff,)
v.)
GAFS Group, LLC, et al.,)
Defendants.)) i7-:

action between them.

FINDINGS

By stipulation of the parties, the Court finds as follows:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. The Complaint charges that Settling Defendants participated in deceptive, abusive, and unfair Debt collection practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692–1692p.
- 3. Settling Defendants neither admit nor deny any of the allegations in the Complaint, except as specifically stated in this Order. Only for purposes of this action, Settling Defendants admit the facts necessary to establish jurisdiction.
- 4. Settling Defendants waive any claim that they may have under the Equal Access to

 Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, concerning the prosecution of this action through the date

 of this Order, and agree to bear their own costs and attorney fees.
- 5. Settling Defendants waive all rights to appeal or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Order.
- 6. Entry of this Order is in the public interest.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Order, the following definitions apply:

A. Credit Repair Service

representing that such service can or will be sold, provided, or performed) through the use of any instrumentality of interstate commerce or the mails, in return for the payment of money or other valuable consideration, for the express or implied purpose of (1)

- advice or assistance to any consumer with regard to any activity or service described in clause (1).
- B. **Debt** any obligation or alleged obligation to pay money arising out of a transaction, whether or not such obligation has been reduced to judgment.
- C. **Debt Collection Activities** activities of a Debt Collector to collect or attempt to collect, directly or indirectly, a Debt owed or due, or asserted to be owed or due.
- D. **Debt Collector** Person who uses any instrumentality of interstate commerce or the mail in any business the principal purpose of which is the collection of any Debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, Debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another. The term also includes any creditor who, in the process of collecting its own Debts, uses any name other than its own which would indicate that a third Person is collecting or attempting to collect such Debts. The term also includes any Person to the extent such Person collects or attempts to collect any Debt that was in default at the time it was obtained by such Person.
- E. **Defendants** Global Asset Financial Services Group, LLC, Regional Asset Maintenance, LLC, 10D Holdings, Inc., Trans America Consumer Solutions, LLC, Midwestern Alliance, LLC, LLI Business Innovations, LLC, TACS I, LLC, TACS II, LLC, TACS III, LLC, TACS III, LLC, Cedar Rose Holdings & Development, Inc., Ankh Ali, Aziza Ali, Kenneth Moody, David Carr, Jeremy Scinta, and Omar Hussain, individually, collectively, or in any combination.

F. Financial-Related Product or Service

represented, expressly or by implication, to provide to any consumer, arrange for any consumer to receive, or assist any consumer in receiving:

including, but not limited to, the likelihood of a consumer obtaining a full or partial refund, or the circumstances in which a full or partial refund will be provided to the consumer; and

D. Any other

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F. The suspension of the judgment will be lifted as to any Settling Defendant if, upon motion by the FTC, the Court finds that such Settling Defendant failed to disclose any material asset, materially misstated the value of any asset, or made any other material misstatement or omission in the financial representations identified above.

- previously submitted to the FTC, may be used for collecting and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of this Order, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. §7701.
- L. All money paid to the FTC pursuant to this Order may be deposited into a fund administered by the FTC or its designee to be used for equitable relief, including consumer redress and any attendant expenses for the administration of any redress fund. If a representative of the FTC decides that direct redress to consumers is

VI. COOPERATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendants must fully cooperate with representatives of the FTC in this case and in any investigation related to or associated with the transactions or the occurrences that are the subject of the Complaint. Settling Defendants must provide truthful and complete information, evidence and testimony. Settling Defendants must appear for interviews, discovery, hearings, trials, and any other proceedings that an FTC representative may reasonably request upon 5 days written notice, or other reasonable notice, at such places and times as an FTC representative may designate, without the service of a subpoena.

VII. CUSTOMER INFORMATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendants, their officers, agents, and employees, 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 permanently restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly:

- A. Failing to provide sufficient customer information to enable the FTC to administer efficiently consumer redress. If a representative of the FTC requests in writing any information related to redress, Settling Defendants must provide it, in the form prescribed by the FTC, within 14 days.
- B. Disclosing, using, or benefitting from customer information, including the name, address, telephone number, email address, social security number, other identifying information, or any data that enables access to a custome

- credit card, bank account, or other financial account), that any Defendant obtained prior to entry of this Order in connection with any Debt Collection Activities; and
- C. Failing to destroy such customer information in all forms in their possession, custody, or control within 30 days after receipt of written direction to do so from a representative of the FTC.
- D. Provided, however, that customer information need not be disposed of, and may be disclosed, to the extent requested by a government agency or required by law, regulation, or court order.

C. EachSettling Defendant

- B. Personnel records showing, for each son providing services, whether as an employee or otherwise, that UVRQ¶VQDPHDGGUHVVHVWHOHS or position; dates of service; and (if applicable) the reason for termination;
- C. Records of all consumer complaints and refund requests, whethered directly or indirectly, such as through a third party, and any response;
- D. All records necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of this
 Order, including all submissions to the FTC; and
- E. A copy of each materially different adventiment or other marketing material.

XI. COMPLIANCE MONITORING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of monitoring ettling Defendants compliance with this Order, including the financial representations upon which part of the judgment was suspended annot failure to transfer any assets as required by this Order:

A. Within 14 days of receipt of a written request from a representative of thee ECC, Settling Defendantnust: submit additional compliance reports or other requested information, which must be worn under penalty of perjury; appear for depositions; and produce documents for inspection and copying. The FTC is also authorized to obtain discovery, without further leave of court, using any of the procedures prescribed by Federal Rules of Civil Peolicire 29, 30 (including telephonic depositions), 31, 33, 34, 36, 45, and 69; provided that a Settling Defendant, after attempting to resolve a dispute without court action and for good cause shown, may file a motion with this Court seeking an order for comemore of the protections set forth in Rule 26(c).

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