#### 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA 3 ) Case No. CV-18-2225-PHX-BSB Vanessa C. Spencer, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated, DECLARATION OF JESSE S. Plaintiff. 5 6 VS. )TION FOR PRELIMINARY PROVAL OF CLASS ACTION #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC and #1 A SETTLEMENT LifeSafer, Inc., 8 9 Defendants. 10 11 I, Jesse S. Johnson, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows: 12 1. My name is Jesse S. Johnson. 13 2. I am over twenty-one years of age and am fully competent to make the 14 statements contained in this declaration. 15 3. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein and, if called upon, 16 could and would competently testify thereto. 17 4. I am a partner at the law firm of Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC 18 ("GDR"), counsel for Vanessa C. Spencer ("Plaintiff") in the above-entitled action. 19 I graduated from the University of Florida in 2005 and the University of 5. 20 Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law in 2009. 2.1 6. I have extensive experience litigating consumer protection class actions. 22 7. My firm has been appointed class counsel in numerous class actions 23 throughout the country, including those brought under such consumer protection statutes 24 as the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. 25 26 See, e.g., Dickens v. GC Servs. Ltd. P'ship, No. 16-803, 2018 WL 4732478 (M.D. Fla. 27 Oct. 2, 2018); Veness v. Heywood, Cari & Anderson, S.C., No. 17-338, 2017 WL 6759382 (W.D. Wisc. Dec. 29, 2017); Kagno v. Bush Ross, P.A., No. 17-1468, 2017 WL

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- 8. Multiple district courts have commented on GDR's useful knowledge and experience in connection with class action litigation.
- 9. For example, in *Schwyhart v. AmSher Collection Servs., Inc.*, Judge John E. Ott, Chief Magistrate Judge of the Northern District of Alabama, stated upon granting final approval of a class action settlement in which he appointed GDR as class counsel:

I cannot reiterate enough how impressed I am with both your handling of the case, both in the Court's presence as well as on the phone conferences, as well as in the written materials submitted. . . . I am very satisfied and I am very pleased with what I have seen in this case. As a judge, I don't get to say that every time, so that is quite a compliment to you all, and thank you for that.

No. 15-1175 (N.D. Ala. Mar. 15, 2017).

10. In *Ritchie*, Judge Stephen McNamee, Senior U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Arizona, stated upon granting final approval:

I want to thank all of you. It's been a pleasure. I hope that you will come back and see us at some time in the future. And if you don't, I have a lot of cases I would like to assign you, because you've been immensely helpful both to your clients and to the Court. And that's important. So I want to thank you all very much.

No. 12-1714 (D. Ariz. July 21, 2014).

11. In *McWilliams v. Advanced Recovery Sys., Inc.*, Judge Carlton W. Reeves of the Southern District of Mississippi described GDR as follows:

More important, frankly, is the skill with which plaintiff's counsel litigated this matter. On that point there is no disagreement. Defense counsel concedes that her opponent—a specialist in the field who has been class counsel in dozens of these matters across the country—'is to be commended for his work' for the class, 'was professional at all times' . . . , and used his 'excellent negotiation skills' to achieve a settlement fund greater than that required by the law. The undersigned concurs . . . Counsel's level of experience in handling cases brought under the FDCPA, other consumer protection statutes, and class actions generally cannot be overstated.

No. 15-70, 2017 WL 2625118, at \*3 (S.D. Miss. June 16, 2017).

- 12. And more recently in *Bellum v. Law Offices of Frederic I. Weinberg & Assocs.*, *P.C.*, Judge C. Darnell Jones II of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania took care to point out that GDR was appointed as class counsel "precisely because of their expertise and ability to represent the class in this matter." No. 15-2460, 2016 WL 4766079, at \*5 (E.D. Pa. Sept. 13, 2016).
  - 13. Additional information about GDR is available at www.gdrlawfirm.com.
- 14. GDR has, and will continue to, vigorously protect the interests of the members of the proposed settlement class.
- 15. GDR has advanced all costs necessary to successfully prosecute this action to date and will continue to do so as this case proceeds through preliminary and final

approval.

- 16. The parties have reached a settlement that I firmly believe is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of all members of the settlement class.
- 17. As more specifically set forth in the parties' Class Action Settlement Agreement (the "Agreement"), this settlement requires #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC ("Defendant") to create a class settlement fund of \$36,819 for the benefit of 8,182 class members, allowing for likely individual cash payments of \$22 to \$45 per participating class member, based on historical claims rates in actions like this.
- 18. The parties have agreed that any unclaimed settlement funds ultimately will be directed to the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education as a *cy pres* award recipient—not revert to Defendant.
- 19. Defendant will separately pay all costs of direct mail class notice and settlement administration, upon the Court's approval of the same.
- 20. Additionally, Defendant will separately pay \$1,000 to Plaintiff in recognition of her service to the class, subject to the Court's approval.
- 21. As well, Defendant will separately pay an award of attorney's fees, costs and expenses to Plaintiff's counsel in an amount to be determined by the Court upon Plaintiff's application at the conclusion of this case.
- 22. Given the strengths and weaknesses of Plaintiff's class claims, including the cap on statutory damages imposed by the Consumer Leasing Act ("CLA"), which limits a defendant's exposure for statutory damages to the lesser of 1% of its net worth or \$1,000,000, I believe that the \$36,819 fund is an excellent result—particularly in view of the fact that the class settlement fund exceeds 1% of Defendant's book value net worth.
- 23. What's more, Defendant has agreed to change its form ignition interlock program service agreement to address the allegations raised in Plaintiff's complaint—a benefit to all class members and future customers alike.
  - 24. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the parties' Agreement

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1	and its related exhibits: (i) the proposed Order of Preliminary Approval (Exhibit A); (ii)
2	the proposed Final Order and Judgment (Exhibit B); (iii) the proposed short-form direct
3	mail notice with detachable claim form (Exhibit C); and (iv) the proposed long-form
4	class notice to be posted to GDR's website (Exhibit D).
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6	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
7	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 22nd day of February, 2019.
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# Exhibit 1

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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	Plaintiff,	)	
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#### CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This class action settlement agreement ("Agreement") is entered into between Vanessa C. Spencer ("Plaintiff" or "Class Representative"), individually and on behalf of the "Class Members" (as defined below), and #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC ("Defendant"). This Agreement is intended by Defendant and Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the Class Members (collectively, the "Parties"), to fully, finally, and forever resolve, discharge, and settle the "Released Claims" (as defined below), upon and subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2018, Plaintiff filed a class action complaint (the "Lawsuit") against Defendant in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, Case No. 2:18-cv-02225-BSB, asserting putative class claims arising from the Consumer Leasing Act ("CLA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1667 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff alleges that Defendant violated the CLA by failing to make proper disclosures in its ignition interlock device agreements with Arizona consumers,

but Defendant expressly denies any liability whatsoever to Plaintiff or the Class Members, or that it violated the CLA;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire and intend to settle and resolve all of the claims asserted in the Lawsuit;

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to avoid the expense and uncertainty of continued litigation;

WHEREAS, the Parties believe that settlement by way of this Agreement is in their best interests;

WHEREAS, counsel for the Class Members have conducted an evaluation of the claims to determine how best to serve the interests of the Class Members;

WHEREAS, counsel for the Class Members believe, in view of the costs, risks, and delays of continued litigation and appeals balanced against the benefits of settlement to the Class Members, that the class settlement as provided in this Agreement is in the best interest of the Class Members and is a fair, reasonable, and adequate resolution of the Lawsuit;

WHEREAS, prior to entering into this Agreement, and to inform their settlement negotiations, counsel for the Parties exchanged mandatory initial disclosures as well as informal discovery concerning the class size, information concerning the alleged claims and defenses to such claims, and potential class damages;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire and intend to seek court approval of the settlement of the Lawsuit as set forth in this Agreement and, upon such approval, to seek entry of a Final Approval Order dismissing with prejudice the claims of the Class Members as set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the Parties and their counsel agree to recommend approval of this Agreement to the Court and to any regulatory authority responding to the proposed

settlement pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d), 1453, and 1711-1715; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to undertake all steps necessary to effectuate the terms and purposes of this Agreement, and to secure the Court's approval of the same.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, representations, and warranties set forth, the Parties stipulate and agree:

- 1. DEFINITIONS The following definitions apply to this Agreement:
- A. "Effective Date" means the first day after the "Final Order Day" (as defined below) and after Defendant completes the performance of the requirements under ¶ 10 of this Agreement.
- B. "Final Order Day" means the day upon which the Final Approval Order becomes "Final." The Final Approval Order becomes "Final" upon the expiration of any available appeal period following entry of the Final Approval Order. If any appeal is filed from the Final Approval Order, then the Final Order Day will be the first date after the conclusion of all appeals, so long as the Final Approval Order is not reversed or vacated.
  - C. "Class Member" means any person who meets the following definition:
  - All persons (1) to whom #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC provided an ignition interlock device to be used for personal, family, or household purposes, (2) with a program service agreement having an initial term greater than four months, and (3) for which the program service agreement was in force as of January 10, 2019 or was terminated on or after July 16, 2017.
- D. "Released Claims" means all claims under the CLA that arise out of program service agreements between Defendant and Class Members that were in force as of January 10, 2019, or were terminated on or after July 16, 2017.

- E. "Released Parties" means #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC and each of its past, present, and future directors, officers, employees, partners, principals, members, managers, shareholders, and attorneys. #1 A LifeSafer, Inc. is not a Released Party within the scope of this Agreement; however, Plaintiff will, within 14 days after this Agreement is fully executed, dismiss with prejudice her individual claims against #1 A LifeSafer, Inc.
- 2. CLASS CERTIFICATION Plaintiff will seek, and Defendant will not oppose, preliminary approval of the settlement on behalf of the class defined above in  $\P$  1(C). Defendant represents that there are approximately 8,182 Class Members.
- 3. CLASS REPRESENTATIVE AND CLASS COUNSEL APPOINTMENT The Parties agree that Plaintiff Vanessa C. Spencer should be appointed as the Class Representative for the Class Members, and that Jesse S. Johnson of Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC should be appointed as counsel for the Class Members ("Class Counsel").
- 4. ORDER OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL Within 14 days after this Agreement is fully executed, counsel for the Plaintiff will file an unopposed motion requesting that the Court enter an Order of Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement in substantially the same form attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 5. FINAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT If the settlement is approved preliminarily by the Court, and all other conditions precedent to the settlement have been satisfied, counsel for the Plaintiff will file an unopposed motion requesting that the court enter a Final Order and Judgment in substantially the same form attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 6. ADMINISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS A third-party class administrator jointly selected by and agreeable to the parties ("Class Administrator") will administer the settlement and notification of the settlement to the Class Members. The costs and expenses for the administration of the settlement and class notice,

including all work necessary to identify current contact information for the Class Members, will be paid by Defendant separate and apart from the Settlement Fund (defined below). The Class Administrator will be responsible for mailing the approved direct mail notice and settlement checks to the Class Members.

- 7. The Parties will provide notice of the settlement to the Class Members as follows:
- A. <u>Direct Mail Notice</u> The Class Administrator will, as expeditiously as possible but not to exceed 21 days after the Court's entry of the Order of Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, send via U.S. mail written notice of the settlement to each Class Member at his or her last known valid address, address correction requested, as provided by Defendant. The direct mail notice will include a detachable claim form to be returned to the Class Administrator to indicate the Class Member's desire to take part in the Settlement Fund (defined below).

Before sending the direct mail notice, the Class Administrator will confirm and, if necessary, update the addresses for the Class Members through the standard methodology it currently uses to update addresses, including attempting to identify the name and address of each Class Member. If any notice is returned with a new address, the Class Administrator will re-mail the notice to the new address and update the Class Member address list with all forwarding addresses. The direct mail notice to the Class Members will be in substantially the same form attached as **Exhibit C**, subject to the Court's approval of the notice.

B. <u>Notice Posted on Class Counsel's Website</u> – Within 21 days of the Court's entry of the Order of Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Class Counsel will post on its website a long-form class notice in substantially the same form attached as **Exhibit D**, subject to the court's approval. Class counsel will maintain the

long-form class notice on its website until the final void date of any settlement check issued pursuant to this Agreement.

- C. <u>CAFA Notice</u> Defendant, by way of the Class Administrator, will be responsible for serving the CAFA notice required by 28 U.S.C. § 1715 within 10 days of the filing of Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement.
- 8. CLAIMS, REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION, AND OBJECTIONS The Class Administrator will administer the receipt of any and all claims and requests for exclusion.
- A. Any Class Member who desires to receive his or her pro-rata portion of the Settlement Fund (defined below in  $\P$  10(A)) must submit a timely and valid claim, pursuant to and in the form attached as Exhibit C.
- B. Any Class Member who desires to be excluded from the class must send a written request for exclusion to the Class Administrator with a postmark date no later than 60 days after the court's entry of the Order of Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement. The Class Administrator will provide a list of the names of each Class Member who submitted a timely exclusion to Class Counsel after the deadline passes. A copy of this list will be provided to the court in connection with Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement.
- C. In the written request for exclusion, the Class Member must set forth his or her full name, address, telephone number, and email address (if available), along with a statement that he or she wishes to be excluded.
- D. Any Class Member who submits a valid and timely request for exclusion will not be bound by the terms of this Agreement.
- E. Any Class Member who intends to object to the fairness of this settlement must file a written objection with the Court within 60 days from the court's entry of the

Order of Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement. Further, any such Class Member must, within the same time period, provide a copy of the written objection to Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant via U.S. Mail.

- F. In the written objection, the Class Member must state: his or her full name, address, telephone number, and email address (if available); the reasons for his or her objection; and whether he or she intends to appear at the fairness hearing on his or her own behalf or through counsel. Further, the Class Member must attach to his or her objection any documents supporting the objection.
- G. Any Class Member who does not file a valid and timely objection to the settlement will be barred from seeking review of the settlement by appeal or otherwise.
- H. When responding to any inquiry from a Class Member, Plaintiff and Class Counsel will confirm that they believe the settlement is fair and reasonable.
- I. Subject to approval by the Court, a fairness hearing will be conducted regarding the settlement within 90 to 120 days from the Court's entry of the Order of Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement. Under Rule 23(c)(2)(B)(iv) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Class Members will be notified that they may enter an appearance through an attorney at their own expense if they so desire.
- 9. RELEASES As of the Effective Date, Plaintiff and the Class Members who did not timely exclude themselves fully, finally, and forever settle, release, and discharge the Released Parties from the Released Claims, and are forever barred from asserting any of the Released Claims in any court against any of the Released Parties.
- 10. SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION In consideration for the foregoing releases, the Parties agree to the following:
- A. <u>Settlement Fund</u> Defendant, in consultation with the Class Administrator, will cause to be established a \$36,819 settlement fund ("Settlement Fund"), within seven days after the Final Order Day. The \$36,819 Settlement Fund is

contingent on there being no more than 8,182 Class Members, including Plaintiff. Should Defendant discover additional Class Members, the Settlement Fund will be increased by \$4.50 per additional Class Member. Each Class Member who timely submits a valid claim form via U.S. Mail will receive a pro-rata portion of the Settlement Fund, to be calculated based on the number of Class Members who submit such timely, valid claims.

Within 21 days after the Final Order Day, the Class Administrator will send via U.S. mail a settlement check to each Class Member who participates in the settlement. Defendant's obligations pursuant to this paragraph will be considered fulfilled upon the mailing of the settlement checks, regardless of whether any settlement check is received, returned, or cashed, except that the Class Administrator will be obligated to take reasonable steps to forward all settlement checks returned with a forwarding address to such forwarding addresses. Each settlement check will be void 120 days after mailing.

To the extent that any funds remain in the Settlement Fund after the void date (from uncashed checks or otherwise), such funds will be paid to the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education as a *cy pres* recipient. No money from the Settlement Fund will revert to Defendant.

- B. <u>Payment to Plaintiff</u> In addition to her pro-rata share of the Settlement Fund, and subject to the court's approval, Defendant will separately pay \$1,000 to Plaintiff within 14 days after the Final Order Day, in recognition of her service to the Class Members.
- C. <u>Change in Defendant's Conduct</u> Defendant affirms that, as of the date of this Agreement, and while denying any past wrongdoing and denying that its program service agreements are subject to the CLA, it no longer uses the form program service agreement signed by Plaintiff and has modified its program service agreements

on a going-forward basis to include written disclosures providing all information that Plaintiff alleges are required of a lease subject to the CLA, in a form and manner consistent with the CLA.

D. <u>Attorneys' Fees and Expenses of Class Counsel</u> – In advance of the final fairness hearing, Class Counsel will file an application for reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses. Defendant will not object to an award of attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, but reserves its right to contest the amount of such an award. Any amount awarded to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses will be paid by Defendant separate and apart from the Settlement Fund, costs of Settlement Administration, and any payment to Plaintiff. Defendant reserves its right to contest the amount of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses sought by Class Counsel.

Defendant will forward to Class Counsel payment for the attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses awarded by the Court no later than (i) 14 days after the Final Order Day, or (ii) 14 days after the Court's order approving such attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses, whichever comes later. Upon payment of the awarded attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses to Class Counsel, the Released Parties will have no further obligation with respect to Class Counsel's fees, costs, and expenses, or the fees, costs, or expenses of any other attorney on behalf of Plaintiff or any Class Member.

- E. <u>Settlement Administration</u> Separate from the Settlement Fund, any payment to Plaintiff, and the Attorneys' Fees and Expenses of Class Counsel, Defendant will be responsible for paying all costs of class notice and administration of the settlement by the Class Administrator.
- 11. COVENANT NOT TO SUE Plaintiff agrees and covenants, and each Class Member will be deemed to have agreed and covenanted, not to sue any Released Party with respect to any of the Released Claims.

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- 12. MUTUAL NON-DISPARAGEMENT The parties will refrain from disparaging each other or taking any action designed to harm the perception of either party regarding any issue related directly or indirectly to the Lawsuit or the Agreement.
- 13. TERMINATION After completing a good-faith negotiation, Plaintiff and Defendant will each have the right to terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other within seven days following:
- A. The Court's refusal to enter an Order of Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A;
- B. The Court's refusal to approve the settlement following notice to the Class Members and the final fairness hearing; or
- C. The filing by one hundred (100) or more Class Members of valid and timely requests for exclusion.

If either Plaintiff or Defendant terminates this Agreement as provided herein, the Agreement will be null and void and of no force and effect, and the Parties' rights and defenses will be restored, without prejudice, to their respective positions as if this Agreement had never been executed.

The procedure for and the allowance or disallowance by the Court of any applications by Plaintiff or Class Counsel for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses are not part of the settlement set forth herein and are to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the settlement set forth herein. Any order regarding an application for attorneys' fees and expenses will not operate to terminate or cancel this settlement, or affect the finality of the settlement of this matter.

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- 14. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS – Any exhibits to this Agreement are an integral part of the settlement and are expressly incorporated herein as part of this
- Agreement.
- This Agreement is for settlement purposes only. The Parties acknowledge that
- this Agreement is not an admission of wrongdoing, negligence, or liability by Defendant or any Released Party. Defendant expressly denies any liability whatsoever
- to Plaintiff or the Class Members. Defendant's non-opposition to certification of the
- settlement class does not constitute an admission or stipulation by Defendant. Nothing
- in this Agreement shall be used as, or admissible in, evidence by any party in any
- proceeding other than one to enforce the terms of the Agreement.
- 16. No representations, warranties, or inducements have been made to any of the
- Parties, other than those representations, warranties, and covenants contained in this
- Agreement.
- 17. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties and
- 15 supersedes any and all other agreements between the Parties. The terms of this
  - Agreement are contractual.
    - 18. This Agreement is to be interpreted in accordance with Arizona law.
  - 19. Any dispute, challenge, or question relating to this Agreement is to be heard only
  - by the United States District Court for the District of Arizona.
  - 20. The Parties agree that the United States District Court for the District of Arizona
- has subject matter jurisdiction over the claims at issue and will request that it retain
  - continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the Parties to this Agreement, and over the
  - administration and enforcement of this Agreement.
  - 21. This Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and
- their representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns.

- 22. If, after the date of this Agreement, any provision hereof is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be fully severable, and the remainder of the Agreement shall remain enforceable and not affected thereby if mutually agreed by
- the Agreement shall remain enforceable and not affected thereby if mutually agreed by Plaintiff and Defendant.
- 23. This Agreement is deemed to have been drafted jointly by the Parties and, in construing and interpreting this Agreement, no provision of this Agreement will be construed or interpreted against any party because such provision, or this Agreement as a whole, was purportedly prepared or requested by such party.
- 24. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts and the separate signature pages executed by the Parties and their counsel may be combined to create a document binding on all of the Parties and together constitutes one and the same instrument.
- 25. The Parties understand that this Agreement is a public document that will be filed with the Court for its review and approval. Class Counsel will post information about the settlement on its website, including the long-form class notice, settlement agreement, and other documents of interest to Class Members.
- 26. Class Counsel represents and warrants that it has not been retained by any individuals other than Plaintiff with claims against any entity in the United States with the term "LifeSafer", "Guardian Interlock" or "Monitech" in its name. The Parties acknowledge that this representation is a material term of this Agreement.
- 27. Plaintiff represents and warrants that she is the sole and exclusive owner of all claims that she is personally releasing under this Agreement.
- 28. Notices & Communications All requests, demands, and other communications hereunder must: (a) be in writing; (b) be delivered by U.S. Mail; (c) be deemed to have been duly given on the date received; and (d) be addressed to the intended recipients as set forth below:

1	If to Plaintiff or the Class:
2	Jesse S. Johnson Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC
3	5550 Glades Road, Suite 500
4	Boca Raton, Florida 33431
5	If to Defendant:
6	David E. Funkhouser III (No. 022449) SPENCER FANE LLP
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14	For #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC	
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# Exhibit A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Vanessa C. Spencer, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

Vs.

Plaintiff,

PROPOSED ORDER OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

#1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC and #1 A LifeSafer, Inc.,

Defendants.

WHEREAS, this Court has been advised that the parties to this action, Vanessa C. Spencer ("Plaintiff" or "Class Representative"), and #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC ("Defendant"), through their respective counsel, have agreed, subject to Court approval following notice to the Class Members and a hearing, to settle the above-captioned lawsuit ("Lawsuit") upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement"), which has been filed with the Court, and the Court deeming that the definitions set forth in the Settlement Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference (with capitalized terms as set forth in the Settlement Agreement);

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the Settlement Agreement and all of the files, records, and proceedings herein, and it appearing to this Court that, upon preliminary examination, the proposed settlement appears fair, reasonable, and adequate, and that a

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1 hearing should and will be held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019 after notice to the Class Members, to confirm that the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and 3 to determine whether a Final Order and Judgment should be entered in this Lawsuit: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: 5 This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Lawsuit and over all 6 settling parties hereto. 7 In compliance with the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d), 8 1453, and 1711-1715, First Class, Inc.—the designated Class Administrator—will cause 9 to be served, on behalf of Defendant, written notice of the proposed class settlement on 10 the United States Attorney General and the Attorney General of the State of Arizona. 11 Pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Lawsuit is 12 hereby preliminarily certified as a class action on behalf of the following class of 13 plaintiffs ("Class Members") with respect to the claims asserted in the Lawsuit: 14 All persons (1) to whom #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC provided an ignition interlock device to be used for personal, family, or household 15 purposes, (2) with a program service agreement having an initial term 16 greater than four months, and (3) for which the program service agreement was in force as of January 10, 2019 or was terminated on or after July 16, 17 2017. 18 Defendant represents that there are approximately 8,182 Class Members, including 19 Plaintiff. This preliminary certification is for settlement purposes only and shall not be 20 deemed to be an adjudication of any fact or issue. 21 Pursuant to Rule 23, the Court appoints Vanessa C. Spencer as the Class 22 Representative. The Court also appoints Jesse S. Johnson of Greenwald Davidson Radbil 23 PLLC as Class Counsel. See Gonzalez v. Germaine Law Office PLC, No. 15-1427, 2016 24 WL 3360700 (D. Ariz. June 1, 2016) (Silver, J.) (preliminarily approving class settlement 25 under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA") and appointing Greenwald 26 Davidson Radbil PLLC class counsel); see also Ryan v. DeVille Asset Mgmt., Ltd., No. 2.7 15-1067, 2016 WL 7165751 (D. Or. Dec. 7, 2016) (same); Schuchardt v. Law Office of

Rory W. Clark, 314 F.R.D. 673 (N.D. Cal. 2016) (finally approving FDCPA class

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settlement and confirming appointment of Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC as class counsel).

This Court preliminarily finds that the Lawsuit satisfies the applicable prerequisites for class action treatment under Rule 23, namely:

- A. The Class Members are so numerous that joinder of all of them in the Lawsuit is impracticable;
- B. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class Members, which predominate over any individual questions;
- C. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class Members;
- D. Plaintiff and Class Counsel have fairly and adequately represented and protected the interests of all Class Members; and
- E. Class treatment of these claims will be efficient and manageable, thereby achieving an appreciable measure of judicial economy, and a class action is superior to other available methods for a fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

Schuchardt, 314 F.R.D. at 679-80.

This Court preliminarily finds that the settlement of the Lawsuit, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement is in all respects fundamentally fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interest of the Class Members, especially in light of the benefits to the Class Members; the strengths and weaknesses of Plaintiff's case; the anticipated complexity, duration and expense of additional litigation; the risk and delay inherent in possible appeals; the limited amount of any potential total recovery for the Class Members given the cap on statutory damages for claims brought pursuant to the CLA; and the opinion of Class Counsel, who are highly experienced in consumer protection class action litigation. *See Catala v. Resurgent Capital Servs. L.P.*, No. 08-2401, 2010 WL 2524158, at \*2 (S.D. Cal. June 22, 2010) (citing *Officers for Justice v. Civil Serv. Comm'n*, 688 F.2d 615, 625 (9th Cir. 1982)).

 A third-party class administrator acceptable to the parties will administer the settlement and notification to Class Members. The class administrator will be responsible for mailing the approved class action notice, processing claims, locating class members, and mailing settlement checks to the Class Members. The costs of administration will be paid by Defendant separate and apart from the Settlement Fund. Upon the recommendation of the parties, this Court hereby appoints the following class administrator: First Class, Inc.

This Court approves the form and substance of the Direct Mail Notice, attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibit C, as well as the long-form class notice, attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibit D. The proposed form and method for notifying the Class Members of the settlement and its terms and conditions meet the requirements of Rule 23(c)(2)(B) and due process, constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to the notice. *See Decohen v. Abbasi, LLC*, 299 F.R.D. 469, 479 (D. Md. 2014) ("Under the circumstances of this case, when all class members are known in advance, the Court finds that the method of direct mail notice to each class member's last known address—and a second notice if the first was returned as undeliverable—was the best practicable notice.").

This Court finds that the proposed notice program is clearly designed to advise the Class Members of their rights. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the class administrator will mail the Direct Mail Notice to the Class Members as expeditiously as possible, but in no event later than 21 days after the Court's entry of this order, *i.e.*, **no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019**. The class administrator will confirm, and if necessary, update the addresses for the Class Members through standard methodology that the class administrator currently uses to update addresses.

Any Class Member who wishes to receive a pro-rata portion of the Settlement Fund must send a valid, timely claim form to First Class, Inc. with a postmark date no

1	later than 60 days after the Court's entry of this order, i.e., no later than
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3	Any Class Member who desires to be excluded from the class must send a written
4	request for exclusion to First Class, Inc. with a postmark date no later than 60 days afte
5	the Court's entry of this order, i.e., no later than, 2019. To be
6	effective, the written request for exclusion must state the Class Member's full name
7	address, telephone number, and email address (if available), along with a statement that
8	the Class Member wishes to be excluded. Any Class Member who submits a valid and
9	timely request for exclusion will not be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
10	Any Class Member who intends to object to the fairness of this settlement mus
11	file a written objection with the Court within 60 days after the Court's entry of this order
12	i.e., no later than, 2019. Further, any such Class Member must
13	within the same time period, provide a copy of the written objection to Class Counsel
14	attention: Jesse S. Johnson, Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC, 5550 Glades Road, Suit
15	500, Boca Raton, FL 33431; and counsel for Defendant, David E. Funkhouser III
16	Spencer Fane LLP, 2415 E. Camelback Road, Suite 600, Phoenix, Arizona 85016.
17 18	To be effective, a notice of intent to object to the Settlement must:
19	(a) Contain a heading which includes the name of the case and case number;
20	(b) Provide the name, address, telephone number, and email address (i
21	available) of the Class Member filing the objection;
22	(c) Be filed with the Clerk of the Court no later than 60 days after the Court
23	preliminarily approves the settlement;
24	(d) Be sent by first-class mail to Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant a
25	the addresses designated in the class notice, postmarked no later than 60 days afte
26	the Court preliminarily approves the settlement;
27	(e) Contain the name, address, bar number, and telephone number of the
28	objecting Class Member's counsel, if represented by an attorney. If the Clas
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Member is represented by an attorney, he/she or it must comply with all applicable laws and rules for filing pleadings and documents in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona; and

(f) Contain a statement of the specific basis for each objection.

Any Class Member who has timely filed an objection may appear at the final fairness hearing, in person or by counsel, to be heard to the extent allowed by the Court, applying applicable law, in opposition to the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement, and on the application for an award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses.

Upon final approval from the Court, the class administrator will mail a settlement check to each Class Member who submits a valid, timely claim form. Each participating Class Member will receive a pro-rata portion of the \$36,819 Settlement Fund. Additionally, Defendant will separately pay to the Class Representative the sum of \$1,000 in recognition of her service to the Class Members.

The Court will conduct a fairness hearing on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019 at the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, 401 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003, to review and rule upon the following issues:

- A. Whether this action satisfies the applicable prerequisites for class action treatment for settlement purposes under Rule 23;
- B. Whether the proposed settlement is fundamentally fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interest of the Class Members and should be approved by the Court;
- C. Whether a Final Order and Judgment, as provided under the Settlement Agreement, should be entered, dismissing the Lawsuit with prejudice and releasing the Released Claims against the Released Parties; and
- D. To discuss and review other issues as the Court deems appropriate.

Attendance by Class Members at the final fairness hearing is not necessary. Class Members need not appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their

1	approval of the proposed class action settlement. Class Members wishing to be heard are
2	however, required to appear at the final fairness hearing. The hearing, however, may be
3	postponed, adjourned, transferred, or continued without further notice to the Class
4	Members.
5	Consistent with In re Mercury Interactive Corp. Sec. Litig., 618 F.3d 988 (9th Cir
6	2010), submissions by the Parties—including memoranda in support of the proposed
7	settlement and petitions for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of costs and expenses by
8	Class Counsel—must be filed within 30 days after the deadline for dissemination of clas
9	notice, i.e., no later than, 2019. Any opposition to any of the
.0	foregoing must be filed with the Court no later than 14 days prior to the final fairnes
.1	hearing, <i>i.e.</i> , <b>no later than, 2019</b> . Reply memoranda in suppor
2	of the foregoing, including responses to any objections, must be filed with the Court no
.3	later than 7 days prior to the final fairness hearing, i.e., no later than
4	, 2019.
.5	The Settlement Agreement and this Order will be null and void if any of the
6	following occur:
7	A. Any specified material condition to the settlement set forth in the
.8	Settlement Agreement is not satisfied and the satisfaction of such condition is no
.9	waived in writing by the Parties;
20	B. The Court rejects any material component of the Settlement Agreement
21	including any amendment thereto approved by the Parties;
22	C. The filing by one hundred (100) or more Class Members of valid and
23	timely requests for exclusion; or
.4	D. The Court approves the Settlement Agreement, including any amendmen
25	thereto approved by the Parties, but such approval is reversed on appeal and sucl
26	reversal becomes final by lapse of time or otherwise.
27	If the Settlement Agreement and/or this Order are voided, then the Settlemen
28	Agreement will be of no force and effect, and the Parties' rights and defenses will be

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1 restored, without prejudice, to their respective positions as if the Settlement Agreement 2 had never been executed and this order never entered. 3 This Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the action to consider 4 all further matters arising out of or connected with the settlement, including the 5 administration and enforcement of the Settlement Agreement. 6 This Court sets the following schedule: 7 **Date Event** 8 Preliminary Approval Order Entered 9 Direct Mail Notice Sent (21 days after entry of Preliminary 10 Approval Order) 11 Filing of Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval and Attorneys' 12

Fees Petition (30 days after deadline for dissemination of class notice) Deadline to Submit Exclusion Request or File Objection (60) days after entry of Preliminary Approval Order) Filing of Opposition to Final Approval or Attorneys' Fees Petition (14 days prior to final fairness hearing) Filing of Replies in support of Final Approval and Attorneys' Fees Petition, and responses to any objections (7 days prior to final fairness hearing)

Final Fairness Hearing Held

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# **Exhibit B**

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9 10	Vanessa C. Spencer, on behalf of herself ) Cand others similarly situated,	ase No. CV-18	-2225-PHX-BSB
11	Plaintiff, ) [F	PROPOSED] ( PPROVAL A	ORDER OF FINAL ND JUDGMENT
12	vs.		
13 14	#1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC and #1 A ) LifeSafer, Inc.,		
15 16	Defendants.		
17	On February 22, 2019, Vanessa C. S	Spencer ("Plai	ntiff") filed her unopposed
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19	On, 2019, First	Class, Inc.,	the Court-appointed Class
20	Administrator, served the Class Action Fairn	ness Act ("CA	FA") notice required by 28
21	U.S.C. § 1715 on the United States Attorney	General and the	he Attorney General for the
22	State of Arizona.		
23	On, 2019, this C	Court prelimin	arily approved the parties'
24	proposed class settlement.		
25	On, 2019, First	Class, Inc. di	stributed to class members
26	direct mail notice of the parties' proposed class	s settlement, as	ordered.
27	On, 2019, Plaint	iff filed her u	nopposed motion to finally
28	approve the parties' proposed class settlement.		

1	On, 2019, this Court held a fairness hearing regarding		
2	Plaintiff's and Defendant's proposed class settlement.		
3	Having considered Plaintiff's unopposed motion, this Court finally approves the		
4	proposed settlement as follows:		
5	This Court confirms that it has jurisdiction over this matter and the parties to it.		
6	This Court confirms its certification of the following class, for settlement		
7	purposes, under Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:		
8	All persons (1) to whom #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC provided an ignition interlock device to be used for personal, family, or household		
9	purposes, (2) with a program service agreement having an initial term		
10	greater than four months, and (3) for which the program service agreement was in force as of January 10, 2019 or was terminated on or after July 16,		
11	2017.		
12	This Court finds that this matter meets the applicable prerequisites for class action		
14	treatment under Rule 23, namely:		
15	1. The class members are so numerous that joinder of all of them is impracticable		
16	2. There are questions of law and fact common to the class members, which		
17	predominate over any individual questions;		
18	3. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the class members' claims;		
19	4. Plaintiff and Class Counsel have fairly and adequately represented an		
20	protected the interests of all of the class members; and		
21	5. Class treatment of Plaintiff's claims will be efficient and manageable, thereb		
22	achieving an appreciable measure of judicial economy, and a class action		
23	superior to other available methods for a fair and efficient adjudication of the		
24	controversy.		
25	Gonzalez v. Germaine Law Office PLC, No. 15-1427, 2016 WL 3360700 (D. Ariz. Jun		
26	1, 2016) (Silver, J.) (certifying settlement class under the Fair Debt Collection Practice		
27	Act).		
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This Court also affirms its appointment of Vanessa C. Spencer as class representative for the class, and the following attorney and law firm as class counsel for class members:

Jesse S. Johnson Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC 5550 Glades Road, Suite 500 Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Ryan v. DeVille Asset Mgmt., Ltd., No. 15-1067, 2016 WL 7165751 (D. Or. Dec. 7, 2016) (preliminarily approving class settlement under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and appointing Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC class counsel); Schuchardt v. Law Office of Rory W. Clark, 314 F.R.D. 673 (N.D. Cal. 2016) (finally approving FDCPA class settlement and confirming appointment of Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC as class counsel).

This Court approves the terms of the parties' settlement, the material terms of which include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Defendant will create a class settlement fund in the amount of \$36,819, which will be distributed on a pro-rata basis to each of the 8,182 class members who submitted a valid, timely claim form.
- 2. In addition to her pro-rata share of the settlement fund, Defendant will pay to Plaintiff \$1,000 in recognition of her service to the class.
- 3. Defendant also will pay all costs of class notice and administration of the settlement separate and apart from any monies paid to Plaintiff, class members, or class counsel.

This Court additionally finds that the parties' class notice, and the distribution thereof, satisfied the requirements of due process under the Constitution and Rule 23(e), that it was the best practicable under the circumstances, and that it constitutes due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice of the class action settlement. *See Decohen v. Abbasi, LLC*, 299 F.R.D. 469, 479 (D. Md. 2014) ("Under the circumstances of this case, when all class members are known in advance, the Court finds that the

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method of direct mail notice to each class member's last known address—and a second notice if the first was returned as undeliverable—was the best practicable notice.").

This Court similarly finds that the parties' notice program was adequate and gave all class members sufficient information to enable them to make informed decisions as to the parties' proposed settlement, and their rights to object to or opt out of it.

This Court additionally finds that Plaintiff's and Defendant's settlement, on the terms and conditions set forth in their class action settlement agreement, is in all respects fundamentally fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the class members.

This Court finds that the class members were given a fair and reasonable opportunity to object to the settlement. [#] class member(s) objected to the settlement. The [#] class members who made valid and timely requests for exclusion are excluded from the class and settlement and are not bound by this order. Those persons are:

This order is binding on all class members, except those individuals who validly and timely excluded themselves from the settlement.

This Court approves the releases set forth in the class action settlement agreement. The released claims are consequently compromised, settled, released, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice by virtue of these proceedings and this order.

This Court awards a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for class counsel's attorneys' fees and reimbursement of counsel's costs and litigation expenses.

This action is dismissed with prejudice as to all issues and as to all parties and claims.

This Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the parties and all matters relating this matter, including the administration, interpretation, construction, effectuation, enforcement, and consummation of the settlement and this order.

# **Exhibit C**

What is this lawsuit about? Vanessa C. Spencer ("Class Representative") sued #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC ("Defendant") alleging that the company offered ignition interlock device agreements to consumers that contained improper disclosures under the Consumer Leasing Act ("CLA") regarding the payments and charges owed by consumers under those agreements. In connection with a settlement, the Court certified a class of persons who signed program service agreements with Defendant having an initial term greater than four months and were either in force as of January 10, 2019 or terminated on or after July 16, 2017 (the "Class").

Why did you receive this notice? You received this notice because the Defendant's records identified you as a member of the following class: All persons (1) to whom #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC provided an ignition interlock device to be used for personal, family, or household purposes, (2) with a program service agreement having an initial term greater than four months, and (3) for which the agreement was in force as of January 10, 2019 or was terminated on or after July 16, 2017.

What does the settlement provide? (1) Defendant will establish a settlement fund in the amount of \$36,819 to pay the class members—from which it is estimated that each participating class member will receive between \$22 and \$45; (2) separately from the settlement fund, Defendant will pay the reasonable costs and expenses of administrating the class action settlement; (3) separately from the settlement fund, Defendant also will pay, as ordered by the Court, reasonable attorneys' fees of up to \$95,000 and reimbursement of costs and litigation expenses of up to \$4,000 to counsel for the Class Representative and the Class; and (4) separately from the settlement fund, Defendant also will pay the Class Representative \$1,000 for her service to the Class. Moving forward, Defendant has modified its program service agreements to address the allegations raised through this lawsuit.

What are my legal rights and options? As a class member, you have four options. First, you may timely complete and return the claim form found on the backside of this postcard, in which case you will receive a pro-rata share of the settlement fund. Second, you may do nothing, in which case you will not receive a pro-rata share of the settlement fund, but you will release any claim(s) that you have against Defendant related to the claims in this case. Third, you may exclude yourself from the settlement, in which case you will not receive a pro-rata share of the settlement fund, but you will not release any claim(s) that you have against Defendant. And fourth, you may object to the settlement. Any claim, request for exclusion, or objection must be postmarked or filed with the Court, as necessary, on or before [DATE]. To obtain additional information regarding the manner in which you may exercise your legal rights and options, please visit www.gdrlawfirm.com, or contact the settlement administrator by writing to: First Class, Inc., c/o [ADDRESS].

When is the final fairness hearing? The Court will hold a final fairness hearing on [DATE], at [TIME]. The hearing will take place in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, 401 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003. At the final fairness hearing, the Court will consider whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and, if so, whether it should be granted final approval. The Court will hear objections to the settlement, if any. The Court may make a decision at that time, postpone a decision, or continue the hearing.

Front Inside

This is a notice of a settlement of a class action lawsuit. This is <u>not</u> a notice of a lawsuit against you.

You may be entitled to compensation as a result of the settlement in the class action lawsuit captioned:

Spencer v. #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC, 2:18-cv-02225-BSB

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer. Please read this notice carefully. It summarily explains your rights and options to participate in a class action settlement.

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Spencer v. #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC, No. 2:18-cv-02225-BSB

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# **Exhibit D**

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

You may benefit from this class action settlement.

You are not being sued.

If you signed a program service agreement with #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC having an initial term greater than four months, and which was in force as of January 10, 2019 or terminated on or after July 16, 2017, you may benefit from the settlement of this class action lawsuit.

This case is titled Vanessa C. Spencer v. #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC, Case No. 2:18-cv-02225-BSB

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT:			
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM	If you signed a program service agreement with #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC for an ignition interlock device to be used for personal, family, or household purposes that (1) had an initial term greater than four months, and (2) was in force as of January 10, 2019 or terminated on or after July 16, 2017, you will receive a cash payment as explained in Section No. 6 below if you submit a valid, timely claim form.		
DO NOTHING BUT STAY IN THE SETTLEMENT	If you signed a program service agreement with #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC for an ignition interlock device to be used for personal, family, or household purposes that (1) had an initial term greater than four months, and (2) was in force as of January 10, 2019 or terminated on or after July 16, 2017, but you do not submit a valid, timely claim form, you will receive no benefits while also giving up your legal claims against #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC.		
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	You will receive no benefits, but you will not be giving up your legal claims against #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC.		
OBJECT	Write to the Court about why you don't like the settlement. You may also appear at the fairness hearing.		
GO TO A HEARING	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the settlement.		

These rights and options, and the deadlines to exercise them, are explained below.

### 1. Why did I get this notice?

The plaintiff, Vanessa C. Spencer ("Plaintiff"), filed a class action lawsuit alleging that the defendant, #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC ("Defendant"), violated the Consumer Leasing Act ("CLA") by offering her a program service agreement with inadequate disclosures concerning the charges and payments owed under the agreement. You received this notice because you have been identified from the Defendant's records as a person who signed a similar program service agreement during the relevant time period.

#### 2. What is this lawsuit about?

In this lawsuit, Plaintiff claimed that Defendant violated the CLA by failing to provide in her program service agreement certain required financial disclosures required by the CLA. Defendant denies that its conduct violated the CLA and has asserted defenses to Plaintiff's claims.

#### 3. Why is this a class action?

In a class action, one or more people called Class Representatives (in this case, Vanessa C. Spencer) sue on behalf of a group of people (or a "Class") who have similar claims. You are a member of the Class.

#### 4. Why is there a settlement?

In order to avoid the cost, risk, and delay of litigation, and uncertainty of trial, the parties agreed to settle. Plaintiff and class counsel believe the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

### 5. How do I know if I am part of the settlement?

The Court has decided that everyone falling under the following definition is a Class Member:

All persons (1) to whom #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC provided an ignition interlock device to be used for personal, family, or household purposes, (2) with a program service agreement having an initial term greater than four months, and (3) for which the program service agreement was in force as of January 10, 2019 or was terminated on or after July 16, 2017.

You have been identified via the Defendant's records as a member of this Class. There are approximately 8,182 persons in total in the Class.

#### YOUR BENEFITS UNDER THE SETTLEMENT

### 6. What can I get from the settlement?

Everyone who submits a valid, timely claim form will receive a cash payment, though the amount of that payment will depend on the number of class members who participate. If every class member participates in the settlement, each class member will receive a cash payment of approximately \$4.50 from the \$36,819 settlement fund. But based on historical participation rates in this type of case, Class Counsel anticipates that participating class members will each receive between \$22 and \$45.

#### 7. When will I receive these benefits?

If you submit a valid, timely claim form, and if the settlement is approved by the Court, you will receive these benefits approximately 60 days after the settlement has been finally approved.

#### 8. I want to be a part of the settlement and receive these benefits. What do I do?

You must submit a valid, timely claim form postmarked **no later than [DATE]**. If you do not submit a claim form, you will not be entitled to share in the settlement fund.

### 9. What am I giving up to receive these benefits?

By staying in the settlement, all of the Court's orders will apply to you, and you give Defendant a "release." A release means you can't sue or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant about the claims or issues in this lawsuit.

#### 10. How much will the Class Representative receive?

The Defendant will pay \$1,000 to the Class Representative for her service to the Class, subject to the court's approval.

#### EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT

If you don't want to receive the benefits of the settlement, but you want to keep your legal claims against the Defendant, then you must take steps to get out of the Class. This is called excluding yourself.

#### 11. How do I get out of the settlement?

To exclude yourself from the settlement, you must send a letter by mail stating that you want to be excluded from *Vanessa C. Spencer v. #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC*, Case No. 2:18-cv-02225-BSB. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and email address (if applicable).

You must mail your exclusion request so that it is postmarked **no later than [DATE]**, and sent to the following address:

First Class, Inc. 5410 Roosevelt Road, Suite 222 Chicago, IL 60644

Be sure to include the name and number of the case.

### 12. If I exclude myself, do I still receive benefits from this settlement?

No, you will not receive anything resulting from the settlement of this case, but you will have the right to sue Defendant over the claims raised in this case on your own in a different lawsuit. If you exclude yourself, the time you have in which to file your own lawsuit (called the "statute of limitations") will begin to run again. You will have the same amount of time to file the suit that you had when this case was filed.

#### THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

### 13. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court has named the law firm of Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC as Class Counsel. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. If you choose to hire your own lawyer, he or she must file an appearance by **[DATE]**.

#### 14. How will the lawyers be paid?

Class Counsel, Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC, will ask the Court for an award of attorneys' fees of up to \$95,000 and reimbursement of costs and litigation expenses of up to \$4,000. You will not be charged by these lawyers; however, they will receive a payment from the Defendant in an amount of \$99,000, or less, if that amount is approved by the Court. Any monies awarded to Class Counsel will be paid by Defendant separate from the settlement fund. In other words, payment of Class Counsel's attorneys' fees, costs, and litigation expenses will not diminish the Class members' recoveries.

#### CLASS COUNSEL'S VIEWS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT

#### 15. Is this a fair settlement?

The CLA is a federal statute that provides for both individual actions and class actions.

In an individual action, the person bringing the suit may recover (i) any actual damages suffered; and (ii) statutory damages of 25% of the total amount of monthly payments owed under the lease. In a class action, the maximum possible recovery is (i) any actual damages suffered by the class members, and (ii) the lesser of 1% of the Defendant's net worth or \$1,000,000. The Court, in its discretion, may award anything from

\$0 up to the maximum amount to a prevailing party. In either an individual or a class action, the person bringing the suit can also recover attorneys' fees and the expenses of prosecuting the suit, if it is successful.

In light of the violations alleged, the damages allowed under the CLA, and given Defendant's book value net worth, Class Counsel believes this is a fair settlement.

#### 16. What is the Defendant's view of this settlement?

As stated above, by settling this lawsuit, Defendant is not admitting that it has done anything wrong. Defendant expressly denies the claims asserted by Plaintiff and denies all allegations of wrongdoing and liability.

#### **OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

You can tell the Court that you do or do not agree with the settlement or some part of it.

# 17. How do I tell the Court that I do not like the settlement?

If you are a Class Member, you can object to the settlement. In order to object to the settlement or any part of the settlement, you must submit your objection to the Court by **[DATE]**, stating that you object and the reasons why you think the Court should not approve the settlement. You must include the name and number of the case: *Vanessa C. Spencer v. #1 A LifeSafer of Arizona, LLC*, Case No. 2:18-cv-02225-BSB, your name, address, telephone number, and email address (if applicable). If you are objecting to the settlement, you may also appear at the fairness hearing (explained below).

In addition to filing your objection with the Court, you must also mail your written objection so that it is postmarked no later than **[DATE]** to both of the following addresses:

Jesse S. Johnson Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC 5550 Glades Road, Suite 500 Boca Raton, FL 33431 David E. Funkhouser III Spencer Fane LLP 2415 E. Camelback Road, Suite 600 Phoenix, AZ 85016

Be sure to include the name and number of the case.

#### THE FAIRNESS HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement. You may attend if you wish, but you are not required to do so.

### 18. Where and when is the fairness hearing?

The Court will hold a fairness hearing at [TIME] on [DATE] at the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, 401 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003. The purpose of the hearing will be for the Court to determine whether the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable and

adequate and in the best interests of the Class, and to determine the appropriate amount of compensation for Class Counsel. At that hearing the Court will be available to hear any objections and arguments concerning the fairness of the proposed settlement.

The hearing may be postponed to a later date without notice.

#### YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS HEARING.

#### GETTING MORE INFORMATION

# 19. How do I get more information?

This notice is only a summary of the proposed settlement of this lawsuit. All pleadings and documents filed with the Court, including the class action settlement agreement, may be reviewed or copied in the Clerk of Court, United States District Court for the District of Arizona.

Please do <u>not</u> call the Judge about this case. Neither the Judge, nor the Clerk of Court, will be able to give you advice about this case. Furthermore, Defendant's attorneys do not represent you and cannot give you legal advice.

You can call Greenwald Davidson Radbil PLLC, 5550 Glades Road, Suite 500, Boca Raton, FL 33431, the firm representing the Class, at (561) 826-5477 if you have any questions. Before doing so, please read this full notice carefully. You can also send an email to <a href="mailto:jjohnson@gdrlawfirm.com">jjohnson@gdrlawfirm.com</a> or obtain information through Class Counsel's website at <a href="www.gdrlawfirm.com">www.gdrlawfirm.com</a>.

#### 20. What if I have a new address?

If this notice was sent to you at your current address, you do not have to do anything more to receive further notices concerning this case. However, if this notice was forwarded to you, or if it was otherwise sent to you at an address that is not current, you should notify the class administrator of your new address by writing to:

First Class, Inc. 5410 Roosevelt Road, Suite 222 Chicago, IL 60644

DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT REGARDING THIS NOTICE.