

EXHIBIT A

Collective Theories

The Government Entities' claims arise from Purdue's tortious, deceptive, unreasonable, or otherwise unlawful conduct with respect to the marketing, promotion, sale, and/or distribution of prescription opioid products, including all forms and versions of Purdue's morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, and buprenorphine products distributed in the U.S.

Such conduct includes, without limitation, Purdue's creation, use, and/or participation in a sophisticated and highly deceptive and unfair marketing, "education," promotion and lobbying campaign that dates back to the late 1990s. This campaign set out to, and did, reverse and alter understandings of the risks, benefits, and appropriate use of prescription opioids. Purdue sought to and did expand the use of prescription opioids by (at least) downplaying their risks and overstating their benefits, particularly for the treatment of chronic, non-cancer pain. Purdue sought to and did do this overtly (through its sales force and Purdue "educational" efforts), as well as covertly through the creation, use, funding, and coopting of organizations, front groups, "key opinion leaders," studies, and literature.

In addition to the foregoing, Purdue also violated its legal and statutory duties (including under the federal Controlled Substances Act) to monitor for, prevent, and minimize diversion of its prescription opioid products, including failing to sufficiently monitor for and prevent the fulfillment and delivery of suspicious orders placed by distributors of Purdue's opioid products and by the downstream customers of those distributors and/or by dispensers of Purdue's opioid products.

Purdue acted on its own, as well as jointly with others, including with other manufacturers, distributors, and dispensers of prescription opioids with respect to the conduct at issue.

Purdue's conduct caused and continues to cause and threaten, without limitation, far-reaching consequences in the communities represented by the Government Entities, including without limitation: (1) the prescribing, purchase, distribution, dispensing, and use of vastly inflated quantities of prescription opioids, (2) the abuse, misuse, and imprudent and unnecessary use of prescription opioids, (3) opioid addiction and opioid use disorder ("OUD") and the need for treatment for the same, (4) hospitalizations, injuries, and deaths caused by opioids, (5) crime, prosecutions, and jailing associated with opioids abuse, misuse, and unlawful sales, (6) the need to monitor for and treat neonatal abstinence syndrome, (7) the need to purchase, train on, and deploy anti-overdose medications among first-responders and others, (8) the need to provide addiction and mental health services to those suffering from addiction/OUD and their families and loved ones, (9) the loss of income and property tax revenues flowing from the foregoing impacts, and (10) the diversion and/or increased use of myriad governmental health, safety, education, justice, and social services to respond to the impact of opioids.

The Government Entities assert all available legal, equitable, and statutory claims against Purdue arising from the foregoing conduct, including without limitation, claims for public and/or private nuisance, unfair and deceptive practices, fraud, negligence, unjust enrichment, false claims and breach of contract, insurance fraud, conspiracy, violation of federal and state RICO laws, and violation of federal and state laws governing the sale, distribution, and anti-diversion requirements for narcotics.

The Government Entities seek all available legal, equitable, and statutory remedies against Purdue, monetary and non-monetary, for any and all past or present conduct and for past, present, or future injury or threat of injury arising or flowing from the foregoing conduct, including injunctive relief, compensatory, consequential, and punitive damages, the costs of abatement, disgorgement, reimbursement for government expenditures, any and all fines and penalties permitted under applicable state or federal law, and reasonable legal fees, costs, and expenses, pre-judgment interest, post-judgment interest, and such other relief as is just and equitable.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Government Entities incorporate by reference as if set forth fully here all of the factual allegations, claims, and prayers for relief set forth in their most current federal and/or state court complaints naming Purdue.