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450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: *McKnight et al. v. Uber Technologies, Inc. et al.* (Case No. 3:14-cv-05615-JST)
Notice of Objection to Settlement and Fee Request

I am a class member in the above-captioned class action lawsuit because I paid for Uber services that included a Safe Rides fee several times during the class period. Greater scrutiny of this settlement is required because of the Court's provisional class certification. As required by the class notice, I object to the proposed settlement on the following grounds:

- 1 Most of the litigation's brief life span has been devoted to consolidating competing actions and conducting protracted settlement negotiations (including the introduction of enhancements to the initial settlement agreement required by the Court).
- 2 The injunctive relief is inadequate because Uber is not required to actually increase expenditures to improve background checks (e.g. verifying the driver's identity through fingerprints, checking the National Sex Offender Registry or performing criminal background checks through a service such as LiveScam).
- 3 The class compensation is also inadequate in that it represents less than 10% of the total possible recovery, despite clear liability for Uber's fraudulent misrepresentation.
- 4 In light of these lackluster results, there is no justification for making a cy pres award.
- 5 Given the dearth of pretrial activity and meager outcome, neither is class counsel's requested fee defensible. Instead, it suggests collusion between the parties.

Because I have not yet retained counsel who can enter an appearance in this action, I reserve the right to supplement my objections with appropriate legal support. I also join in all other objections made to the settlement and fee request. Finally, I do not intend to attend the fairness hearing at this time.

Sincerely,

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