

Statement of Plaintiffs' Executive Committee

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The below statement is on behalf of National Prescription Opiate Litigation MDL Plaintiffs' Executive Committee co-leads Joe Rice of Motley Rice LLC; Jayne Conroy of Simmons Hanly Conroy; and Paul T. Farrell Jr. of Farrell & Fuller Law LLC.

“This \$1.2 billion settlement with Kroger marks another significant step in holding each company involved in the opioid epidemic accountable and ensuring essential resources are delivered to communities across the country. We encourage all eligible states and subdivisions to join us in this settlement to expedite the process of providing these life-saving resources where they are needed most.

“Although the efforts of the law firms appointed five years ago to the opioid MDL leadership have secured over \$51 billion for communities nationwide, our work is not over. We remain committed to vigorously pursuing the remaining cases against pharmacy benefit managers and other regional manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies.”

Additional background: Dependent on state and subdivision participation, the settlement with Kroger totaling \$1.2 billion will be paid out over eleven years after its effective date.

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