

Law & Major Contracts Meeting Agenda



Committee Chair: David Imamura

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Monday, October 6, 2025

10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with B&A

CALL TO ORDER

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<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/> This website also provides links to materials for all matters to be discussed at a given meeting.

Legislator Emiljana Ulaj will be participating remotely from 520 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main Street, Suite 1, Peekskill, NY 10566.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, September 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2025-429](#) ACT - Enter into Agreement - Ethics Board-Charles Luke Brussel

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Charles Luke Brussel to serve as both independent consultant and special counsel to the Westchester County Board of Ethics, commencing upon execution and continuing for three (3) year thereafter, in an amount not-to-exceed NINETY THOUSAND (\$90,000) DOLLARS.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Guest: Law Dept.: County Attorney John Nonna

2. [2025-430](#) ACT - Sandoz Settlement

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to settle the claims against manufacturer Sandoz Inc. in an adversary proceeding filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York,

Westchester County, titled The County of Westchester v Purdue Pharma, et al., arising out of the alleged abuse and misuse of opioids.

Guest: Law Dept.: Associate County Attorney Loren Zeitler

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

Department of Law

John M. Nonna
County Attorney

To: Sunday Vanderberg
Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer
Board of Legislators

From: Maximilian C. Zorn *mcz*
Assistant County Attorney

Re: An Act authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Charles Luke Brussel to serve as both independent consultant and special counsel to the Westchester County Board of Ethics, commencing upon execution and continuing for three (3) years thereafter, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

Date: September 29, 2025

Enclosed please find the following documents related to the referenced legislation:

- 1) One (1) original Transmittal Letter to the BOL from the County Attorney
One (1) original Fiscal Impact Statement
One (1) backup legislation (Committee Report, etc.); and
- 2) Two (2) copies including Fiscal Impact Statement and backup legislation.

Please contact me if you have any questions (5-3380). Otherwise, it is my understanding that the package should be placed on the Board's agenda for the next scheduled BOL meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

MCZ/mcz
Enclosures





Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

Department of Law

John M. Nonna
County Attorney

September 26, 2025

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith is an Act which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement ("Agreement") with Charles Luke Brussel ("Mr. Brussel"), pursuant to which Mr. Brussel will serve as both independent consultant and special counsel to the Westchester County Board of Ethics (the "BOE"), in an "of Counsel" capacity to the Westchester County Attorney ("County Attorney"). The term of the Agreement will commence upon execution and continue for three (3) years thereafter, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

Pursuant to Chapter 883 of the Laws of Westchester County, the BOE is required to, *inter alia*, hire an "independent consultant" to (1) review all annual financial disclosure statements to consider whether County officers and employees are in compliance with the Code, or have any financial involvement or outside employment in a business or organization that may impair their ability to fairly and impartially perform their duties as County officers or employees; (2) create a draft intra-agency report for the BOE regarding any potential non-compliance or conflicts of interest; and (3) create a draft master list of County vendors, contractors, and consultants (the "Services").

The independent consultant will also serve as special counsel to the BOE, who, in functioning in an "of Counsel" capacity to the County Attorney, will be required to provide the following additional services: conduct ethics training sessions as required by Chapter 883; develop and assist the BOE's Secretary in posting information and materials to the BOE's webpage; attend meetings of the BOE and provide ethics advice and guidance to the BOE and to County officers and employees, as requested; draft advisory opinions for the BOE and the Office of the County Attorney; develop due process procedures for investigations conducted by the BOE; assist the BOE in conducting investigations and administrative hearings; assist the Chair of the BOE at the conclusion of investigations conducted by the BOE, with drafting findings of fact and conclusions of law for consideration and adoption by the BOE; advise on records access for the BOE and serve as records access officer for the BOE; and perform related services as required (the "Additional Services").

As your Honorable Board may recall, from August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2025, Steven G. Leventhal served as both independent consultant and special counsel to the BOE.

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The BOE, pursuant to Chapter 883 of the Laws of Westchester County, has now selected Mr. Brussel to perform independent consultant services and assume the role of special counsel to the BOE, serving in an "of Counsel" capacity to the County Attorney.

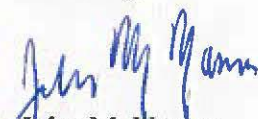
Mr. Brussel has extensive experience leading legal, ethics, compliance, and risk management programs and investigations for diverse global organizations, facing a wide range of risks. Mr. Brussel has served as Global Head of Anti-Corruption and Government Compliance with General Electric, as Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer and Corporate Counsel for Thomson/Cengage Learning, and as lead counsel for the Gale Group, the global online leader in digital research and reference solutions. Mr. Brussel has also served as Vice President in Compliance for First Data (now Fiserv), a leading FinTech company, as Compliance Counsel for the Bank of Norway, and as Interim EMEA Compliance Counsel for Marriott International. Mr. Brussel has also taught internal investigations and governmental and private sector organizational ethics, risk, and crisis management at Fordham Law School for nearly a decade.

In light of Mr. Brussel's expertise and experience in the field of government ethics, including numerous lectures, speaking engagements, and publications on the topic, authority is requested to enter into an agreement with Mr. Brussel. Pursuant to this Agreement, Mr. Brussel will serve as both independent consultant and special counsel to the BOE, in an "of Counsel" capacity to the County Attorney, for the period commencing retroactively on August 1, 2025 and continuing through July 31, 2028, at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00, payable at the rate of \$295.00 per hour plus reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses (including but not limited to mailing costs, copying and tolls, but excluding mileage, lodging and meals).

It should be noted that the Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy & Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(x) thereof, which exempts from procurement contracts "for the services of lawyers."

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Act.

Sincerely,



John M. Nonna
County Attorney

JMN/MCZ/mcz

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Attorney recommending the enactment of an Act which, if adopted by this Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement ("Agreement") with Charles Luke Brussel ("Mr. Brussel"), pursuant to which the Mr. Brussel will serve as both independent consultant and special counsel to the Westchester County Board of Ethics (the "BOE"), in an "of Counsel" capacity to the Westchester County Attorney ("County Attorney"). The term of the Agreement will commence upon execution and continue for three (3) years thereafter, in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000.00.

Your Committee is advised that pursuant to Chapter 883 of the Laws of Westchester County, the BOE is required to, *inter alia*, hire an "independent consultant" to (1) review all annual financial disclosure statements to consider whether County officers and employees are in compliance with the Code, or have any financial involvement or outside employment in a business or organization that may impair their ability to fairly and impartially perform their duties as County officers or employees; (2) create a draft intra-agency report for the BOE regarding any potential non-compliance or conflicts of interest; and (3) create a draft master list of County vendors, contractors, and consultants (the "Services").

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Mr. Brussel has extensive experience leading legal, ethics, compliance, and risk management programs and investigations for diverse global organizations, facing a wide range of risks. Mr. Brussel has served as Global Head of Anti-Corruption and Government Compliance with General Electric, as Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer and Corporate Counsel for Thomson/Cengage Learning, and as lead counsel for the Gale Group, the global online leader in digital research and reference solutions. Mr. Brussel has also served as Vice President in Compliance for First Data (now Fiserv), a leading FinTech company, as Compliance Counsel for the Bank of Norway, and as Interim EMEA Compliance Counsel for Marriott International. Mr. Brussel has also taught internal investigations and governmental and private sector organizational ethics, risk, and crisis management at Fordham Law School for nearly a decade.

Your Committee is advised that in light of Mr. Brussel’s expertise and experience in the field of government ethics, including numerous lectures, speaking engagements, and publications on the topic, authority is requested to enter into an agreement with Mr. Brussel. Pursuant to this Agreement, Mr. Brussel will serve as both independent consultant and special counsel to the BOE, in an “of Counsel” capacity to the County Attorney, for the period commencing retroactively on August 1, 2025 and continuing through July 31, 2028, at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00, payable at the rate of \$295.00 per hour plus reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses (including but not limited to mailing costs, copying and tolls, but excluding mileage, lodging and meals).

It should be noted that the Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy & Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(x) thereof, which exempts from procurement contracts “for the services of lawyers.”

The Department of Planning has advised that, based on its review, the proposed agreement does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617 (“SEQRA”). Please refer to the

memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 14, 2025, which is on file with the Clerk of your Honorable Board.

Please note that an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting strength of your Honorable Board is required for approval of the attached Act.

Accordingly, your Committee concurs with the County Attorney's recommendation and requests approval of the attached Act.

Dated: _____, 2025
White Plains, New York

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Charles Luke Brussel to serve as both independent consultant and special counsel to the Westchester County Board of Ethics, commencing upon execution and continuing for three (3) years thereafter, in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000.00.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester, as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Charles Luke Brussel ("Mr. Brussel"), pursuant to which Mr. Brussel will serve as both independent consultant and special counsel to the Westchester County Board of Ethics ("BOE"), in an "of Counsel" capacity to the County Attorney, for a term commencing upon execution and continuing for three (3) years thereafter.

§2. In his capacity as independent consultant, Mr. Brussel shall (1) review all annual financial disclosure statements to consider whether County officers and employees are in compliance with the Westchester County Code of Ethics, or have any financial involvement or outside employment in a business or organization that may impair their ability to fairly and impartially perform their duties as County officers or employees; (2) create a draft intra-agency report for the BOE regarding any potential non-compliance or conflicts of interest; and (3) create a draft master list of County vendors, contractors, and consultants.

§3. In his capacity as special counsel, Mr. Brussel will perform the following additional services: conduct ethics training sessions as required by Chapter 883; develop and assist the BOE's Secretary in posting information and materials to the BOE's webpage; attend meetings of the BOE and provide ethics advice and guidance to the BOE and to County officers and employees, as requested; draft advisory opinions for the BOE and the Office of the County Attorney; develop due process procedures for investigations conducted by the BOE; assist the BOE in conducting investigations and administrative hearings; assist the Chair of the BOE at the conclusion of investigations conducted by the BOE, with drafting findings of fact

and conclusions of law for consideration and adoption by the BOE; advise on records access for the BOE and serve as records access officer for the BOE; and perform related services as required.

§4. In consideration for the aforesaid services to be rendered by Mr. Brussel to the County under the Agreement, the County shall be authorized to pay Mr. Brussel at the hourly rate of \$295.00, plus reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses (including but not limited to mailing costs, copying and tolls, but excluding mileage, lodging and meals), in an amount not to exceed the aggregate sum of \$90,000.00, payable monthly.

§5. The County Attorney or his authorized designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute all instruments and to take all actions reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

§6. This Act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: CL Brussel-County Board of Ethics

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

☒ GENERAL FUND

☐ AIRPORT FUND

☐ SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense NTE \$90,000.00

Total Current Year Revenue \$

Source of Funds (check one): ☒ Current Appropriations ☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations

☐ Additional Appropriations ☐ Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 101_18_1000_4923

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount N/A

Describe: An Act authorizing the County to enter into an agreement with Charles Luke Brussel to serve as both independent consultant and special counsel to the Westchester County Board of Ethics, commencing upon execution and continuing for 3 years thereafter for a NTE amount of \$90,000.00

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount N/A

Describe: _____

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: N/A

Next Four Years: N/A

Prepared by: Patricia Haggerty

Title: Sr. Budget Analyst

Department: Budget

Date: September 29, 2025

Reviewed By: 

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Budget Director

Date: 9/29/25



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

Office of the County Attorney

John M. Nonna
County Attorney

September 30, 2025

Westchester County Board of Legislators
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Re: An Act authorizing the County of Westchester to settle the claims against manufacturer Sandoz Inc. in an adversary proceeding filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County, titled *The County of Westchester v. Purdue Pharma, et al.*, Index No. 51606/2018, transferred to the coordinated proceeding before Judge Garguilo in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Suffolk County and then transferred to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County (the "Instant Proceeding") arising out of the alleged abuse and misuse of opioids.

Dear Honorable Members of the Board:

Attached for your review is proposed legislation that, if enacted, would authorize the County of Westchester to enter a settlement and general release agreement fully resolving the claims against manufacturer Sandoz Inc. in an adversary proceeding filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County, titled *The County of Westchester v. Purdue Pharma, et al.*, Index No. 51606/2018, transferred to the coordinated proceeding before Judge Garguilo in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Suffolk County and then transferred to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County (the "Instant Proceeding") arising out of the alleged abuse and misuse of opioids.

The Instant Proceeding

On February 6, 2018, the County commenced an action against opioid manufacturers, distributors and dispensers in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester. The Complaint asserted several causes of action, such as deceptive marketing, false advertising, public nuisance, misrepresentation, fraud, negligence, and unjust enrichment

and conspiracy, alleging that each of the Defendants contributed to the opioid epidemic that Westchester County has been battling and will continue to battle for the foreseeable future. The causes of action against the various Defendants are based on claims that they contributed to the opioid epidemic by violating state and federal statutes related to the manufacturing, distribution and sale of opioids, all of which contributed to a public health crisis. Since the litigation's inception in 2018, many of the County's claims against the Defendants have been resolved through settlement.

Terms of the Proposed Settlement

Sandoz has offered to settle the County's claims against it related to opioid use and misuse. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, if the County participates in the settlement, the County will be paid a lump-sum payment of approximately \$1,600,000. As in previous settlements, all attorneys fees and costs will be paid out of a separate fund. All of the settlement funds must be used for "Opioid Remediation" (towards care, treatment, programs and expenditures to remediate past, present and future harms arising out of the misuse and abuse of opioid products). In order to become a party to the Settlement Agreement, Westchester County must do the following:

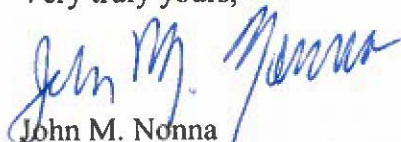
1. Sign the Sandoz Settlement Agreement (Exhibit "A" hereto);

Recommendation of Westchester County Attorney's Office

Litigation concerning the opioid epidemic has been pending for over seven years. Westchester County has suffered tremendous losses and continues to suffer the effects of the epidemic and will for the foreseeable future. The funds it will receive in this settlement will help offset some of those costs and can be used for future abatement purposes. The County Attorney recommends accepting this settlement, as opposed to assuming the risks and burdens of litigating against this Defendant individually.

I respectfully request authority from this Board pursuant to Section 158.11 of the Westchester County Charter to settle the above-referenced matter. I therefore recommend passage of the accompanying Act.

Very truly yours,


John M. Nonna
County Attorney

JMN/LZ
Enc.

BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of a proposed Act which, if enacted by your Board, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to enter a settlement and general release agreement fully resolving the claims of the County against manufacturer Sandoz Inc. in an adversary proceeding filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County, titled *The County of Westchester v. Purdue Pharma, et al.*, Index No. 51606/2018, transferred to the coordinated proceeding before Judge Garguilo in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Suffolk County and then transferred to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County (the "Instant Proceeding") arising out of the alleged abuse and misuse of opioids.

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1. Sign the Sandoz Settlement Agreement (Exhibit "A" hereto);

Your Committee has carefully considered the matter and recommends approval of the annexed Act. The Act, which would authorize the County to enter into the proposed settlement to effectuate the resolution of the lawsuit, is in the best interests of the County.

Your Committee therefore recommends this Honorable Board approve the annexed Act authorizing the County to enter into the proposed settlement of the above-referenced lawsuit. An affirmative vote by a majority of the Board is required to pass this Act.

Dated: White Plains, New York
September 30, 2025

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Sandoz Opioid Lawsuit

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

☒ GENERAL FUND

☐ AIRPORT FUND

☐ SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \$ -

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 1,600,000

Source of Funds (check one): ☐ Current Appropriations ☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations

☐ Additional Appropriations

☐ Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: County Direct Opioid Settlement Trust: 263-26-X068-9856

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount TBD

Describe: Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, if the County participates in the settlement, the County will be paid a lump-sum payment of approximately \$1,600,000.

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount

Describe:

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year:

Next Four Years:

Prepared by: Christina Rampata

Title: Deputy Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: September 30, 2025

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 9/30/25

ACT NO. 2025

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to settle the claims against manufacturer Sandoz Inc. in an adversary proceeding filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County, titled *The County of Westchester v. Purdue Pharma, et al.*, Index No. 51606/2018, transferred to the coordinated proceeding before Judge Garguilo in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Suffolk County and then transferred to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County (the "Instant Proceeding") arising out of the alleged abuse and misuse of opioids.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

1. The County of Westchester is hereby authorized to settle its claims against manufacturer Sandoz Inc. in an adversary proceeding filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County, titled *The County of Westchester v. Purdue Pharma, et al.*, Index No. 51606/2018, transferred to the coordinated proceeding before Judge Garguilo in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Suffolk County and then transferred to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County (the "Instant Proceeding") arising out of the alleged abuse and misuse of opioids.
2. The County Attorney or his designee is hereby authorized to execute and deliver all documents and take such actions as the County Attorney deems necessary or desirable to accomplish the purpose hereof.
3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

EXHIBIT

A

SANDOZ SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Sandoz Settlement Agreement dated as of August 31, 2023 ("*Agreement*") sets forth the terms of settlement between and among Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes, and Sandoz (in each case as defined below), to take effect as of the Effective Date (as defined below).

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Whereas, Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes by and through the Participating Subdivision Designees and Participating Tribe Designees (as defined below), and Sandoz, share a common desire to resolve disputes between Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes, and Sandoz, relating to opioid medications according to the terms set out in this Agreement;

Whereas, the Parties agree and understand that upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth herein, this Agreement will be binding on the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes;

Whereas, the Parties to this Agreement now desire to avoid further expense and proceedings and to settle their disputes under the terms and conditions of this Agreement as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the Parties as follows:

I. Definitions

Unless otherwise specified, the following definitions apply:

1. *"Agreement"* means this Agreement between Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes and Sandoz, inclusive of all exhibits.
2. *"Alleged Harms"* means the alleged past, present, and future financial, societal, and related harms and expenditures arising out of the alleged misuse and abuse of opioid products, including those expenditures that have allegedly arisen as a result of the physical and bodily injuries sustained by individuals suffering from opioid-related addiction, abuse, death, and other related diseases and disorders, and that have allegedly been caused by Sandoz.
3. *"Claim"* means any past, present or future cause of action, claim for relief, cross-claim or counterclaim, theory of liability, demand, derivative claim, request, assessment, charge, covenant, damage, debt, lien, loss, penalty, judgment, right, obligation, dispute, suit, contract, controversy, agreement, parens patriae claim (but only with respect to each Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe), promise, performance, warranty, omission, or grievance of any nature whatsoever, whether legal, equitable, statutory, regulatory or administrative, whether arising under federal, state or local common law, statute, regulation, guidance, ordinance or principles of equity, whether filed or unfiled, whether asserted or unasserted, whether known or unknown, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether foreseen, unforeseen or unforeseeable, whether discovered or undiscovered, whether suspected or unsuspected, whether fixed or contingent, and whether existing or hereafter arising, in all such cases, including but not limited to any request for declaratory, injunctive, or equitable relief, compensatory, punitive, or statutory damages, absolute liability, strict liability, restitution, abatement, subrogation, contribution, indemnity, apportionment,

disgorgement, reimbursement, attorney fees, expert fees, consultant fees, fines, penalties, expenses, costs or any other legal, equitable, civil, administrative, or regulatory remedy whatsoever. Claim does not include any individuals' personal injury or wrongful death cause of action.

4. "*Claim-Over*" means a Claim asserted by a Non-Released Entity against a Released Entity on the basis of contribution, indemnity, or other claim-over on any theory relating to a Non-Party Covered Conduct Claim asserted by a Releasor.
5. "*Covered Conduct*" means any actual or alleged act, failure to act, negligence, statement, error, omission, breach of any duty, conduct, event, transaction, agreement, misstatement, misleading statement or other activity of any kind whatsoever from the beginning of time through the Effective Date (and any past, present, or future consequence of any such act, failure to act, negligence, statement, error, omission, breach of duty, conduct, event, transaction, agreement, misstatement, misleading statement or other activity) relating in any way to any Product, including without limitation (a) the distribution, dispensing, delivery, monitoring, reporting, supply, sale, prescribing, physical security, warehousing, coverage, purchases, reimbursement, discovery, development, manufacture, packaging, repackaging, marketing, promotion, advertising, labeling, recall, withdrawal, or use or abuse of any Product; orders, prescriptions, formularies, guidelines, payments or rebates for any Product; policies, practices and/or operating procedures, statements, contracts, commercial arrangements, insurance, claim or benefit administration, claim adjudication, plan design, data and sales thereof, and any other act or failure to act relating to, any Product; and any system, plan, policy or advocacy relating to any Product, including, but not limited to, any unbranded promotion, marketing, programs, or campaigns relating to any Product; (b) the characteristics, properties, risks, or benefits of any Product; (c) the reporting, disclosure, non-reporting or nondisclosure to federal, state or other regulators of orders, prescriptions, or conduct related to any Product; (d) the purchasing, selling, acquiring, disposing of, importing, exporting, handling, processing, packaging, supplying, distributing, converting, or otherwise engaging in any activity relating to any Product; or (e) controls against diversion, corresponding responsibility, and suspicious order monitoring related to any Product.
6. "*Effective Date*" means the date that the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes execute and deliver (or cause to be delivered) to the Participating Subdivision Designees and the Participating Tribe Designees, as appropriate, and to Sandoz, in accordance with Section V.A., the Subdivision Participation Forms and Tribe Participation Forms, signed by 85% (as measured by number of cases and allocation of the Settlement Fund) of Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Tribes, which are set forth

on **Exhibit A** of this Agreement. The Effective Date shall be no later than January 31, 2024, provided, however, that: (1) the Participating Subdivision Designees and the Participating Tribe Designees shall have the one-time unilateral right to extend the deadline by 90 days; and (2) Sandoz shall have the unilateral right in its sole discretion to further extend that deadline to a date of its choosing and/or to proceed with the Agreement even if the 85% threshold has not been satisfied.

7. “*Eligible Entities*” has the meaning set forth in Section V.C., and includes those Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Tribes identified in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.
8. “*Litigating Subdivision*” means a Subdivision (or Subdivision official asserting the right of or for the Subdivision to recover for Alleged Harms to the Subdivision and/or its members thereof) that has pending Released Claims against Sandoz as of August 25, 2023, as identified on **Exhibit A** hereto.
9. “*Litigating Tribe*” means a Tribe that has pending any Released Claims against Sandoz as of August 25, 2023, as identified on **Exhibit A** hereto.
10. “*MDL*” means *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, Case No. 1:17-md-2804.
11. “*MDL Court*” means the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, presiding over the MDL.
12. “*Non-Participating Subdivision*” means any Subdivision that does not execute a Subdivision Participation Form prior to or within 14 days after the Effective Date of this Agreement or any Subdivision that, prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement, affirmatively opts out of this settlement by providing written notice to the Participating Subdivision Designees and Sandoz of its intent to litigate its Claims against Sandoz.
13. “*Non-Participating Tribe*” means any Tribe that does not execute a Tribe Participation Form prior to or within 14 days after the Effective Date of this Agreement or any Tribe that, prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement, affirmatively opts out of this settlement by providing written notice to the Participating Tribe Designees and Sandoz of its intent to litigate its Claims against Sandoz.
14. “*Non-Party Covered Conduct Claim*” means a Claim against any Non-Released Entity involving, arising out of, or related to Covered Conduct (or conduct that would be Covered Conduct if engaged in by a Released Entity).
15. “*Non-Party Settlement*” means a settlement by any Releasor that settles any

Non-Party Covered Conduct Claim and includes a release of any Non-Released Entity.

16. “*Non-Released Entity*” means an entity that is not a Released Entity.
17. “*Ongoing Common Benefit Order (Dkt. #4428)*” means the Ongoing Common Benefit Order (Dkt. #4428) entered by the MDL Court in the MDL.
18. “*Opioid Remediation*” means care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures (including reimbursement for past such programs or expenditures except where this Agreement restricts the use of funds solely to future Opioid Remediation) designed to remediate Alleged Harms, including to (1) address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, (2) treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or (3) mitigate other alleged effects of the opioid abuse crisis, including on those injured as a result of the opioid abuse crisis. Qualifying expenditures may include reasonable related administrative expenses.
19. “*Participating Subdivision*” means any Litigating Subdivision identified in **Exhibit A** that executes a Subdivision Participation Form prior to or within 14 days after the Effective Date.
20. “*Participating Tribe*” means any Litigating Tribe identified in **Exhibit A** that executes a Tribe Participation Form prior to or within 14 days after the Effective Date.
21. “*Participating Subdivision Designees*” means Jayne Conroy and Michael Angelides of Simmons Hanly Conroy (*see* Section IX.J. below for their contact information).
22. “*Participating Tribe Designees*” means Steve Skikos and Mark Crawford of Skikos, Crawford, Skikos & Joseph (*see* Section IX.J. below for their contact information).
23. “*Parties*” means Sandoz, Participating Subdivisions, and Participating Tribes (each, a “*Party*”).
24. “*Post-Settlement Claim*” means any Claim commenced against Sandoz by any Subdivision or Tribe after the date of this Agreement, whether in the MDL Court or any federal, state, district, territorial, or other court, or any other judicial, quasi-judicial, or arbitral body, alleging any Covered Conduct as the basis or partial basis for the Claim.
25. “*Product*” means any chemical substance, whether used for medicinal or non-medicinal purposes, and whether natural, synthetic, or semi-synthetic, or any finished pharmaceutical product made from or with such substance,

that is (1) an opioid or opiate, as well as any product containing any such substance; (2) a benzodiazepine, a muscle relaxer, carisoprodol, zolpidem, or gabapentin; or (3) a combination or "cocktail" of any stimulant or other chemical substance prescribed, sold, bought, or dispensed to be used together that includes opioids or opiates. "Product" shall include, but is not limited to, any substance consisting of or containing buprenorphine, codeine, fentanyl, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, meperidine, methadone, morphine, naloxone, naltrexone, oxycodone, oxymorphone, tapentadol, tramadol, opium, heroin, carfentanil, diazepam, estazolam, quazepam, alprazolam, clonazepam, oxazepam, flurazepam, triazolam, temazepam, midazolam, carisoprodol, gabapentin, or any variant of these substances or any similar substance.

26. "*Released Claims*" means any and all Claims that directly or indirectly are based on, arise out of, or in any way relate to or concern the Covered Conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date. Without limiting the foregoing, "Released Claims" include any Claims that have been asserted against the Released Entities by any Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe in any federal, state, or local action or proceeding (whether judicial, arbitral, or administrative) based on, arising out of or relating to, in whole or in part, the Covered Conduct, or any such Claims that could be or could have been asserted now or in the future in those actions or in any comparable action or proceeding brought by a Participating Subdivision, Participating Tribe or any Releasors (whether or not such Participating Subdivision, Participating Tribe or Releasor has brought such action or proceeding). Released Claims also include all Claims asserted in any proceeding to be dismissed pursuant to the Agreement, whether or not such claims relate to Covered Conduct. The Parties intend that "Released Claims" be interpreted broadly. This Agreement does not release Claims by private individuals for any of their own damages for alleged personal injuries arising out of their use of any Product. But in any action arising from or relating to such Claims or the Covered Conduct, the Released Entities may assert as a defense or otherwise argue that the payments required herein serve as a measure of compensation for personal injuries or for other legal or equitable claims or demands asserted by private individuals or others. It is the intent of the Parties that Claims by private individuals be treated in accordance with applicable law.
27. "*Released Entities*" has the meaning set forth in Section VI.A.
28. "*Releasors*" means (1) each Participating Subdivision and Participating Tribe, and (2) without limitation and to the maximum extent of the power of each Participating Subdivision and Participating Tribe to release Claims, (a) the Participating Subdivision's and Participating Tribe's departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, subdivisions, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity whether

elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and (b) any person or entity acting in a *parens patriae*, sovereign, quasi-sovereign, private attorney general, *qui tam*, taxpayer, or other capacity seeking relief on behalf of or generally applicable to the general public but only with respect to each Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe.

29. “*Sandoz*” means Sandoz Inc. and all of its respective past and present direct or indirect parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, joint ventures, predecessors, successors, or assigns, including but not limited to Sandoz International GmbH, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, and Novartis AG and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including but not limited to Novartis Manufacturing LLC, Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Inc., Novartis Corporation, and Novartis Consumer Health. For the avoidance of doubt, this definition of “*Sandoz*” shall survive any spin-off, separation, or other corporate change-of-control transaction that results in Sandoz Inc. separating from or no longer being a direct or indirect subsidiary of one or more other Sandoz or Novartis entities.
30. “*Sandoz Settlement Fund*” or “*Settlement Fund*” means the interest-bearing fund to be established by the MDL Court in the MDL into which all payments by Sandoz will be made, which shall be administered by the Settlement Referee, and which is intended to qualify as a “qualified settlement fund” within the meaning of Section 1.468B-1 *et seq.* of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
31. “*Settlement Referee*” means David R. Cohen, who will perform the duties set forth in this Agreement, including setting forth the procedures by which the Subdivision and Tribe allocation will be completed and to jointly determine each Subdivision’s and Tribe’s final allocation resulting from application of the Subdivision and Tribe Allocation Distribution Percentage.
32. “*State*” means the States of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.
33. “*Subdivision*,” “*Subdivisions*,” “*Tribe*” or “*Tribes*” includes the Eligible Entities set forth on **Exhibit A** of this Agreement. “*Subdivision*” further means (1) a formal and legally recognized sub-entity of a State that provides general governance for a defined area, including a municipality, county, parish, city, town, village, special district or any other entities that provide municipal-type government within a State, and (2) any person, official, or entity thereof acting in an official capacity. Unless otherwise specified, “*Subdivision*” includes all functional counties and parishes and other functional levels of sub-entities of a State that provide general governance for a defined area. Historic, non-functioning sub-entities of a State (such as

Connecticut counties) are not Subdivisions, unless the entity has filed a lawsuit that includes a Released Claim against a Released Entity in a direct, parens patriae, or any other capacity. "Tribe" further means any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village or community that the United States acknowledges to exist as an Indian tribe, including but not limited to the list of recognized tribes published by the United States Secretary of the Interior.

- 34. "*Subdivision and Tribe Allocation Distribution Percentage*" means a Subdivision's or Tribe's percentage as determined by the Settlement Referee pursuant to Section IV.B. The aggregate Subdivision and Tribe Allocation Distribution Percentage of all Subdivisions and Tribes shall equal 100%.
- 35. "*Subdivision Participation Form*" and "*Tribe Participation Form*" mean the forms attached hereto as **Exhibits C (Subdivisions) and D (Tribes)**.
- 36. "*Total Remediation Amount*" has the meaning set forth in Section IV.A.

II. Release

A. *Scope.* As of the Effective Date, the Released Entities will be released and forever discharged from all of the Releasors' Released Claims. Each Participating Subdivision and Participating Tribe (for itself and its Releasors) will absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenant not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist in bringing, or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in this Agreement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of each Releasor to release claims. The releases shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.

B. Claim-Over and Non-Party Settlement.

- 1. *Statement of Intent.* It is the intent of the Parties that:
 - a. Released Entities should not seek contribution or indemnification (other than pursuant to an insurance contract) from other parties for their payment obligations under this Agreement;
 - b. The payments made under this Agreement shall be the sole payments made by the Released Entities to the Releasors involving, arising out of, or related to Covered Conduct (or conduct that would be Covered Conduct if engaged in by a Released Entity);

- c. Claims by Releasors against non-Parties should not and will not result in additional payments by Released Entities, whether through contribution, indemnification or any other means;
 - d. The amount of each payment made to each Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe under this Agreement is intended to reduce any indemnification obligation the Released Entities might have to non-Parties with regard to each such Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe;
 - e. Releasors covenant not to sue Released Entities for Covered Conduct;
 - f. The Agreement meets the requirements of the Uniform Contribution Among Joint Tortfeasors Act and any similar state law or doctrine that reduces or discharges a released party's liability to any other parties; and
 - g. The provisions of this Section II.B. are intended to be implemented consistent with these principles. This Agreement and the releases and dismissals provided for herein are made in good faith.
2. *Contribution/Indemnity Prohibited.* No Released Entity shall seek to recover for amounts paid under this Agreement based on indemnification, contribution, or any other theory from a manufacturer, pharmacy, hospital, pharmacy benefit manager, health insurer, third-party vendor, trade association, distributor, or health care practitioner, provided that a Released Entity shall be relieved of this prohibition with respect to any entity that asserts a Claim-Over against it or with respect to any person or entity that brings any other form of action against Sandoz arising out of or related to Covered Conduct. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall prohibit a Released Entity from recovering amounts owed pursuant to insurance contracts.
3. *Non-Party Settlement.* To the extent that, on or after the Effective Date, any Releasor enters into a Non-Party Settlement, including in any bankruptcy case or through any plan of reorganization (whether individually or as a class of creditors), the Releasor will include (or in the case of a Non-Party Settlement made in connection with a bankruptcy case, will cause the debtor to include), unless prohibited from doing so under applicable law, in the Non-Party Settlement a prohibition on contribution or indemnity of any kind substantially equivalent to that required from Sandoz in Section II.B.2, or a release from such Non- Released Entity in favor of the Released Entities (in a form equivalent to the releases contained in this Agreement) of any Claim-Over. Sandoz shall be deemed and is designated as an intended third-party beneficiary of the prohibition on contribution or indemnity required

under this section in such Non-Party Settlement. The obligation to obtain the prohibition and/or release required by this subsection is a material term of this Agreement.

4. *Claim-Over.* In the event that any Non-Released Entity asserts a Claim-Over against a Released Entity, then Releasor and Sandoz shall take steps sufficient and permissible under applicable law to hold Released Entities harmless from the Claim-Over and ensure Released Entities are not required to pay more with respect to Covered Conduct than the amounts owed by Sandoz under this Agreement.
5. *Preservation of All Rights and Defenses Arising from Payments.* This Agreement further expressly preserves, to the full extent permitted by law, the right and ability of Released Entities to assert the payments made under this Agreement as a defense, set-off, satisfaction, or reduction against any amounts asserted as damages against any Released Entity by any non-Party or Non-Released Entity involving, arising out of, or related to Covered Conduct (or conduct that would be Covered Conduct if engaged in by a Released Entity).

If the Claim-Over is based on a contractual indemnity claim by a Non-Released Entity against any Released Entity, these Claim-Over provisions shall not apply to the extent the contractual indemnity claim is based on the conduct of the Non-Released Entity and not the conduct of Released Entities.

- C. *General Release.* In connection with the releases provided for in the Agreement, each Participating Subdivision and Participating Tribe (for itself and its Releasors) expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may thereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Participating Subdivision and Participating Tribe (for itself and its Releasors) hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases, and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Participating Subdivisions' or Participating Tribes' decision to enter into the Agreement or the Participating Subdivisions' or

Participating Tribes' decision to participate in the Agreement.

- D. *Res Judicata.* Nothing in the Agreement shall be deemed to reduce the scope of the res judicata or claim preclusive effect that the settlement memorialized in the Agreement, and/or any stipulation of dismissal with prejudice or judgment entered on the Agreement, gives rise to under applicable law.
- E. *Representation and Warranty of Authority.* The Participating Subdivision Designees and Participating Tribe Designees signing hereto on behalf of the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes expressly represent and warrant that they have authority to enter into this Agreement conditionally on behalf of the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes, subject to each Participating Subdivision and Participating Tribe executing a Subdivision Participation Form or Tribe Participation Form as provided in Section V of this Agreement.
- F. *Representation and Warranty of No Other Case(s).* The signatories hereto on behalf of the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes expressly represent and warrant that, as of the date of this Agreement, they are not aware, other than the cases arising from Covered Conduct, of any other case(s) against Sandoz on behalf of any Subdivision or Tribe, beyond those listed on **Exhibit A**.
- G. *Effectiveness.* The releases set forth in the Agreement shall not be impacted in any way by any dispute that exists, has existed, or may later exist between or among the Releasors. Nor shall such releases be impacted in any way by any current or future law, regulation, ordinance, or court or agency order limiting, seizing, or controlling the distribution or use of the Sandoz Settlement Fund or any portion thereof, or by the enactment of future laws, or by any seizure of the Sandoz Settlement Fund or any portion thereof.
- H. *Cooperation.* Releasors (i) will not encourage any person or entity to bring or maintain any Released Claim against any Released Entity and (ii) will reasonably cooperate with and not oppose any effort by a Released Entity to secure the prompt dismissal of any and all Released Claims.
- I. *Non-Released Claims.* Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything in the definition of Released Claims, the Agreement does not waive, release or limit any criminal liability, Claims that may be brought by a State or by any State Attorney General against Released Entities for Covered Conduct to the extent not released herein specifically with respect to Participating Subdivisions or Participating Tribes, Claims for any outstanding liability under any tax or securities law, Claims against parties who are not Released Entities, Claims by private individuals, and any claims arising under this Agreement for enforcement of this Agreement.

III. Monetary Relief and Payments

- A. *Structure of Payments.*

1. All payments under this Section III shall be made into the Sandoz Settlement Fund. The payments in the Sandoz Settlement Fund shall be allocated and used only as specified in Section IV of this Agreement. In the event that this Agreement is not completed for any reason or is terminated in accordance with its terms, all payments made under this Section III into the Sandoz Settlement Fund shall be returned to Sandoz.
2. On the thirtieth day after the Effective Date, Sandoz shall pay into the Sandoz Settlement Fund the sum of Ninety-Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$99,500,000.00), under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, subject to the reductions described in Section IV.B.4.
3. Sandoz's payment into the Sandoz Settlement Fund includes the amount necessary to comply with the Ongoing Common Benefit Order (Dkt. #4428). The Settlement Referee shall hold the amount necessary to ensure compliance with the Ongoing Common Benefit Order until further order by the MDL Court. It is expressly understood that Sandoz's payment into the Sandoz Settlement Fund under Section III.A.2 fulfills its obligations under the Ongoing Common Benefit Order.
4. If Eighty-Five Percent (85%) of Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Tribes set forth on **Exhibit A** of this Agreement (as measured by number of cases and allocation of the Settlement Fund) do not sign the Subdivision and Tribe Participation Form by January 31, 2024 (or such extended date as may be set in accordance with Section I.6.), and Sandoz does not otherwise agree to move forward with the Settlement Agreement, such that the Effective Date does not occur, then Sandoz shall make no payment, this Agreement will have no further effect, and all releases and other commitments or obligations contained herein will be void, provided, however, that Sandoz shall have the unilateral right in its sole discretion to extend that deadline to a date of its choosing and/or to proceed with the Agreement even if the 85% threshold has not been satisfied.

IV. Allocation and Use of Settlement Funds

- A. *Settlement Fund.* Subject to Sections IV.B.3 and 4, the Sandoz Settlement Fund shall be comprised of funds earmarked for Opioid Remediation (the "Total Remediation Amount").
- B. *Allocation, Administration and Use of Settlement Payments.*
 1. David R. Cohen, in his capacity as Settlement Referee, shall determine the basis for the distributions to Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes in accordance with this Section IV. Once the final Subdivision and Tribe Allocation Distribution Percentage is determined, it shall be attached

as **Exhibit B** to this Agreement. Determination of the Subdivision and Tribe Allocation Distribution Percentage shall be determined in the following manner:

- a. Allocation Distribution percentages may be determined by referring to and incorporating allocation percentages, formulas and manners of calculations utilized in prior Subdivision settlement agreements and prior Tribe settlement agreements reached with other Defendants in the opioid litigation. The Settlement Referee shall consider all non-general purpose government sub-entities of a Subdivision county, city or Tribe, or person or entity included in an action or bringing an action on the Subdivision county, city or Tribe's behalf, to be a single Subdivision county, city or Tribe claimant for purposes of allocation. Further, any allocation between and amongst the recovering Subdivision county, city or Tribe and any of its non-general purpose government sub-entities shall be determined by those entities and sub-entities themselves.
 - b. Each Participating Subdivision and Participating Tribe shall have had the right to be heard prior to entry of the final allocation order specific to this opioid crisis with regard to the calculation of the allocation amount set forth in Section IV.B.1.a. For the avoidance of doubt, the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes shall not have any other basis to challenge the allocation amounts.
 - c. Sandoz acknowledges and expressly agrees that it has no role whatsoever in the Subdivision and Tribe allocation process.
2. The Settlement Referee shall set aside and hold back the funds allocable to each of the Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Tribes proportionate to the Litigating Subdivision's and Litigating Tribe's Subdivision Allocation Distribution Percentage to the extent such Litigating Subdivision or Litigating Tribe has not become a Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe, and the provisions of Section IV.B.4 shall apply with respect to such Non-Participating Subdivision or Non-Participating Tribe.
 3. The Settlement Referee shall deduct the costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Sandoz Settlement Fund, including any expenses, costs and fees arising out of the duties of David R. Cohen in his capacity as Settlement Referee, out of the interest accrued on the Sandoz Settlement Fund and thereafter from the principal of the Sandoz Settlement Fund.
 4. Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Tribes. Any Litigating Subdivision or Litigating Tribe that does not execute a Subdivision Participation Form or Tribe Participation Form prior to or within 14 days after the Effective Date of this Agreement or any Litigating Subdivision or Litigating Tribe

that affirmatively opts out of this Agreement and provides written notice to the Participating Subdivision Designees and/or Participating Tribe Designees, and Sandoz of its intent to litigate its Claims against Sandoz shall forego its right to participate in distributions contemplated by this Agreement, in which case the amount (including accumulated holdback amounts) allocable to such Litigating Subdivision or Litigating Tribe pursuant to its Subdivision and Tribe Allocation Distribution Percentage shall revert to Sandoz, to be paid to Sandoz within sixty (60) days after the 14-day time period after the Effective Date.

C. *Provisions Regarding Abatement Fund.*

1. The funds distributed from the Sandoz Settlement Fund to each Participating Subdivision and Participating Tribe shall be used solely for Opioid Remediation.
2. The Participating Subdivision Designees and Participating Tribe Designees shall provide a Participating Subdivision and Participating Tribe Opioid Abatement Report to Sandoz once all funds are disbursed to the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes.

D. *Nature of Payment.*

1. Sandoz and the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes acknowledge and agree that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the scope of the Released Claims:
 - a. Sandoz has entered into this Agreement to avoid the delay, expense, inconvenience, and uncertainty of further litigation;
 - b. Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes sought restitution and remediation (within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(2)(A)) as damages for the Alleged Harms allegedly suffered by the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes as a result of the Covered Conduct;
 - c. By executing the Subdivision Participation Form or Tribe Participation Form, the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes acknowledge that: (a) the Total Remediation Amount is no greater than the amount, in the aggregate, of the Alleged Harms allegedly suffered by the Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes; and (b) the portion of the Total Remediation Amount received by each Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe is no greater than the amount of the Alleged Harms allegedly suffered by such Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe;

- d. The payment of the Total Remediation Amount by Sandoz constitutes, and is paid for, restitution and remediation (within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(2)(A)) for alleged damage or harm (as compensation for alleged damage or harm arising out of alleged bodily injury) allegedly caused by Sandoz;
- e. The Total Remediation Amount is being paid as restitution and remediation (within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(2)(A)) in order to restore, in whole or in part, the Participating Subdivisions, Participating Tribes and persons to the same position or condition that they would be in had the Participating Subdivisions, Participating Tribes and persons not suffered the Alleged Harms and constitutes restitution and remediation for damage or harm allegedly caused by the potential violation of a law and/or is an amount paid to come into compliance with the law;
- f. For the avoidance of doubt: (a) no portion of the Total Remediation Amount represents reimbursement to any Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe, or other person or entity, for the costs of any investigation or litigation, including without limitation attorneys' fees, (b) the entire Total Remediation Amount is properly characterized as described in Section IV.D.1.e, and (c) none of the amounts paid by Sandoz under Section III constitutes disgorgement or is paid for or in place of any fine, penalty, punitive damages, or other punitive assessments; and
- g. For the further avoidance of doubt, the Parties estimate that Fifteen Percent (15%) of the payments made by Sandoz into the Sandoz Settlement Fund will be allocated to payments in accordance with the Ongoing Common Benefit Order (Dkt. #4428) and/or the MDL fee cap order (Dkt. #3814), and the remaining Eighty-Five Percent (85%) of the payments made by Sandoz into the Sandoz Settlement Fund will be allocated to the Total Remediation Amount and paid as restitution and remediation (within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(2)(A)).

2. Tax Reporting and Cooperation

- a. Each Participating Subdivision and Participating Tribe shall cooperate in good faith with Sandoz with respect to any tax claim, dispute, investigation, audit, examination, contest, litigation, or other proceeding relating to this Agreement.
- b. For the avoidance of doubt, except as explicitly set forth in this Agreement, neither Sandoz, any Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe, or counsel to any of the foregoing make any warranty or representation as to the tax consequences of the payment

of the Total Remediation Amount (or any portion thereof).

V. Participation by Subdivisions and Tribes

- A. *Subdivision Participation Form and Tribe Participation Form.* Attached hereto as **Exhibits C (Subdivisions) and D (Tribes)** are the Subdivision Participation Form and Tribe Participation Form, which may be subject to later modification and substitution as the participation process is worked out. A Subdivision's or Tribe's executed Participation Form is evidence of its status as a Party to this Agreement, and the executed Participation Forms and their terms are incorporated herein by reference. In order to become a Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe, each Litigating Subdivision or Litigating Tribe shall provide a properly executed Participation Form to the Participating Subdivision Designees or to the Participating Tribe Designees and to Sandoz, or to any proxy specified by them, by electronic mail as set forth in the Participation Forms at **Exhibits C and D** hereto, and in accordance with the time limitations and terms of this Agreement.
- B. *Dismissal of Claims.* Each Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe, either directly or through its counsel, shall request to dismiss with prejudice all Released Claims by that Subdivision or Tribe against Released Entities, including all Released Claims pending in the MDL Court and all Released Claims pending in any State court. Dismissal of a Litigating Subdivision's or Litigating Tribe's complaint against Released Entities shall be filed only upon the occurrence of the Effective Date. The Parties will coordinate a streamlined dismissal process with the MDL Court that will allow for a bulk filing of the agreed dismissals with respect to MDL-filed cases.
- C. *Eligible Entities.* **Exhibit A** sets forth all Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Tribes eligible to participate in this Agreement ("*Eligible Entities*"):
1. Each entity listed on **Exhibit A** has filed an opioid case against Sandoz in the MDL or in a case pending in State court.
 2. **Exhibit A** includes the filing docket number and counsel of record for the listed entity. Each entity listed on **Exhibit A** is entitled to participate in the settlement.
 3. Only Eligible Entities listed in **Exhibit A** are eligible to participate in the settlement, except as may be further agreed between Sandoz and the Participating Subdivision Designees or the Participating Tribe Designees.

VI. Defendants to be Released Upon Meeting Threshold Requirements

- A. The following are to be Released Entities and shall be released and claims against them to be dismissed with prejudice upon the Effective Date: (i) Sandoz ("*Sandoz*" as defined in Section I.29 of the Definitions); (ii) all of its past and present, direct or indirect: parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, joint ventures, predecessors,

successors, assigns and insurers (in their capacity as such); and (iii) the past and present officers, directors, members, shareholders (solely in their capacity as shareholders of the foregoing entities), partners, trustees, employees, agents, attorneys and insurers of each of the foregoing entities and persons referenced in clauses (i) through (ii) above for actions or omissions that occurred during and related to their work for, or employment with, any of the foregoing entities with respect to the Released Claims. An illustrative, non-exhaustive list of Released Entities is annexed to this Agreement as **Exhibit E**.

VII. Plaintiffs' Attorneys' Fees and Costs

- A. Contingency attorneys' fees and costs shall be paid out in accordance with the MDL fee cap order (Dkt #3814), which the Parties agree to extend to the provisions of this Agreement, as well as any other Orders that may be entered by the MDL Court concerning attorneys' fees and costs.
- B. Common Benefit amounts shall be held by the Settlement Referee in order to ensure compliance with the Ongoing Common Benefit Order (Dkt. #4428), as set forth in Section III.A.3 above.

VIII. Dispute Resolution

- A. Any disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be heard before Settlement Referee David R. Cohen as the arbitrator designated by the Parties to resolve disputes through binding arbitration.

IX. Miscellaneous

- A. *No Admission.* Sandoz does not admit liability or wrongdoing. This Agreement shall not be considered, construed, or represented to be (1) an admission, concession, or evidence of liability or wrongdoing or (2) a waiver or any limitation of any defense otherwise available to Sandoz.
- B. *Third-Party Beneficiaries.* Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, no portion of this Agreement shall provide any rights to, or be enforceable by, any person or entity that is not a Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe or Released Entity. No Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe may assign or otherwise convey any right to enforce any provision of this Agreement and no entity except the Participating Subdivision Designees or Participating Tribe Designees shall have the right to enforce any provision of this Agreement on behalf of all Participating Subdivisions and Participating Tribes.
- C. *Construction.* None of the Parties and no Participating Subdivision or Participating Tribe shall be considered to be the drafter of this Agreement or of any of its provisions for the purpose of any statute, case law, or rule of interpretation or construction that would or might cause any provision to be construed against the

drafter of this Agreement. The headings of the provisions of this Agreement are not binding and are for reference only and do not limit, expand, or otherwise affect the contents or meaning of this Agreement.

- D. *Cooperation.* Each Party agrees to use its best efforts and to cooperate with the other Parties to cause this Agreement to become effective, to obtain all necessary approvals, consents and authorizations, if any, and to execute all documents and to take such other action as may be appropriate in connection herewith. Consistent with the foregoing, each Party agrees that it will not directly or indirectly assist or encourage any challenge to this Agreement by any other person, and will support the integrity and enforcement of the terms of this Agreement.
- E. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement, its Exhibits and any other attachments, embodies the entire agreement and understanding between and among the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes (1) all prior agreements and understandings relating to such subject matter, whether written or oral and (2) all purportedly contemporaneous oral agreements and understandings relating to such subject matter.
- F. *Execution.* This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by different signatories on separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall together be one and the same Agreement. One or more counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile or electronic transmission with the intent that it or they shall constitute an original counterpart thereof. One or more counterparts of this Agreement may be signed by electronic signature.
- G. *Good Faith and Voluntary Entry.* Each Party warrants and represents that it negotiated the terms of this Agreement in good faith. Each of the Parties and signatories to this Agreement warrants and represents that it freely and voluntarily entered into this Agreement without any degree of duress or compulsion. The Parties state that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever (other than the written terms of this Agreement) was made to them to induce them to enter into this Agreement.
- H. *No Prevailing Party.* The Parties each agree that they are not the prevailing party in this action, for purposes of any claim for fees, costs, or expenses as prevailing parties arising under common law or under the terms of any statute, because the Parties have reached a good faith settlement. The Parties each further waive any right to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreement on any ground, including, without limitation, that any term is unconstitutional or is preempted by, or in conflict with, any current or future law.
- I. *Non-Admissibility.* The settlement negotiations resulting in this Agreement have been undertaken by the Parties in good faith and for settlement purposes only, and no evidence of negotiations or discussions underlying this Agreement shall be

offered or received in evidence in any action or proceeding for any purpose. This Agreement shall not be offered or received in evidence in any action or proceeding for any purpose other than in an action or proceeding arising under or relating to this Agreement, except that Released Entities may file or use this Agreement in any action (1) involving a determination regarding insurance coverage; (2) involving a determination of the taxable income or tax liability of any Released Entities; (3) to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good-faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction or on any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim; (4) to support a claim for contribution and/or indemnification; or (5) to support any other argument or defense by a Released Entity that the Total Remediation Amount provides a measure of compensation for asserted harms or otherwise satisfies the relief sought.

- J. *Notices.* All notices or other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing (including but not limited to electronic communications) and shall be given to the recipients indicated below:

For Participating Subdivisions:

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Any Party or Participating Subdivision Designees or Participating Tribe Designees may change or add to the contact information of the persons designated to receive notice on its behalf by notice given (effective upon the giving of such notice) as provided in this subsection.

- K. *No Waiver.* The waiver of any rights conferred hereunder shall be effective only if made by written instrument executed by the waiving Party or Parties. The waiver by any Party of any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be or construed as a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent, or contemporaneous, nor shall such waiver be deemed to be or construed as a waiver by any other Party.
- L. *Preservation of Privilege.* Nothing contained in this Agreement, and no act required to be performed pursuant to this Agreement, is intended to constitute, cause, or effect any waiver (in whole or in part) of any attorney-client privilege, work product protection, or common interest/joint defense privilege, and each Party agrees that it shall not make or cause to be made in any forum any assertion to the contrary.
- M. *Successors.* This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, Sandoz and its respective successors and assigns. Sandoz shall not sell the majority

of its voting stock or substantially all its assets without obtaining the acquiror's agreement that it will constitute a successor with respect to Sandoz's obligations under this Agreement.

- N. *Modification, Amendment, Alteration.* After the Effective Date, any modification, amendment, or alteration of this Agreement by the Parties shall be binding only if evidenced in writing signed by Sandoz along with the signatures of Participating Subdivision Designees and Participating Tribe Designees.
- O. *Governing Law.* Except (1) as otherwise provided in the Agreement or (2) as necessary, in the sole judgment of Settlement Referee David R. Cohen, to promote uniformity of interpretation for matters, this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the respective laws of the State of Ohio without regard to the conflict of law rules of such State. Notwithstanding any other provision in this subsection on governing law, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Agreement.
- P. *Severability.* In the event any one or more immaterial provisions of this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement.

Date: August 31, 2023

For Participating Subdivisions:

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Date: August 31, 2023

For Sandoz:

Karen McDonnell
VP & General Counsel, NA, Sandoz
Sandoz Corporate Representative

Gregory E. Ostfeld
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Date: August 31, 2023

EXHIBIT A

Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Tribes

Litigating Subdivision or Litigating Tribe	Law Firm	Case No.

EXHIBIT B

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES' ALLOCATION DISTRIBUTION PERCENTAGES

[Reserved - to be added post-Effective Date pursuant to Section IV.B.1]

EXHIBIT C

Subdivision Participation Form

Eligible Subdivision Name:
Case No.:
Authorized Signatory Name:
Authorized Signatory Title:
Address 1:
Address 2:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
Email:

The Eligible Subdivision identified above ("Subdivision"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Subdivision pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated August 31, 2023 ("Sandoz Settlement"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, is an "Eligible Entity" as defined in the Sandoz Settlement, and hereby elects to participate in the Sandoz Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Subdivision is aware of and has reviewed the Sandoz Settlement, understands that all terms in this Subdivision Participation Form ("Form") have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Form, the Subdivision elects to participate in the Sandoz Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Subdivision agrees to the terms, representations, and warranties of the Sandoz Settlement pertaining to Participating Subdivisions as defined therein.
3. By agreeing to the terms of the Sandoz Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Subdivision is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
4. The Subdivision agrees to use any monies it receives through the Sandoz Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
5. By signing this Participation Form, the Subdivision agrees that, pursuant to the Sandoz Settlement, Settlement Referee David R. Cohen will set the procedures by which the allocation will be completed for this settlement and will determine the final allocation between the Participating Subdivisions pursuant to the terms of the Sandoz Settlement.
6. The Subdivision agrees that any disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be heard before Settlement Referee David R. Cohen as the arbitrator designated by the

parties in the Sandoz Settlement to resolve disputes through binding arbitration.

7. The Subdivision has the right to enforce the Sandoz Settlement as provided therein.
8. The Subdivision, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Sandoz Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section II (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Subdivision hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist in bringing, or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Sandoz Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of each Releasor to release claims. The releases shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. In connection with the releases provided for in the Sandoz Settlement, each Subdivision expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.
10. A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Participating Subdivision (for itself and its Releasors) hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases, and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Participating Subdivision's decision to enter into the Sandoz Settlement or the Participating Subdivision's decision to participate in the Sandoz Settlement.
11. The Participating Subdivision, or their attorneys, shall provide a properly executed Participation Form to the Participating Subdivision Designees and to Sandoz by electronic mail to _____ in accordance with the time

limitations and terms of the Sandoz Settlement.

12. Within 21 days after the Effective Date set forth in the Sandoz Settlement, the Subdivision shall file a request to dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, the Subdivision hereby authorizes the Participating Subdivision Designees to execute and file on behalf of the Subdivision a Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice.
13. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Sandoz Settlement, to which Subdivision hereby agrees. To the extent this Form is interpreted differently from the Sandoz Settlement in any respect, the Sandoz Settlement controls.

I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Form on behalf of the Subdivision.

Signature:

Name:

Title:

Date:

EXHIBIT D

Tribe Participation Form

Eligible Tribe Name:
Case No.:
Authorized Signatory Name:
Authorized Signatory Title:
Address 1:
Address 2:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
Email:

The Eligible Tribe identified above ("Tribe"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Tribe pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated August 31, 2023 ("Sandoz Settlement"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, is an "Eligible Entity" as defined in the Sandoz Settlement, and hereby elects to participate in the Sandoz Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Tribe is aware of and has reviewed the Sandoz Settlement, understands that all terms in this Tribe Participation Form ("Form") have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Form, the Tribe elects to participate in the Sandoz Settlement and become a Participating Tribe as provided therein.
2. The Tribe agrees to the terms, representations, and warranties of the Sandoz Settlement pertaining to Participating Tribes as defined therein.
3. By agreeing to the terms of the Sandoz Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Tribe is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
4. The Tribe agrees to use any monies it receives through the Sandoz Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
5. By signing this Participation Form, the Tribe agrees that, pursuant to the Sandoz Settlement, Settlement Referee David R. Cohen will set the procedures by which the allocation will be completed for this settlement and will determine the final allocation between the Participating Tribes pursuant to the terms of the Sandoz Settlement.
6. The Tribe agrees that any disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be heard before Settlement Referee David R. Cohen as the arbitrator designated by the parties in the Sandoz Settlement to resolve disputes through binding arbitration.

7. The Tribe has the right to enforce the Sandoz Settlement as provided therein.
8. The Tribe, as a Participating Tribe, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Sandoz Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section II (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Tribe hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist in bringing, or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Sandoz Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of each Releasor to release claims. The releases shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. In connection with the releases provided for in the Sandoz Settlement, each Tribe expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

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10. A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Participating Tribe (for itself and its Releasors) hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases, and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Participating Tribe's decision to enter into the Sandoz Settlement or the Participating Tribe's decision to participate in the Sandoz Settlement.
11. The Participating Tribe, or its attorneys, shall provide a properly executed Participation Form to the Participating Tribe Designees and to Sandoz by electronic mail to
in accordance with the time limitations and terms of
the Sandoz Settlement.

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I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Form on behalf of the Tribe.

Signature:

Name:

Title:

Date:

EXHIBIT E

Illustrative List of Released Entities

Sandoz Inc.
Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Novartis AG
Sandoz International GmbH
Novartis Manufacturing LLC
Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Inc.
Novartis Corporation
Novartis Consumer Health

Vedat Gashi

Chairman of the Board
Legislator, 4th District



TO: Hon. Jewel Williams Johnson
Chair, Budget & Appropriations

Hon. Colin Smith
Chair, Law & Major Contracts

FROM: Hon. Vedat Gashi
Chairman of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vedat Gashi".

DATE: October 1, 2025

RE: **ACT – SANDOZ LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT**

As Chairman of the Board of Legislators, I am placing the below items directly into the Committees on Budget & Appropriations and Law & Major Contracts.

Thank you.

(ID: 2025-430) **ACT - Sandoz Lawsuit Settlement**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to settle the claims against manufacturer Sandoz Inc. in an adversary proceeding filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County, titled The County of Westchester v Purdue Pharma, et al., arising out of the alleged abuse and misuse of opioids.

CC: Jill Axelrod
Marcello Figueroa
James Silverberg
Dylan Traghi
Sunday Vanderberg