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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