The statement below is on behalf of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation Plaintiffs' Executive Committee co-leads Jayne Conroy of Simmons Hanly Conroy; Paul T. Farrell Jr. of Farrell & Fuller Law LLC; and Joe Rice of Motley Rice LLC and plaintiffs' liaison counsel, Peter Weinberger of Spangenberg Shibley & Liber LLP, on the government entity settlement agreement with Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family.

"After five years of litigation and three years in bankruptcy, we are pleased that all 55 eligible states and territories have unanimously agreed to accept this government entity settlement agreement, adding more than \$7 billion in much-needed funds to help communities across the country.

"We now await confirmation from Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family. We look forward to presenting the settlements to the subdivisions this July for their consideration and recommended acceptance following a June 18 bankruptcy disclosure approval hearing.

"All opioid MDL attorneys and firms are to be commended for their unwavering commitment to addressing our country's opioid epidemic through this complex litigation that involves the entire supply chain, including manufacturers, distributors, pharmacies and the pharmacy benefit managers we continue to litigate against in our efforts to hold every responsible party to full account."

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