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United States District Court
Central District of California

ANNA ANDREWS, individually and on
behalf of all other similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

GENERAL MOTORS LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 5:14-cv-01239-ODW(AJWx)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE.
LACK OF SUBJECT-MATTER
JURISDICTION**

On June 18, 2014, Plaintiff Anna Andrews filed this putative class-action lawsuit against Defendant General Motors LLC, ostensibly invoking jurisdiction under the Class Action Fairness Act (“CAFA”), 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d). CAFA jurisdiction only applies when, among other things, “any member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from any defendant.” *Id.* § 1332(d)(2)(A). Andrews alleges that General Motors is incorporated in Delaware and has its principal place of business in Detroit, Michigan. (Compl. ¶ 32.)


But this allegation misstates the citizenship rules for limited-liability companies. LLCs are citizens of all states in which their members are citizens—not where they are organized and have their principal place of business. *Johnson v. Columbia Props. Anchorage, LP*, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th Cir. 2006). The Court

1 therefore cannot adequately determine whether it has subject-matter jurisdiction over
2 this action until it knows the citizenship of General Motors' members.

3 The Court therefore **ORDERS** Andrews to **SHOW CAUSE** in writing by
4 Tuesday, July 8, 2014, why the Court should not dismiss her action for lack of
5 subject-matter jurisdiction. No hearing will be held; Andrews shall respond in
6 writing. Failure to timely respond will result in dismissal for lack of prosecution.

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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9 June 24, 2014



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11 **OTIS D. WRIGHT, II**
12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**