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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 RIMANPREET UPPAL, an Individual,  
 Individually and on behalf of all others  
 12 similarly situated and the general public,,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 CVS PHARMACY, INC., a Rhode Island  
 corporation; CVS RX SERVICES, INC., a  
 16 New York corporation; GARFIELD BEACH  
 CVS, LLC, a California limited liability  
 17 company; and DOES 1 thru 50, inclusive,

18 Defendants.

Case No. 3:14-cv-02629-VC

Hon. Vince Chhabria

**STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~  
 ORDER TO STAY PLAINTIFF'S  
 MOTION TO REMAND AND  
 DEFENDANTS' TIME TO RESPOND  
 PENDING NINTH CIRCUIT REVIEW  
 OF DEFENDANTS' PETITION FOR  
 PERMISSION TO APPEAL**

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1 **STIPULATION**

2 WHEREAS, counsel for Plaintiff Rimanpreet Uppal also represents the named plaintiffs  
3 in four other separate, but related class action cases: *Sharobiem v. CVS Pharmacy, Inc.*, Case No.  
4 CV 13-9426-GHK; *Bystrom v. CVS Pharmacy, Inc.*, Case No. CV 13-09424-GHK; *Paksy v. CVS*  
5 *Pharmacy, Inc.*, Case No. CV 13-09425-GHK; and *Connell v. CVS Pharmacy, Inc.*, No. CV 13-  
6 09410-GHK.

7 WHEREAS, the class complaints in the *Connell, Sharobiem, Bystrom, and Paksy* actions  
8 raised allegations of similar unlawful conduct—including a failure to pay overtime for work  
9 performed by pharmacists on the seventh consecutive day of work—by Defendants in each of the  
10 regions across California that CVS Pharmacy, Inc. operates.<sup>1</sup>

11 WHEREAS, counsel for Plaintiff originally filed the complaints in the related cases in the  
12 Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles between October 2, 2013 and November 6, 2013.

13 WHEREAS, on December 20, 2013, counsel for Defendants removed the *Connell,*  
14 *Sharobiem, Bystrom, and Paksy* actions under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C.  
15 section 1332(d) (“CAFA”), to the United States District Court for the Central District of  
16 California.

17 WHEREAS, on January 21, 2014, counsel for Plaintiff moved to remand the *Connell,*  
18 *Sharobiem, Bystrom, and Paksy* actions to state court.

19 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2014, the Central District of California denied the motion to  
20 remand in *Sharobiem*, which included claims under the Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”)  
21 but granted the motions in *Connell, Bystrom, and Paksy*, which did not include claims under  
22 PAGA.

23 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2014, counsel for Plaintiff filed the present action’s class

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25 <sup>1</sup> CVS operates six regions within the State of California. The class action regarding the sixth of  
26 these regions, *Meneses v. CVS Pharmacy Inc. et al.*, Case No. BC 489739 (Los Angeles Superior  
27 Court), has a motion for preliminary approval of settlement pending, with the hearing currently  
28 set for July 17, 2014. Defendants removed *Meneses* on September 6, 2012, and the action was  
remanded to state court on November 5, 2012. See Case No. 2:12-cv-07661-PA (CW) (Docket  
No. 18).

1 complaint in the Superior Court for the County of Alameda. Plaintiff's complaint raises  
2 allegations of unlawful conduct similar to those in the foregoing related cases, including a failure  
3 by Defendants to pay overtime for work performed by pharmacists on the seventh consecutive  
4 day of work.

5 WHEREAS, on April 7, 2014, Defendants filed petitions with the United States Court of  
6 Appeals for the Ninth Circuit requesting permission to appeal the Central District's remand orders  
7 in *Paksy* (Case No. 14-80047), *Bystrom* (Case No. 14-80048), and *Connell* (Case No. 14-80049).  
8 In particular, Defendants contend that those actions satisfied CAFA's \$5 million amount in  
9 controversy requirement individually and collectively.

10 WHEREAS, on June 6, 2014, Defendants removed the present action to the United States  
11 District Court for the Northern District of California under CAFA, arguing that it may be properly  
12 aggregated with the *Connell*, *Bystrom*, *Paksy*, and *Sharobiem* actions to meet the amount in  
13 controversy requirement. As stated in its removal papers, Defendants intend to transfer the  
14 present action to the Central District to facilitate coordination with the *Sharobiem* case.

15 WHEREAS, on July 7, 2014, counsel for Plaintiff moved to remand the present action to  
16 state court.

17 WHEREAS, Defendants' deadline to oppose Plaintiff's motion to remand is presently set  
18 for July 21, 2014.

19 WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the Ninth Circuit's decision regarding Defendants'  
20 petition for permission to appeal the Central District's orders granting remand in *Connell*,  
21 *Bystrom*, and *Paksy* will be dispositive with respect to Plaintiff's motion to remand in the present  
22 action.

23 WHEREAS, the Parties seek to seek to resolve the issue of this case's removal efficiently  
24 and without unnecessary expenditure of the Court's resources.

25 THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, by the Parties and their respective counsel  
26 of record:

27 That Plaintiff's motion to remand and Defendants' time to oppose Plaintiff's motion will

1 be stayed for ninety days after the filing of this stipulation pending the Ninth's Circuit decision  
2 regarding Defendants' petition for permission to appeal.

3 That should the Ninth Circuit accept Defendants' petition for permission to appeal the  
4 Central District's orders in *Connell*, *Bystrom*, and *Paksy*, Plaintiff's motion to remand and  
5 Defendants' time to oppose Plaintiff's motion will continue to be stayed pending the final  
6 outcome of Defendants' appeal.

7 That should the Ninth Circuit reverse the Central District's orders in *Connell*, *Bystrom*,  
8 and *Paksy* based on Defendants' aggregation argument, Plaintiff will withdraw his motion to  
9 remand and the Parties will stipulate to transfer the present action to the Central District for  
10 coordination with the related cases.

11 That should the Ninth Circuit deny Defendants' petition for permission to appeal or affirm  
12 the Central District's orders in *Connell*, *Bystrom*, and *Paksy*, the Parties will promptly stipulate to  
13 remand the present action to state court.

14 That in 90 days from the date of this stipulation, the parties shall file a joint status report  
15 with this Court proposing either an additional stay or other methods by which to proceed.

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17 Dated: July 14, 2014

TIMOTHY J. LONG  
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20 By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/  
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Dated: July 14, 2014

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**ATTESTATION**

I hereby attest that the concurrence in the filing of this document has been obtained from Michael Sepflow, of Schonbrum DeSimone Sepflow Harris & Hoffman LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Dated: July 14, 2014

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~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: July 23, 2014

  
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Hon. Vince Chhabria