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The Court has previously found that the California laws upon which the *O'Connor* Plaintiffs rely do not apply extra-territorially, and thus limited the case to drivers who worked in California. *See O'Connor*, Docket No. 136 at 16-21. The Court rejects Plaintiffs' proposal, as shown by the attached **Exhibit A**.

Second, Uber reiterates its view that it may enforce the new arbitration agreement against the *O'Connor* class as to certified claims. Joint Statement at 5 n.3. The Court again rejects this contention, which is inconsistent with Uber's prior position represented to the Court and the public. *See O'Connor*, Docket No. 408, Exh. C; Docket No. 410 at 4; Docket No. 428 at 38:24-39:7. The new arbitration agreement is unenforceable against the *O'Connor* class as to certified claims. *See O'Connor*, Docket No. 454 at 4 n.1.

Third, Uber requests reconsideration of the Court's finding that the corrective cover letter must be distributed to prospective drivers. Joint Statement at 9. The Court denies this request; as a practical matter, once an individual signs up as a driver, he or she becomes a putative class member, *i.e.*, in the nation-wide *In re Uber FCRA Litigation* case (as well as the other class actions that have been filed throughout the country).

Fourth, a redlined version of the corrective cover letter is attached as **Exhibit B**. With respect to the opt-out function, despite the Court expressing its concerns about the adequacy of Uber's prior suggestion, Uber again proposes to have a link to the arbitration agreement's opt-out provision. *See O'Connor*, Docket No. 454 at 6; Joint Statement at 7. The Court finds this proposal inadequate, and will require a pre-addressed e-mail accessible via hyperlink. The content of this e-mail (which the parties were also unable to agree on) will be: "My name is _____. I opt out of the Arbitration Provision in the driver-partner agreement."

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United States District Court For the Northern District of California Finally, the Court finds that when sent to the drivers, the subject heading of the corrective cover letter will be: "Notice re Updated Driver-Partner Agreement and Opt-Out from Arbitration Agreement."

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 19, 2016

EDWARD M. CHEN United States District Judge