1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 Case No.: 11-md-2286-MMA-MDD 11 IN RE: MIDLAND CREDIT Member Case Nos.: 15-cv-1479-MMA-MANAGEMENT, INC., 12 **MDD** TELEPHONE CONSUMER 13 PROTECTION ACT LITIGATION ORDER STRIKING PLAINTIFF 14 **BASHAM'S DISCOVERY REQUEST** 15 16 [ECF No. 48] 17 18 Plaintiff Angela D. Basham ("Basham"), in member case number 15-cv-19 1479-MMA-MDD, filed with this Court her "First Set of MDL Discovery 20 Requests" propounded against Midland.¹ (ECF No. 48). 21 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a), "[a] party may serve 22 on any other party a request" to produce documents. Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a). 23 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5 mandates that requests for documents 24"must not be filed" with the Court "until they are used in the proceeding or 25 26 27 ¹ The Court refers to all Defendants in this case as "Midland."

the court orders filing." Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1). In addition, under the Civil Local Rules of Court, unless filing is ordered by the court on motion of a party or upon its own motion, interrogatories, requests for admission, requests for productions and the answers thereto need not be filed unless and until they are used in proceedings. See S.D. Cal. Civ. L.R. §§ 33.1(c) & 36.1(c). Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** Plaintiff Basham's motion and Orders that Plaintiff's First Set of MDL Discovery Requests be STRICKEN from the record. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: June 24, 2020 itelie D. S Hon. Mitchell D. Dembin United States Magistrate Judge