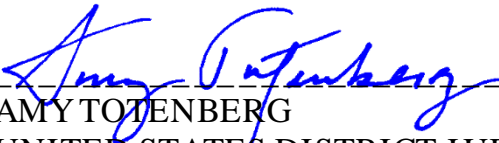




In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Rule 72 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court has conducted a careful, de novo review of the Magistrate Judge’s recommendation remanding this action. The Court concludes that the Magistrate Judge’s Order is correct in all material respects. The Court cannot act beyond its statutory grant of subject matter jurisdiction, and must “strictly construe removal statutes in favor of state court jurisdiction.” *Kuhn v. Brunswick Corp.*, 871 F. Supp. 1444, 1446 (N.D. Ga. 1994); *see also Burns v. Windsor Ins. Co.*, 31 F.3d 1092 (11th Cir. 1994).

Accordingly, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** the Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendation as the opinion of this Court. For the reasons stated in the Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendation, the Court **REMANDS** this case to the Magistrate Court of Cobb County.<sup>1</sup> There being no further issues before the Court, the Clerk is **DIRECTED** to close the case.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

  
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AMY TOTENBERG  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> As this case involves a pro se Defendant, the Court provides further guidance. An order remanding the case means that the case will continue to be heard, but in the court where it was originally filed – here, the Magistrate Court of Cobb County. The case is simply being returned to the Magistrate Court for further proceedings. Any future motions should be filed with the Magistrate Court.