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 14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 15 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

16 TERESA FELDSHER,  
 17 Plaintiff,  
 18 v.  
 19 LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE  
 COMPANY OF BOSTON as Claims  
 20 Administrator for Farmers Group, Inc.'s  
 Group Disability Income Policy,  
 21 Defendant.

Case No. 2:13-CV-00533-LDG-GWF

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER  
 GOVERNING CONFIDENTIAL  
 INFORMATION**

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 23 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), the Parties, TERESA FELDSHER  
 24 ("Plaintiff"), and Defendant LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON  
 25 ("Defendant"), (collectively, the "Parties"), hereby submit this proposed Stipulated Protective  
 26 Order for the purpose of ensuring that confidential information exchanged during discovery or  
 27 potentially submitted to the Court by the Parties is not disclosed to or used for any purpose  
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1 outside of the above captioned lawsuit. Accordingly, the Parties hereby stipulate, subject to  
2 approval and entry by the Court, to the following:

3 **I. Definitions and Terms**

4 1. "Confidential Information" means any document, information, or material that the  
5 producing party or protected person reasonably believes not to be in the public domain and  
6 reasonably believes contains a trade secret, proprietary information, or information to which an  
7 individual or company has an established and legitimate right to privacy or confidentiality.  
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9 2. "Disclosed" is used in its broadest sense and includes, inter alia, directly or  
10 indirectly shown, divulged, revealed, produced, described, transmitted or otherwise  
11 communicated, in whole or in part.

12 3. "Discovery Material(s)" means any documents, answers to interrogatories,  
13 responses to requests for admission, deposition testimony, deposition transcripts and exhibits,  
14 other responses to requests for information and/or written information, whether produced  
15 voluntarily or involuntarily, in response to discovery requests in this litigation by any party.  
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17 4. "Document" is defined as the term is used in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34.

18 5. "Under Seal" is defined as sealing confidential documents consistent with the  
19 procedure laid out by LR 10-5 of the Local Rules for the District of Nevada. In the event that the  
20 Clerk's office for the Southern Division of the District of Nevada publishes a new procedure for  
21 the filing of documents under seal, the Parties may follow said published procedure.  
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23 **II. Types of Materials that May be Designated as Confidential**

24 Any Discovery Material or other documents, information, or materials may be designated  
25 by a producing party as Confidential under this Order. The assertion of this designation of  
26 "Confidential" shall constitute a representation to the Court that counsel for the producing party  
27 or protected person believes in good faith that the material so designated constitutes Confidential  
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1 Information as defined in this Order. Except with the prior written consent of the producing party  
2 or by court order or as otherwise compelled by force of law, no Discovery Materials or other  
3 documents, information, or materials stamped "Confidential" may be disclosed to any person  
4 except as permitted in section IV.

5 **III. Designation of Discovery Materials as Confidential**

6 A producing party may designate as confidential Discovery Materials or other documents,  
7 information, or materials containing confidential information by stamping or otherwise marking  
8 the designated material as "Confidential," and producing it and listing it on the log in the form  
9 attached as Exhibit A. Each Party shall maintain a log for the documents they have produced that  
10 have been designated "Confidential," and produce an updated log, containing all designations,  
11 when producing documents or information that are designated "Confidential." The fact that a  
12 document is stamped "Confidential" by one party shall not be construed as an admission by any  
13 other party that such document is confidential, nor shall it limit or preclude the right of any party  
14 to object to the "Confidential" designation and to file any appropriate motion(s) to determine the  
15 propriety of such designation. If the producing party inadvertently fails to stamp or otherwise  
16 appropriately designate or list certain documents, material, or information as "Confidential" upon  
17 their production or disclosure, such inadvertent failure to designate shall not constitute nor be  
18 deemed a waiver of a subsequent claim of protected treatment under this Order.

19 **IV. Permissible Use of "Confidential" Information, Documents, or Materials**

20 Notwithstanding section II, documents stamped "Confidential" may only be disclosed to:  
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22 (i) the Parties; (ii) all attorneys representing the Parties in this matter; (iii) para-professionals,  
23 secretaries, and other non-attorney personnel that are employed by firms or by individual  
24 attorneys representing the Parties in this matter but only to the extent that disclosure to such  
25 person(s) is necessary in order for them to assist attorneys in connection with this matter; and (iv)  
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1 the court and all court personnel, including stenographers employed to record and transcribe  
2 testimony given upon sworn statement, deposition, and/or trial. To the extent such Confidential  
3 Information may be disclosed to court personnel or filed with the Court it may, upon a showing  
4 sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Court, be done Under Seal.

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6 Persons obtaining access to Discovery Materials or other documents, information, or  
7 materials stamped "Confidential" pursuant to this Order shall use the information only for the  
8 purpose of this matter, through and including appeal(s) and shall not use such information for any  
9 other purpose, including business, governmental, commercial, administrative, or judicial  
10 proceedings, unless required by court order or being compelled by force of law. If any person  
11 receiving information covered by this Agreement is: (a) subpoenaed in another action or  
12 proceeding; (b) served with a request or demand in another action to which he, she, or it is a  
13 party; or (c) served with any other legal process by one not a party to this action, seeking  
14 information designated as "Confidential" pursuant to this Order, the subpoenaed party shall: (i)  
15 promptly give written notice, by hand or facsimile transmission, within forty-eight (48) hours of  
16 receipt of such subpoena, request, demand, or legal process to the party that produced or  
17 designated the material as "Confidential" (ii) decline to produce such material unless otherwise  
18 ordered by a court or other tribunal or body with lawful authority to compel disclosure; and (iii)  
19 respond to any effort to enforce such subpoena, request, demand, or other legal process by setting  
20 forth the existence of this Agreement. The subpoenaed party or anyone else subject to this Order  
21 shall be under no obligation to take any other action or measures to preserve the confidentiality of  
22 any such information in connection with such subpoena, request, demand, or legal process.  
23 Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the subpoenaed party or anyone else covered by  
24 this Order to challenge or appeal any order requiring production of Confidential Information, to  
25 subject itself to any penalties for non-compliance with any legal process or order, or to seek any  
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1 relief from the court.

2 **V. Miscellaneous**

3 1. The provisions of this Agreement shall not terminate at the resolution of this  
4 matter.

5 2. Within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the final conclusion of this matter  
6 documents stamped "Confidential" and all copies of such documents, other than exhibits of  
7 record, shall be destroyed or returned to the party who produced the documents and designated  
8 them as "Confidential."  
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10 3. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent any party or other person from seeking  
11 modification of this Agreement or from objecting to discovery that it believes to be otherwise  
12 improper. This Agreement, however, shall not be modified absent an order of the Court or the  
13 written agreement of all the Parties hereto.  
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16 DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

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**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_ August 14 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.



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GEORGE FOLEY, JR.  
United States Magistrate Judge