UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

CASSANDRA MAYO, :

: CASE NO. 1:11-CV-2748

Plaintiff, :

:

vs. : OPINION & ORDER

[Resolving Doc. Nos. <u>1</u> & <u>14</u>]

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,

Commissioner of Social Security,

:

Defendant.

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Plaintiff Cassandra Mayo challenges the final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security, denying the Plaintiff's claim for Supplemental Security Income under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1381 *et seq.* [Doc. 1.] Specifically, Plaintiff Mayo asserts three assignments of error, all revolving around the argument that the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") failed to properly evaluate and weigh the medical source opinions.

This matter was referred to Magistrate Judge McHargh pursuant to Local Rule 72.2. On January 20, 2010, the case was reassigned to Magistrate Judge Burke. On November 5, 2012, Magistrate Judge Burke issued a Report and Recommendation that recommended that this case be remanded because the ALJ failed to consider Mayo's depression in assessing her Residual Functional Capacity ("RFC"). [Doc. 14.]

The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to conduct a *de novo* review only of those portions of a Report and Recommendation to which the parties have made an objection. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). Parties must file any objections to a Report and Recommendation within

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fourteen days of service. <u>Id.</u>; <u>Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2)</u>. Failure to object within this time waives a

party's right to appeal the district court's judgment. <u>Thomas v. Arn</u>, 474 U.S. 140, 145 (1985);

United States v. Walters, 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981). Absent objection, a district court

may adopt the magistrate judge's report without review. See <u>Thomas</u>, 474 U.S. at 149.

In this case, neither party has objected to the Magistrate Judge's recommendation and the

Defendant has specifically noted that it does not object. [Doc. <u>16</u>.] Moreover, having conducted

its own review of the record and the parties' briefs in this case, the Court agrees with the

conclusions of Magistrate Judge Burke.

Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS in whole Magistrate Judge Burke's Report and

Recommendation and incorporates it fully herein by reference, and REVERSES and

REMANDS the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security.

Dated: December 7, 2012

James S. Gwin

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