

Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(e) provides defendants with a remedy for inadequate complaints that are “so vague and ambiguous that the [defendant] cannot reasonably prepare a response.” Pro se pleadings are held to less stringent standards than pleadings drafted by attorneys.⁴ That said, Plaintiff’s complaint must still meet the minimum notice pleading requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 8.⁵ A motion for a more definite statement is appropriate where, as here, it is not possible to discern from the complaint which factual allegations support which claims for legal relief.⁶

Defendant’s motion is granted. Plaintiff shall file an amended complaint addressing the defects identified in the motion (attached hereto) within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order. Failure to comply with this Order may result in dismissal without further notice. If Plaintiff files an amended complaint, Defendant shall either file an answer, or a motion to dismiss and supporting brief, within fourteen (14) days from the date the amended complaint is filed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 15, 2018

s/ James S. Gwin
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

⁴ [See *Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 \(1972\).](#)

⁵ [See *Whittle v. Proctor & Gamble*, No. 1:06-CV-744, 2007 WL 4224360, at *2 \(S.D. Ohio Nov. 27, 2007\)](#) (citing [Scheid v. Fanny Farmer Candy Shops, Inc.](#), 859 F.2d 434, 436 (6th Cir. 1988)).

⁶ [Bostic v. Davis](#), No. 15-CV-3029, 2017 WL 784814, at *2 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 1, 2017) (granting Rule 12(e) motion) (citing [In re Laurel Valley Oil Co.](#), No. 05–64330, 2012 WL 2603429, at *2 (N.D. Ohio, July 5, 2012)).