

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION)	
OPIATE LITIGATION)	MDL No. 2804
)	
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)	Case No. 1:17-md-2804
)	
<i>The Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian</i>)	Hon. Dan Aaron Polster
<i>Reservation v. AmerisourceBergen Drug</i>)	
<i>Corporation, et al.</i>)	
Case No. 1:18-op-45749)	

DEFENDANT ASSOCIATED PHARMACIES, INC.’S JOINDER IN
DISTRIBUTORS’ OBJECTIONS TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE’S
APRIL 1, 2019 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Defendant Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (“API”) hereby joins, adopts and incorporates by reference the objections, legal arguments and authorities set forth in the Objections (the “Objections”) to Magistrate Judge David A. Ruiz’s April 1, 2019 Report and Recommendation (Doc. 1500) (the “R&R”), filed on April 29, 2019 by Defendants AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc. and McKesson Corporation (the “Distributor Defendants”) in the above-referenced civil action.

This Joinder is made pursuant to Sections 2.g., 2.j. and 2.k. of Case Management Order One (Doc. 232) and the R&R in an endeavor to coordinate and consolidate briefing and avoid duplicative briefing by incorporating similar arguments by reference. Pursuant to Sections 2.g., 2.j. and 2.k. of Case Management Order One (Doc. 232), API does not waive and expressly preserves its right to raise any defenses, and to file an individual motion to dismiss in the future on any grounds.

Dated: April 29, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 29, 2019, the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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