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RE: *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*

Dear Counsel:

On behalf of the PEC, I write to respond to certain statements set forth in the NAS Baby Plaintiffs Status Report filed yesterday in the MDL. With respect to the plan you have set forth to review the MDL discovery, the depositions, the ARCOS data, and the pleadings and exhibits, be advised that the PEC will not support any claim by your group for MDL common benefit attorney fees or expenses associated with your group's work in this regard.

As noted in CMO 5 (doc. 636), "Work performed without the authority of Co-Lead Counsel shall not be submitted to the Court for approval, and will not be compensable."

Very truly yours,



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