

Suffolk, ss.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
Plaintiff,

v.

WALMART INC.,  
Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT

C.A. NO.

24-0506C

### FINAL CONSENT JUDGMENT

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("*Commonwealth*") and Walmart Inc. ("*Walmart*") (together with the Commonwealth, the "*Parties*," and each a "*Party*") have entered into a consensual resolution of the above-captioned litigation (the "*Action*") pursuant to a settlement agreement dated as of November 14, 2022 (as subsequently updated) (the "*Agreement*"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.<sup>1</sup> The Agreement shall become effective by its terms upon the entry of this Final Consent Judgment (the "*Consent Judgment*") by the Court without trial or adjudication of any contested issue of fact or law, and without finding or admission of wrongdoing or liability of any kind.

#### RECITALS:

1. Each Party warrants and represents that it engaged in arm's-length negotiations in good faith. In hereby executing the Agreement, the Parties intend to effect a good-faith settlement.

<sup>1</sup> Pages of exhibits C, G, and I to the Agreement that relate to states other than Massachusetts have been removed to streamline this filing. A complete copy of the Agreement is available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.

JUDGMENT ENTERED ON DOCKET  
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF MASS. R. CIV. P. 58(b)  
AND NOTICE SENT TO PARTIES PURSUANT TO THE PRO-  
VISIONS OF MASS. R. CIV. P. 77(c) AS FOLLOWS

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2. The Commonwealth has determined that the Agreement and entry of this Consent Judgment is in the public interest.

3. Walmart is entering into this Consent Judgment solely for the purpose of settlement, and nothing contained herein may be taken as or construed to be an admission or concession of any violation of law, rule, regulation, or ordinance, or of any other matter of fact or law, or of any fault, liability, or wrongdoing, all of which Walmart denies. Walmart denies the allegations against it and denies that it has any liability whatsoever to the Commonwealth, its Subdivisions, and/or (a) any of the Commonwealth's or its Subdivisions' departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, Subdivisions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, including its Attorney General, and any person in his or her official capacity whether elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, (b) any public entities, public instrumentalities, public educational institutions, unincorporated districts, fire districts, irrigation districts, water districts, law enforcement districts, emergency services districts, school districts, hospital districts, and other Special Districts in the Commonwealth, and (c) any person or entity acting in a *parens patriae*, sovereign, quasi-sovereign, private attorney general, *qui tam*, taxpayer, or other capacity seeking relief on behalf of or generally applicable to the general public.

4. The Parties recognize that the outcome of the Action is uncertain and a final resolution through the adversarial process likely will require protracted litigation.

5. The Parties agree to the entry of the injunctive relief terms attached as Exhibit P to the Agreement.

6. Therefore, without any admission of liability or wrongdoing by Walmart or any other Released Entities (as defined in the Agreement), and without this Consent Judgment

constituting evidence against or admission by anyone with respect to any issue of fact or law, the Parties now mutually consent to the entry of this Consent Judgment and agree to dismissal of the claims with prejudice pursuant to the terms of the Agreement to avoid the delay, expense, inconvenience, and uncertainty of protracted litigation.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:**

In consideration of the mutual promises, terms, and conditions set forth in the Agreement, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged by all Parties, it is agreed by and between Walmart and the Commonwealth, and adjudicated by the Court, as follows:

1. The foregoing Recitals are incorporated herein and constitute an express term of this Consent Judgment.

2. The Parties have entered into a full and final settlement of all Released Claims of Releasers (including but not limited to the Commonwealth) against Walmart and the Released Entities pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement. This Consent Judgment summarizes and gives effect to those terms. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Agreement (including its exhibits) and language in this Consent Judgment, the terms of the Agreement shall govern. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall have the effect of expanding, diminishing, explaining, or otherwise modifying any term of the Agreement.

3. The "Definitions" set forth in Section I of the Agreement are incorporated by reference into this Consent Judgment. The Commonwealth is a "Settling State" within the meaning of the Agreement. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms in this Consent Judgment shall have the same meaning given to them in the Agreement.

4. The Parties agree that the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action and over the Parties with respect to the Action and this Consent Judgment. This Consent

Judgment shall not constitute and shall not be construed or used as a waiver of any jurisdictional defense Walmart or any other Released Entity may raise in any other proceeding.

5. The Court finds that the Agreement was entered into in good faith.

6. The Court finds that entry of this Judgment is in the public interest and reflects a negotiated settlement agreed to by the Parties. The Action is resolved fully and finally by entry of this Consent Judgment, which shall have the effect of dismissing the Action with prejudice, subject to a retention of jurisdiction by the Court as provided herein and in the Agreement.

7. By this Judgment, the Agreement is hereby approved by the Court, and the Court hereby adopts the Agreement's terms as its own determination of this matter and the Parties' respective rights and obligations.

8. The Court shall have authority to resolve disputes identified in Section VI.F.2 of the Agreement, governed by the rules and procedures of the Court.

9. Settlement Payments. Walmart shall pay the Remediation Payment and Additional Remediation Amount allocable to Massachusetts in accordance with the Agreement. The Remediation Payment shall be allocated and utilized in accordance with the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference. For avoidance of doubt, only Subdivisions that have accepted the terms of the Agreement, including the releases provided therein, shall be eligible to receive their share of the Remediation Payment. Additional Remediation allocable to Massachusetts under the Agreement shall be allocated: 60% to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Trust Fund established pursuant to M.G.L. c. 10, § 35O00 to mitigate the impacts of the opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth; and 40% to an account held by the Office of the Attorney General, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12 § 4A, to be used in the Attorney General's sole discretion to support efforts to enforce compliance with

state and federal laws and regulations that protect Massachusetts health care consumers or otherwise support initiatives to assist Massachusetts health care consumers and programs. Nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to be inconsistent with the Agreement.

10. Injunctive Relief. Walmart shall implement the injunctive relief set forth in Exhibit P to the Agreement and incorporated into this Judgment as if fully set forth herein, in accordance with the Agreement.

11. The Parties have satisfied the Condition to Effectiveness of Agreement set forth in Section II.C of the Agreement and the Release set forth in Sections X.A and G of the Agreement, including that the Attorney General of the Commonwealth has exercised the fullest extent of her powers to release Walmart and all other Released Entities from all Released Claims pursuant to the release attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated by reference herein (the “AG Release”).

12. Release. The Parties acknowledge that the release provisions in Section X of the Agreement and the AG Release are an integral part of this Consent Judgment. Pursuant to the Agreement and the AG Release and without limitation and to the maximum extent of the power of the Attorney General, and consistent with the representation and warranty provided in Section X.G of the Agreement and the authority granted to the Attorney General by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the “Governor’s Release of Opioid-Related Claims Pursuant to the Walmart Settlement Agreement” dated May 25, 2023, Walmart and the other Released Entities are, as of the Effective Date, hereby released from any and all Released Claims of the Releasers as provided in the Agreement. Further, the provisions set forth in Section X of the Agreement are incorporated by reference into this Consent Judgment as if fully set forth herein. The Parties acknowledge, and the Court finds, that those provisions are an integral part of the Agreement and this Consent Judgment, and shall govern the rights and obligations of all

participants in the settlement, including without limitation the Commonwealth, Walmart, and the Released Entities.

13. Release of Unknown Claims. The Commonwealth (for itself and its Releasors) expressly waive, release, and forever discharge any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

**General Release; extent.** A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

14. The Commonwealth may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but the Commonwealth (for itself and its Releasors) expressly waived and fully, finally, and forever settled, released and discharged, through the Agreement and AG Release, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of the Threshold Subdivision Participation Date but which the Commonwealth does not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would have materially affected the Commonwealth's decision to enter into the Agreement.

15. The Court finds that the releases are given in good faith and are effective as to all Releasors and Released Entities.

16. Costs and Fees. The Parties will bear their own costs and attorneys' fees except as otherwise provided in the Agreement.

17. No Admission of Liability. Walmart is consenting to this Consent Judgment solely for the purpose of effectuating the Agreement, and nothing contained herein may be taken as or

construed to be an admission or concession of any violation of law, rule, or regulation, or of any other matter of fact or law, or of any liability or wrongdoing, all of which Walmart expressly denies. Neither Walmart nor any other Released Entity admits that it caused or contributed to any public nuisance, and neither Walmart nor any other Released Entity admits any wrongdoing that was or could have been alleged by the Commonwealth, its Participating Subdivisions, or any other person or entity. No part of this Consent Judgment shall constitute evidence of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing by Walmart or any other Released Entity. The Parties acknowledge that payments made under the Agreement are not a fine, penalty, or payment in lieu thereof and are properly characterized as described in Section V.F of the Agreement.

18. No Waiver. This Consent Judgment is entered based on the Agreement without trial or adjudication of any contested issue of fact or law or finding of liability of any kind. This Consent Judgment shall not be construed or used as a waiver of Walmart's right, or any other Released Entity's right, to defend itself from, or make any arguments in, any other regulatory, governmental, private individual, private entity, or class claims or suits relating to the subject matter or terms of this Consent Judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commonwealth may enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment as expressly provided in the Agreement.

19. No Private Right of Action. This Consent Judgment is not for use by any third party for any purpose, including submission to any court for any purpose, except as set forth in Section VI.A of the Agreement. Except as expressly provided in the Agreement, no portion of the Agreement or this Consent Judgment shall provide any rights to, or be enforceable by, any person or entity that is not a Settling State or Released Entity. The Commonwealth shall allow Participating Subdivisions in the Commonwealth to notify it of any perceived violations of the

Agreement or this Consent Judgment. No Settling State, including the Commonwealth, may assign or otherwise convey any right to enforce any provision of the Agreement.

20. Admissibility. This Consent Judgment shall not be admissible in any other case against Walmart or any other Released Entity. This Consent Judgment shall not be binding on Walmart or any other Released Entity in any respect other than in connection with the enforcement of this Consent Judgment or the Agreement in the Commonwealth. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall prohibit Walmart or any other Released Entity from entering this Consent Judgment or the Agreement into evidence in any litigation or arbitration concerning (1) Walmart's right to coverage under an insurance contract or (2) the enforcement of the releases provided for by the Agreement and this Consent Judgment.

21. Preservation of Privilege. Nothing contained in the Agreement or this Consent Judgment, and no act required to be performed pursuant to the Agreement or this Consent Judgment, is intended to constitute, cause, or effect any waiver (in whole or in part) of any attorney-client privilege, work product protection, patient-safety work product protection, or common interest/joint defense privilege, and each Party agrees that it shall not make or cause to be made in any forum any assertion to the contrary.

22. Mutual Interpretation. The Parties agree and stipulate that the Agreement was negotiated on an arm's-length basis between parties of equal bargaining power and was drafted jointly by counsel for each Party. Accordingly, the Agreement is incorporated herein by reference and shall be mutually interpreted and not construed in favor of or against any Party.

23. Retention of Jurisdiction. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the Parties for the limited purpose of the resolution of disputes identified in Section VI.F.2 of the Agreement.



NOTIFY

The Court shall have jurisdiction over Participating Subdivisions in the Commonwealth for the limited purposes identified in the Agreement.

24. Successors and Assigns. This Consent Judgment is binding on Walmart's successors and assigns.

25. Modification. Neither the Agreement, any exhibit or form attached thereto, nor this Consent Judgment shall be modified (by the Court, by any other court, or by any other means) without the consent of the Commonwealth and Walmart. Modification of the Agreement shall be governed by Section XII.W of the Agreement.

So ORDERED this 23<sup>d</sup> day of February, 2024.

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By Order:

Robert B. Gault  
Justice of the Superior Court

**APPROVED, AGREED TO AND PRESENTED BY:**

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