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20	DEBTOR'S OMNIBUS REPLY TO OBJECTIONS TO FIRST AMENDED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND RELATED PROCEDURES MOTION		
21	Front Sight Management LLC, the chapter 11 debtor in possession and plan proponent herein		
22	(the "Debtor" or "Front Sight"), hereby submits its reply ("Reply") to the objections (collectively,		
23	the "Objections") filed to the Debtor's (i) First Amended Disclosure Statement Describing Debtor's		
24	First Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization Dated September 9, 2022 [ECF No. 338] (the		
25	"Disclosure Statement"); and (ii) motion to approve the Disclosure Statement and various		
26	procedures related thereto [ECF No. 339] (the "Procedures Motion"). 1		
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28	Any capitalized term not defined herein has the Statement.	same meaning ascribed to it in the Disclosure	

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The following Objections were filed to the Disclosure Statement and/or Procedures Motion:

- 1. Objection and reservation of rights to the Disclosure Statement and Procedures

  Motion [ECF No. 356] (the "UST Objection") filed by the United States Trustee ("US Trustee");
- Objection and reservation of rights to the Disclosure Statement and Procedures
   Motion [ECF No. 361] (the "Committee Objection") filed by the Official Committee of Unsecured
   Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in this case;
- 3. Objection and reservation of rights to the Disclosure Statement [ECF No. 373] (the "LVDF Objection") filed by Las Vegas Development Fund LLC ("LVDF"); and
- 4. Objection and reservation of rights to the Disclosure Statement and Procedures Motion [ECF No. 374] (the "Meacher Objection") filed by Michael Meacher ("Meacher") *dba* Bankgroup Financial Services.

In support of the Reply, the Debtor respectfully represents as follows:

#### **INTRODUCTION**

While the Debtor's bankruptcy case is considered a "mega" case due to the number of members and interested parties, the Debtor has a flat organizational structure, a small administrative office and minimal operations when compared to its operations pre-petition. As set forth ad nauseum in other pleadings filed in this case, the Debtor's protracted pre-petition litigation with LVDF crippled its ability to (a) build out its facilities to become a vacation destination, (b) obtain alternative financing due to the \$75 million deed of trust placed against the Front Sight Property by LVDF, and ultimately (c) continue as a going concern. The Debtor's original business plan was for its vacation destination services to supplement membership income (which was limited as memberships were lifetime memberships without annual or daily fees). In May of 2022, the Debtor was faced with two choices: (i) allow LVDF to foreclose on the Front Sight Property (thus ending Front Sight's business and terminating all employees); or (ii) attempt to reorganize its business through the chapter 11 process. Obviously, the Debtor chose the latter option.

The Debtor's and its manager's intention in this bankruptcy case was to propose new membership terms with built in daily fees and annual fees which, if accepted by enough of its members, would have allowed the Debtor to propose a Debtor/member based plan of reorganization

that retained memberships and member benefits. The Debtor and its manager were initially confident that this could be accomplished. In order to have the evidence necessary to propose and confirm a member based plan, the Debtor conducted a survey of approximately 240,000 of its members in August 2022. The Debtor, through its manager Ignatius Piazza, emailed all members repeatedly throughout a two week period with the survey, and the Debtor's claims and noticing agent, Stretto, also emailed the same survey to the Debtor's members. The response was lackluster at best, and was the first time that the Debtor, its professionals, and its manager realized that a member based plan was likely not feasible (i.e., revenue from the proposed new member terms would not support the Debtor's post-petition operations or the funding of the member based plan).

Since the Petition Date, the Debtor and its professionals have explored whether or not there was an equity investor that would be willing to fund the plan and maintain the Debtor's business operations including most of its employees in exchange for an equity investment in the Debtor.

After exploring all alternatives, the Debtor determined that the proposal that was in the best interest of the Debtor's estate, creditors, employees and members came from Nevada PF, LLC ("Nevada PF"), an affiliate of its post-petition DIP financing lender FS DIP, LLC. To be clear, the Debtor's deal with Nevada PF was not the best deal for the Debtor's manager and results in the Debtor's current equity holders losing 100% of their equity interest in the Debtor (which is not what they wanted). However, there were no other better alternatives available to the Debtor and the Debtor did not have support from its members are being wronged by the current plan terms – but the members had a choice in this and were given the opportunity to agree to annual and daily fees in exchange for keeping their lifetime memberships and their member benefits. The majority chose not to do so. See, Exhibit 1 hereto (which is the survey sent to members).

The Debtor's proposed plan, based upon an agreement with Nevada PF (and related term sheet) is by far better than all alternatives for the Debtor's estate, creditors and employees under the time restrictions in this case (DIP financing expires on November 29, 2022), and given that there is no viable, feasible alternative to support the Debtor's post-confirmation business operations or to otherwise fund a plan.

In sum, if the Disclosure Statement is not approved on September 30<sup>th</sup> with a confirmation hearing date of November 18, 2022, the Debtor will not be able to confirm its plan and obtain an entered plan confirmation order by November 29, 2022 (as required by the DIP financing order – ECF No. 288), and the Debtor will not have enough money to fund its operations or bankruptcy case in December 2022. If the Debtor is not able to meet this timeline, then this case will revert to a 363 sale pursuant to the DIP financing order and accompanying asset purchase agreement [ECF No. 150], with a sale price of \$19 million (which is considerably less than the approximately \$24 million

provided by Nevada PF to acquire the shares of the Debtor through the plan).

Suffice it to say, the Debtor was surprised by the vitriol in the Committee Objection and the misstatements of fact in all the Objections but has done its best to address the various legitimate disclosure concerns as set forth below.

#### I. The Confirmation Hearing Will Serve as an Auction

To address the various parties' concern that the deal between the Debtor and Nevada PF is somehow not the best possible deal for the Debtor's estate, creditors and employees, the Debtor and Nevada PF have agreed that the purchase of the Debtor's equity shall be subject to overbid and auction.

The Debtor proposes to add the following language to a further amended Disclosure Statement and plan:

#### **Equity Interests of the Debtor**

Equity Holders are parties who hold an ownership interest (i.e., equity interest) in the Debtor and are classified here in Class 7. Upon the Effective Date of the Plan, all equity interests in the Debtor will be eliminated and consequently, the Debtor's equity interest holders are conclusively deemed to reject the Plan.

Subject to the allowance for overbidding as set forth herein, here, the New Equity Investor (previously defined as Nevada PF) will receive the New Equity Interests in the Debtor (and all of the Debtor's Assets including all claims, if any, against the Debtor's insiders) in exchange for contributions (collectively, the "New Value Contribution") to the Debtor's estate as follows: (a) \$19 million in cash to fund the Plan including a \$3 million contribution to Class 6; (b) cause FS DIP's

approximately \$5.2 million secured claim to be contributed to the estate; and (c) offer all existing members a free two year limited membership to the Reorganized Debtor (as set forth in Exhibit B to the Disclosure Statement). It is currently estimated that the New Value will total approximately \$24,275,000 (which includes the \$24 million set forth in the Debtor's First Amended Disclosure Statement as well as an additional \$150,000 for the LVDF reserve and an additional \$125,000 to fund solicitation to all 80,000 active members of the Debtor). In exchange for the New Value Contribution, Nevada PF shall receive the New Equity Interests in the Reorganized Debtor, subject to the allowance for overbidding as set forth herein.

In order to comply with the Bankruptcy Code and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals case law, the New Value Contribution must be: (1) new; (2) substantial; (3) money or money's worth; (4) necessary for a successful reorganization; and (5) reasonably equivalent to the value of interest received.

Here, the New Value Contribution satisfies these requirements because the New Value Contribution to be submitted: (1) constitutes new contributions; (2) is substantial; (3) is money or money's worth; (4) is necessary for a successful reorganization; and (5) is equal to or greater than the value to be received.

#### **Overbidding**

On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall issue the New Equity Interests to Nevada PF pursuant to the terms set forth in the Plan. At the request of Nevada PF, and for tax related purposes only and subject to an agreed upon tax purchase price allocation, it may be necessary for New Equity Interests to initially be transferred to the old Equity Holders, with a subsequent (and nearly simultaneous) transfer to Nevada PF in order to terminate the old Equity Holders' interest in the S Corporation. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing set forth above would change the treatments set forth in the Plan. The New Equity Interests to be issued to the New Equity Investor will be issued without registration under the Securities Act or any similar federal, state or local law in reliance upon the exemptions set forth in section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Pursuant to the Plan, the Debtor seeks to sell its equity in conjunction with the Plan Confirmation process. Any proposed transaction respecting the sale of the Debtor's New Equity

Interests is subject to the prior approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Persons interested in acquiring some or all of the New Equity Interests of the Debtor must submit a Qualifying Bid (as defined herein) to the Debtor's counsel by 4:00 p.m., Prevailing Pacific Time, at least fourteen (14) Days prior to the Confirmation Hearing (the "Initial Bid Deadline"), unless such date is extended in the sole discretion of the Debtor and Nevada PF. The Confirmation Hearing will also serve as the hearing to approve the sale of the New Equity Interests (the "Sale Hearing"). The transactions to be implemented pursuant to the Plan are subject to a determination of the Debtor of which entity, or entities, if any, has submitted the highest and best bid for the New Equity Interests/Assets.

A bid received by the Debtor for the New Equity Interests shall constitute a "Qualifying Bid" if such bid includes the following, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Debtor: (i) a fully executed definitive purchase agreement for the New Equity Interests which sets forth all material terms and conditions of the proposed acquisition including, without limitation, the New Equity Interests to be acquired, liabilities to be assumed and proposed consideration to be paid by the bidder, and such other terms as the bidder deems appropriate (the "Definitive Agreement), (ii) evidence that the bidder has the necessary authorizations and approvals necessary to engage in the transaction without the consent of any entity that has not already been obtained; (iii) a cashier's check or wire transfer made payable in an amount equal to \$5 million (the "Deposit") and (iv) evidence that the bidder can consummate the proposed transactions. Additionally, in order to constitute a "Qualifying Bid", (i) the transaction proposed by the Definitive Agreement may not be conditioned on the outcome of unperformed due diligence and (ii) the Definitive Agreement must describe the bidder's intention with respect to Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases of the Debtor in order for the assumption, assignment and/or rejection of such Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to be timely effectuated under the Plan. Finally, in order to be deemed a "Qualifying Bid" the Definitive Agreement must be accompanied by a letter affirmatively: (i) setting forth a full disclosure of the identity of the bidder (and any other person(s) subject to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with such bidder in connection with the bid), the contact information for such bidder and full disclosure of any affiliates or insiders of the Debtor involved in such bid; (ii) stating that the bidder is prepared to purchase the business operations and New Equity Interests upon

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the terms and conditions set forth its Definitive Agreement; (iii) summarizing the consideration proposed under the Definitive Agreement (i.e., cash and assumed liabilities); (iv) stating the aggregate value of the proposed consideration (which statement of value shall not be binding on the Debtor or the Bankruptcy Court); and (v) stating the form of Deposit (i.e., cashier's check or cash) made by the bidder.

Each Definitive Purchase Agreement shall provide for: (i) the allocation of certain expenses in connection with the purchase of the Debtor's New Equity Interests, including but not limited to real estate taxes, real property transfer taxes, recording and title fees, title insurance costs and other similar expenses, and whether such expenses shall be paid by the bidder or Debtor; and (ii) any specific due diligence period. The Debtor shall consider the allocation of these expenses and the duration of the due diligence period when considering which bid is the highest and best offer. Each Definitive Purchase Agreement, including the allocation of expenses associated with the transaction and the duration of any due diligence period, shall be subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court. Within two (2) Business Days of each bidder's timely delivery of all required materials as detailed in the preceding paragraph, the Debtor shall notify each bidder, in writing, as to whether its bid has been deemed a Qualified Bid in accordance with bidding requirements listed herein. Each bidder who submits a Qualified Bid shall be deemed a "Qualified Bidder". As indicated above, Nevada PF's initial bid consists of the New Value Contribution.

The Confirmation Hearing shall also serve as an auction (the "Auction"), whereby Qualified Bidders may submit subsequent bids for the New Equity Interests, provided (i) that the initial bid at the Auction must exceed Nevada PF's bid by at least \$375,000.00,<sup>2</sup> (ii) each subsequent bid at the Auction must exceed the previous bid by at least \$50,000.00 (the "Bidding Increment"), and (iii) any Qualified Bidder which submits a subsequent bid at the Confirmation Hearing in excess of its Qualifying Bid must provide evidence that it has the financial capability to purchase the New Equity Interests at the new, higher purchase price as set forth in its subsequent bid. At the conclusion of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The \$375,000 initial overbid consists of: (a) a \$100,000 break up fee to Nevada PF; (b) estimated expenses of Nevada PF related to the overbid process of approximately \$50,000; and (c) the \$125,000 estimated costs of soliciting the Debtor's approximately 80,000 members (which Nevada PF has agreed to pay in response to the various Objections).

Auction, the Bankruptcy Court (i) shall determine which bid constitutes the highest and best offer and which bidder constitutes the winning bidder (respectively, the "Winning Bid" and the "Winning Bidder") and (ii) approve the Winning Bid at the Sale Hearing.

Promptly after the entry by the Bankruptcy Court of its order approving the sale of the New Equity Interests, which may be the Confirmation Order, the Deposits submitted by all Qualified Bidders (other than the bid of the Winning Bidder(s)) shall be returned to the respective Qualified Bidders. The Deposit(s) of the Winning Bidder(s) shall be applied to the Cash portion of the purchase price set forth in the Winning Bidder's Definitive Agreement, as may be modified by the Winning Bid. If a Winning Bidder fails to consummate the purchase contemplated under its Definitive Agreement, as may be modified by the Winning Bid, and (i) such failure is the result of the Winning Bidder's breach of its Definitive Agreement and (ii) the Debtor has met all closing conditions of the Winning Bidder's Definitive Agreement, the Deposit of such Winning Bidder shall be forfeited to the Debtor. Notwithstanding this forfeiture, the Debtor specifically reserves the right to seek all available damages from any defaulting Winning Bidder.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bankruptcy Court may hear any aspect of the proposed sale of the New Equity Interests, including, controversies relating to any bidders' due diligence and to challenge any determination made in connection therewith. In the event the Winning Bidder does not close on the purchase of the New Equity Interests as set forth in such Winning Bidder's Definitive Agreement, the Debtor shall next pursue a sale of the New Equity Interests to the subsequent highest Qualified Bidders, until such time as the New Equity Interests are sold.

The Effective Date of the Plan shall not occur until the Winning Bidder closes on the New Equity Interests and completes all obligations pursuant to the Definitive Purchase Agreement (as approved by the Bankruptcy Court) including payment of the purchase price to the Debtor.

[End of Additional Proposed Language Regarding Auction]

The Debtor will also immediately begin to market the above proposal to known parties in interest, including the approximately eight parties that the Debtor's professionals have engaged with post-petition regarding an equity investment or potential sale. The Debtor submits that the Auction

procedures set forth above address all concerns that the Debtor's Assets (including alleged insider claims) have not been adequately marketed.

# II. The Debtor's Approximately 80,000 Active Members Will Receive Solicitation Packages Via Email and the Ability to Vote Electronically

In response to the Objections, Nevada PF has agreed to fund the approximately \$125,000 cost to the estate to send the Solicitation Package with an electronic ballot to the Debtor's approximately 80,000 "active" members who have spent money with the Debtor. With respect to the Debtor's "inactive" members, these are members who have not spent money directly with the Debtor (i.e., they would have a difficult time proving any claim against the estate as they have no written agreement with the Debtor, and they have not spent money with the Debtor). Therefore, the Debtor does not believe under any circumstance that the "inactive" members are entitled to vote (though the Debtor does intend on serving them via email with the Confirmation Hearing Notice as set forth in the Procedures Motion).

With respect to the 80,000 "active" members, while the Debtor is not sure if these parties would be able to successfully assert a claim against the estate (since many of them have been provided many years of expensive services and training – the value of which far exceeds what they have paid for their memberships), given the concerns of the US Trustee and the Committee in their respective Objections, the Debtor and Nevada PF agreed to send the Solicitation Package to such members, and as noted above, Nevada PF has agreed to fund this costly endeavor.

#### III. LVDF Treatment and Reserve

In the current plan and Disclosure Statement, the plan treatment for LVDF states that LVDF retains its existing lien in the Front Sight Property. This was an error. LVDF will not retain any lien(s) in the Front Sight Property as its lien will attach to the cash reserve to be maintained by Stretto as of the Effective Date pending resolution of LVDF's disputed claim. In the Disclosure Statement, the cash reserve for LVDF was to be equal to the amount of LVDF's claim, or \$11,655,706.01. After discussions between LVDF and Nevada PF, Nevada PF has agreed to increase the LVDF reserve to \$11,805,706.01 (or an additional \$150,000 on account of any increase

in attorneys' fees and interest from the date LVDF filed its claim).

The Debtor agrees with LVDF to the extent that it has asserted in the LVDF Objection that LVDF is impaired due to the Debtor rejecting all EB-5 requirements. The Debtor will amend the Disclosure Statement to reflect that LVDF is entitled to vote.

The Debtor disputes LVDF's recitation of events leading to the Debtor's bankruptcy filing and does not think that LVDF has any standing or right to alter the Debtor's description of facts.

The Debtor is willing to add to its description of its history with LVDF that LVDF disputes the Debtor's version of events.

#### IV. Investigation of Insider Claims

The Debtor agrees to add the following language to the Disclosure Statement:

In connection with its investigation of insider claims, the Debtor's financial advisor prepared a detailed analysis which shows that in the four year period from before the Petition Date (i.e., 5/24/2018 through 5/24/2022), the Debtor's insiders contributed over \$2 million more to the Debtor than the amount that was distributed to them. While the Debtor's records reflect that insider transfers occurred in the three years before that (i.e., 5/24/2015 through 5/23/2018), the Debtor's records also reflect that the Debtor was solvent at the time and that significant income taxes were paid on the Debtor's profits from those distributions (i.e., \$1.3 million for the period from 5/24/2015 through 5/23/2016, \$4.9 million for the period 5/24/2017 through 5/23/2018). Given the Debtor's solvency, profitability and the large amount of income tax paid related thereto, the Debtor believes that any fraudulent transfer action initiated against its insiders would be costly and ineffective.

The Debtor's financial advisor provided the Committee's financial advisor with its detailed four year insider transfer analysis on June 20, 2022, and shortly thereafter the Debtor's financial advisor and the Committee's financial advisor had an initial phone conference. Neither the Committee nor its professionals contacted the Debtor's professionals about any follow up questions related thereto until approximately two months later when they requested the analysis be extended back another two years. The Debtor's financial

advisor and the Debtor's bankruptcy counsel have immediately responded to all document and information requests from the Committee's professionals. The Debtor does not know when or if the Committee will complete its investigation. To date, the Committee's professionals have not provided the Debtor's professionals with any analysis of alleged claims that the Committee believes exist.

#### V. Service of Claim Bar Date Notice

Despite the misstatements made in various Objections, the Debtor had all creditors, members (active and inactive) and parties in interest served with a claim bar date notice and the notice of chapter 11 filing [ECF No. 86] (which includes the claim bar date). See, Certificate of Service [ECF No. 1.2] which states, among other things, that Stretto served a Notice of Bar Date for Filing Proofs of Claims, The Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case, Official Form 410 Proof of Claim and Official Form 410 Instructions for Proof of Claim on: (a) 257,239 parties via email (which includes all active and inactive members) on June 2, 2022; (b) 6,941 parties via first-class mail (which included active and inactive members where the debtor did not have emails); and (c) on all scheduled creditors, 2002 parties and parties requesting notice via first class mail and via email. In other words, every creditor, member and party in interest has received actual notice of the Debtor's bankruptcy filing and a proof of claim form.

In connection with termination of its memberships, the Debtor agrees to send an additional notice which contains rejection language and instructions on filing a proof of claim.

#### VI. Claim Analysis

The Debtor proposes to add the following language regarding how the Debtor estimated claims:

The Debtor served over 257,000 members, creditors and parties in interest with a notice of claim bar date and proof of claim form. See, ECF No. 102. As of September 27, 2022, 334 proofs of claim have been filed. I.e., 0.13% of noticed parties have filed a proof of claim in this case. In August of 2022, the Debtor conducted a survey of over 240,000 members, of which less than 4.5% responded. Therefore, the Debtor's professionals estimated that it is unlikely that a large number of members would suddenly respond to an

VII. Dr. Ignatius Piazza

In its Objection, the Committee alleges that Dr. Piazza "stands to retain substantial value under the plan" but this is not true. As set forth in the Disclosure Statement, Dr. Piazza and the Debtor's other insiders (a) are not retaining any equity in the Reorganized Debtor, and (b) waive their claims against the Debtor (and are therefore not receiving any value thereon).

With respect to the Consulting Agreement, it will be included in the Plan Supplement, which will be filed ten (10) days before the Confirmation Hearing. As set forth in Section IV.D.3 of the

additional claim bar date notice.

The Debtor scheduled general unsecured claims in the amount of \$6,884,698 [ECF No. 137]. To date, over a billion dollars in general unsecured claims have been filed in this case. However, \$1.12 billion of that amount was filed by one disputed creditor, Kenneth E. Johnson [Claim No. 238], when Mr. Johnson has spent a total amount of \$14,860 for his membership and membership upgrades (i.e., Mr. Johnson's maximum possible claim amount against the Debtor is \$14,860). The next five largest disputed creditors filed claims for \$94 million while collectively only spending approximately \$20,000 with the Debtor (i.e., the Debtor's maximum liability related to \$94 million in claims is \$20,000). Other member creditors have also filed claims that are not tethered to reality as they are many multiples of amounts actually spent by such member creditor, and the Debtor intends on objecting to such claims. See, Exhibit A to the Disclosure Statement. Based on the number and amount of proofs of claim filed to date, the Debtor's professionals estimated that general unsecured claims would likely be at least \$10 million and up to \$30 million. The bar date for all creditors other than members has passed.

The Debtor has provided hundreds of millions of dollars in services to its members, and most, if not all, members have received services far in excess of their respective membership fee. I.e., most members have received their "money's worth" in services from the Debtor already. With respect to the other members, the Debtor will likely not object to their claims that arise out of money actually spent by such member creditor for their membership and member benefit.

Disclosure Statement, Dr. Piazza will not hold a management position with the Reorganized Debtor but will, among other things, assist with marketing, prosecuting objections to claims and certain Causes of Action and will enter into a Consulting Agreement related thereto.

#### VIII. Feasibility

The Debtor does not have financial projections for the Reorganized Debtor and the New Equity Investor is fully funding the plan on the Effective Date. Furthermore, the New Equity Investor will fund the Reorganized Debtor's ongoing business operations if necessary.

#### IX. The Meacher Objection

In the Disclosure Statement, the Debtor proposes to set aside \$3.3 million in a reserve account maintained by Stretto pending resolution of the Debtor's objection to claim / complaint against Meacher, which the Debtor intends to file shortly. Irrespective of how the Debtor values Meacher's alleged collateral, there will be a \$3.3 million reserve from which any allowed secured claim by Meacher will be paid in full. Does Meacher want less of a reserve?

#### X. The UST Objection

The Debtor agrees with the US Trustee that quarterly fees do not require the filing of a claim or motion. The Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor will pay any quarterly fees due to the US Trustee.

In the UST Objection, the US Trustee states that "Through the Notice/Bar Date Order, membership holders who were not listed as creditors were told they did not have to file proofs of claim." This is <u>not</u> true. Over 257,000 members, creditors and parties in interest were served with the bar date notice and the Notice of Chapter 11 Filing (see, ECF No. 102). Attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of the bar date notice that was served on all parties in interest, creditors and members. Members were not "told they did not have to file proofs of claim."

The Debtor will add additional language to the risk factors as set forth in Paragraph 43 of the UST Objection.

The Debtor does not believe that there is an error in the Liquidation Analysis Chart.

#### **XI.** The Committee Objection

The Debtor has attempted to work consensually with the Committee throughout this case and was disappointed by the tone of the Committee Objection, and by the Committee's attempt to deflect

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from its own failure to complete its insider investigation(s) in a timely manner.

The Debtor believes that most, if not all, of the Committee's concerns are addressed throughout this Reply. However, the Debtor notes that the treatment of its mechanic lien creditors is the same as it was in the Debtor's original disclosure statement [ECF No. 271], and that the Debtor did not structure the proposed treatment in bad faith. In fact, the Debtor did just the opposite and acted in good faith in an attempt to negotiate up front payments for most of its creditors.

To reiterate, if the Debtor is unable to obtain Court approval of the Disclosure Statement at the September 30, 2022 hearing because the Committee has failed to negotiate with the Debtor, its insiders (based on unarticulated and unsubstantiated insider claims) and Nevada PF, the Debtor will not be able to meet the plan confirmation deadlines in the DIP financing order and will be required to move forward with a 363 sale with the \$19 million stalking horse agreement [ECF No. 150].

#### XII. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, and for the reasons set forth above, the Debtor respectfully requests that the Court approve the Disclosure Statement and grant the Procedures Motion as modified by this Reply.

DATED: September 27, 2022 BG Law LLP

By: <u>/s/ Susan K. Seflin</u>
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Attorneys for Chapter 11 Debtor
and Plan Proponent

#### Susan K. Seflin

**From:** ignatius@frontsight.com

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 10:26 AM

**To:** Susan K. Seflin

Subject: Your "Yes" of "No" Answer will Determine the Future and Fate of Front Sight... Read and Respond

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Dr. Ignatius Piazza

YOUR "YES" OR "NO" ANSWER ON THE SIMPLE FORM BELOW DETERMINES THE FATE OF FRONT SIGHT, YOUR MEMBERSHIPS, AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS MOVING FORWARD.

READ AND RESPOND TRUTHFULLY AND IMMEDIATELY.

WE HAVE NO TIME LEFT.

FRONT SIGHT NEEDS TO KNOW WHERE YOU STAND...

Monday, August 22, 2022

#### Dear Front Sight Member,

As you know, as part of the company's Chapter 11 Reorganization, I have continued to fight to protect your membership, your family members' memberships and Front Sight as a whole to avoid the foreclosure action that was wrongfully filed against Front Sight. Make no mistake, had the company not filed bankruptcy to avoid the wrongful foreclosure, you would have lost your memberships and all assets in your membership accounts (and Front Sight would have gone out of business).

I want you to know that once Front Sight filed the formal reorganization, numerous entities approached the company with offers to purchase Front Sight and/or to make a substantial equity investment in Front Sight. While these offers would make

it easier for the company to reorganize and some of them would result in a benefit to me personally, so far these offers are BAD for YOU, my loyal and supportive members and staff.

If the company were to proceed with these offers, it is almost certain that you would NOT retain your TBD Memberships, Certificates, Credits, Patronage Points, Front Sight Bucks or Front Sight Coins (in addition to new membership rates, etc.). There was also no guarantee that Front Sight's purpose to positively change the image of gun ownership by training private citizens to levels that far exceed law enforcement and military standards would remain. There was no guarantee that the great staff we have created at Front Sight, and Brad Ackman as your Operations Manager, would remain in place.

These offers have placed the company in a double bind -- meaning, at some point Front Sight may have to accept one of these offers if it turns out that the offer is in the best interests of creditors (even if the offer is not in the best interests of members). There are lots of bankruptcy rules that govern what the company's obligations are. Front Sight and I are attempting to navigate this reorganization in a way that is beneficial for creditors and for YOU, Front Sight's loyal and supportive members.

In order to comply with my fiduciary duty in this bankruptcy case, it would really help Front Sight if I can get feedback from YOU regarding whether or not you will remain an active member of Front Sight under new terms. In other words, if I know that Front Sight will have a certain and significant number of active members after bankruptcy, then it is much more likely that the company can structure a reorganization plan that is as beneficial for creditors as the offers I have received, but that is significantly more beneficial for YOU. The company is under a very tight time line so it is imperative that I receive a response from you IMMEDIATELY.

To say this Chapter 11 Reorganization process is expensive, complicated, extremely fluid, and dangerously uncertain is one of the biggest understatements you will ever read.

I am writing to you TODAY because I am at a personal crossroads in making a decision, an extremely important decision on what to do, and only YOU can help me in making the decision.

My request of you is really quite simple. Your immediate response and the decision YOU make will dictate the decision that the company will be required to make in order to meet its fiduciary obligations as a Chapter 11 Debtor in bankruptcy.

I only have a few days to make the decision so I need your truthful response IMMEDIATELY. The future of your membership with Front Sight as you have known it is at stake. This is not an exaggeration.

Here is what I am asking:

IF, through the bankruptcy, YOU RETAIN THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- Your membership and ability to attend Front Sight firearms training courses, (but Front Sight Alaska courses, Empty Hand/ Edged Weapons courses, Child/Youth Safety courses, Ropes courses are removed)
- All your TBD Memberships, but they are all converted to Patriot Memberships
- All your TBD Certificates, but they are converted to 2Day/4Day Defensive Handgun, Tactical Shotgun, Practical Rifle certificates good for a student's first course only
- All your Front Sight Credits, Patronage Points, Front Sight Bucks, and Front Sight Coins, but must use them for 50% toward any personal purchases in the pro shop, ammo bunker, armory, for food and beverage, background checks and memberships transfer fees (should you choose to pay a new member's transfer fee)
- Your ability to will your membership, and your account assets, to a deserving heir on your passing
- Receive credit for gun or gear bonuses from your purchases

If you are a Champion Club Member, you will be paid back over time

IF the company provides what is listed above, WILL YOU agree to move forward with Front Sight, as an active member of Front Sight by agreeing to pay the following:

- Annual Membership Maintenance Fee of \$500 for the Head of Household who wants to remain an active member of Front Sight
- \$100 Annual Membership Maintenance Fee for Spouse of Head of Household who wants to remain an active member
- \$100 Annual Membership Maintenance Fee for each Child of Head of Household under the age of 25, who want to remain active members
- \$100 per person, Daily Fee per course day attended
- \$100 per day per person Private Training Fee for Platinum Members and Platinum Guests (includes Daily Fee)
- \$400 per day, per person Private Training Fee for Knight Members and Knight Guests (includes Daily Fee)
- \$600 per day, per person Private Training Fee for Founder Members and Founder Guests (includes Daily Fee)
- \$800 per day, per person Private Training Fee for Legacy Members and Legacy Guests (includes Daily Fee)
- \$1,000 per day, per person Private Training Fee for Patriot Members and Patriot Guests (includes Daily Fee)

Front Sight needs a YES or NO answer IMMEDIATELY in order to make very difficult and extremely important decisions regarding the future of Front Sight.

Meaning, "YES Dr. Piazza, I understand that there will be new fees but I am willing to pay them to keep the abovementioned member benefits; to keep Front Sight's employees employed; to keep Front Sight in business; and to continue to participate in Front Sight's purpose to restore the Second Amendment by positively changing the image of gun ownership, through training responsible citizens to levels that far exceed law enforcement and military standards."

Or "NO Dr. Piazza, I am not willing to support the changes you have listed above. I understand that without my support and the support of a significant number of the members to the changes proposed above, it is likely that Front Sight will have no option but to accept a purchase or equity participation offer that provides for very little, if any, benefit to members and will likely result in the termination of all memberships and member benefits."

I am sorry it has come to this. As you know, I have fought for over four years to protect your membership, your family members' memberships and Front Sight as a whole. As I stated above, our Chapter 11 Reorganization process is expensive, complicated, extremely fluid, and dangerously uncertain. However, it has now come down to a "YES" or "NO" from YOU and your fellow members that will dictate the future of Front Sight. Without your support and the support of a significant number of the members to the changes required, it is likely that Front Sight will have no option but to accept an offer that provides for very little, if any, benefit to members and will likely result in the termination of all memberships and member benefits.

As you must now understand, this is a simple request, but EXTREMELY important and I need to know your truthful answer IMMEDIATELY in order to make the proper decision.

Please complete the Simple, Secure "Yes" or "No" Form below. Please do it TODAY.

Secure, Online "Yes" or "No" Response Form

First Name:*	Last Name:*
Membership Type:* (Current)	Membership Number:* (Including words/letters)
Select Membership:	•
Email Address:	
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below as being specifically excluded) that arose prior to May 24, 2022, the date on which Debtor commenced its case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

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#### 1. WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

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You MUST file a Proof of Claim to share in any distribution by Debtor if you have a claim that occurred prior to May 24, 2022, and it is not one of the other types of claims described in Section 2 below. Acts or omissions of Debtor that arose before May 24, 2022 may give rise to claims against Debtor that must be filed by the applicable Bar Date, notwithstanding that such claims may not have matured or become fixed or liquidated or certain prior to May 24, 2022. Pursuant to section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code and as used in this Notice, the word "claim" means: (a) a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) a right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured. Further, claims include unsecured claims, secured claims, and priority claims.

#### 2. WHO NEED NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

You need *not* file a Proof of Claim if:

- a. any person or entity whose claim is listed on the Debtor's Schedules D, E and/or F (the "Schedules") and (i) whose claim is not described thereon as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated," (ii) who does not dispute the amount or classification of the claim set forth in the Schedules, and (iii) who does not dispute that the claim is an obligation of the Debtor against which the claim is listed on the Schedules;
- b. any person or entity whose claim has been paid in full;
- any person or entity that holds an interest in Debtor, which interest is based exclusively upon the ownership of common or preferred stock, membership interests, partnership interests, or warrants or rights to purchase, sell or subscribe to such a security or interest; provided, however, that interest holders that wish to assert claims (as opposed to ownership interests) against the Debtor that arise out of or relate to the ownership or purchase of an interest, including claims arising out of or relating to the sale, issuance, or distribution of the interest, must file Proofs of Claim on or before the applicable Bar Date, unless another exception identified herein applies;
- d. any holder of a claim allowable under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code as an administrative expense (other than a holder of a 503(b)(9) Claim);
- e. any person or entity that holds a claim that has been allowed by an order of this Court entered on or before the applicable Bar Date;
- any holder of a claim for which a separate deadline is fixed by this Court;

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- g. any holder of a claim who has already properly filed a Proof of Claim with the Clerk of the Court against Debtor, utilizing a claim form which substantially conforms to the Proof of Claim Form or Official Form 410; or
- h. any person or entity that relies on the Schedules has the responsibility to determine that the claim is accurately listed in the Schedules.

YOU SHOULD NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST DEBTOR. THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU HAVE A CLAIM OR THAT DEBTOR OR THE COURT BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE A CLAIM.

#### 3. EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

If you hold a claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease, you must file a Proof of Claim based on such rejection by the later of (i) the applicable Bar Date, and (ii) the date which is thirty days following the entry of the order approving such rejection or you will be forever barred from doing so. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if you are a party to an executory contract or unexpired lease and you wish to assert a claim on account of unpaid amounts accrued and outstanding as of May 24, 2022 pursuant to that executory contract or unexpired lease (other than a rejection damages claim), you must file a Proof of Claim for such amounts on or before the applicable Bar Date unless an exception identified above applies.

#### 4. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE

All Proofs of Claim must be filed so as to be actually received on or before the applicable Bar Date at the following address:

If sent by first class mail, overnight mail, or hand-delivery:

Front Sight Claims Processing c/o Stretto 410 Exchange, Suite 100 Irvine, CA 92602

If filed electronically:

https://ecf.nvb.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/autoFilingClaims.pl

Proofs of Claim will be deemed timely filed only if actually received by the Debtor's Noticing and Claims Agent, Stretto, on or before the applicable Bar Date.

#### 5. WHAT TO FILE.

If you file a Proof of Claim, your filed Proof of Claim must: (i) be written in the English language; (ii) be denominated in lawful currency of the United States; (iii) conform substantially to Official Bankruptcy Form No. 410; (iv) set forth with specificity the legal and factual basis for the alleged claim; (v) include supporting documentation or an explanation as to why such

documentation is not available; and (vi) be signed by the claimant or, if the claimant is not an individual, by an authorized agent of the claimant.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE APPLICABLE BAR DATE

Except with respect to claims of the type set forth in Section 2 above, any creditor who fails to file a Proof of Claim on or before the applicable Bar Date in the appropriate form in accordance with the procedures described in this Notice for any claim such creditor holds or wishes to assert against Debtor, will be forever barred, estopped and enjoined from asserting the claim against Debtor and its estate (or filing a Proof of Claim with respect to the claim), and Debtor and its estate, successors, and property will be forever discharged from any and all indebtedness or liability with respect to the claim, and the holder will not be permitted to participate in any distribution in Debtor's Chapter 11 Case on account of the claim, or receive further notices with respect to the Chapter 11 Case.

If you have any questions relating to this Notice, please feel free to contact Jessica Wellington by e-mail at jwellington@bg.law or the Debtor's Noticing and Claims Agent, Stretto, at (855) 553-9468 (toll-free) or (949) 271-6489 (international) or by email at TeamFrontSight@stretto.com

## YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, INCLUDING WHETHER YOU SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

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