## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE WESTERN DIVISION

IN RE: Family Dollar Stores, Inc., Pest Infestation Litigation  This Document Relates To:	) ) )	2:22-md-03032-SHL-tmp (MDL Docket No. 3032)
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## CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 5: ORDER APPOINTING PLAINTIFFS' STEERING COMMITTEE

This Order involves the designation of Plaintiffs' Steering Committee ("PSC"). On July 25, 2022, the Court received Co-Lead Counsels' Notice outlining the declarations and resumes of each counsel asking to be considered for the PSC, as well as a cover letter indicating Co-Lead Counsels' suggestions for the roles: Charles LaDuca, Gary Klinger, and Katrina Carroll, and James Streett in the capacity of State Court Litigation Liaison. Co-Lead Counsel also included the declaration and resumes of Patrick Pendley and Tiffany Ray. Additionally, the Court previously received an application for appointment to the PSC from J. Luke Sanderson.

The Court was impressed by the quality of the applicants for these positions and thanks all for participating in this process. After consideration of the qualifications of each applicant and the need for management and coordination in these proceedings, the Court hereby appoints the following counsel to serve on Plaintiffs' Steering Committee:

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The PSC members shall consult with Plaintiffs' Co-Lead and Liaison Counsel in coordinating Plaintiffs' pretrial activities, including discovery, and in planning for trial. PSC members shall confer and designate their members to the appropriate subcommittees, if any are established. To the extent a committee or subcommittee needs additional support with its common benefit work, it may seek the participation and assistance of non-leadership counsel. Indeed, the Court encourages the participation of those less experienced in multi-district litigation. However, no common benefit work may be performed by non-leadership counsel without the prior approval of Co-Lead Counsel. Finally, Mr. Streett is appointed as State Court Litigation Liaison Counsel, primarily responsible for communicating with counsel in the related state court action pending in Arkansas.

The one-year term, set to expire on August 1, 2023, applies to the appointment of the PSC, as does the personal nature of the appointment. As noted for Co-Lead and Liaison Counsel, a reappointment application process will be established at an appropriate time in advance of the expiration date. Applications for reappointment must detail the nature and scope of the attorney's work on this litigation, including the time and resources that he or she expended during the previous term. However, the Court also recognizes that changes to the PSC's organization may be necessary as the litigation progresses and new details emerge. Therefore,

the Court may amend or expand the PSC upon request from the PSC or by Court order before the expiration of the one-year term, if circumstances warrant.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 25th day of July, 2022.

s/ Sheryl H. Lipman SHERYL H. LIPMAN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE