

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
_____ DIVISION**

_____	)	
	)	
Plaintiff	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No.
	)	
_____	)	
	)	
Defendant	)	

**CONSENT TO OR DECLINATION OF THE EXERCISE
OF JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Each party to the above-captioned civil matter shall select one of the following two options indicating whether the party will consent or decline to consent to having a Magistrate Judge conduct any and all proceedings in this case, including entry of final judgment, in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 73, and Local Rule 72-1.

_____ The party or parties listed below voluntarily consent to having a United States Magistrate Judge conduct all further proceedings in this case to disposition, with direct review by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in the event an appeal is filed.

OR

_____ The party or parties listed below acknowledge the availability of a United States Magistrate Judge but decline to consent and request the case be reassigned to a United States District Judge if the initial assignment was a direct assignment to a Magistrate Judge or remain with the United States District Judge initially directly assigned.

Should this case be reassigned from one magistrate to another due to caseload restrictions, recusal, retirement or any other reason, the undersigned may object within thirty (30) days of such reassignment.

Printed Name of Party

Signature of Party or Attorney

Date

NOTE: This Consent to or Declination of the Exercise of Jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge must be returned to the Clerk of Court within fourteen (14) days from the date this Notice was sent. If the Consent Form is not returned within the fourteen (14) days, then the parties will be reminded of the return requirement by the Clerk's Office and given a ten (10) day extension recorded in a docket entry. Any further noncompliance in the return of the form may be subject to further action as the Court deems appropriate.

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