UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NEVILLE MCFARLANE, DEANNA COTTRELL, EDWARD HELLYER, CARRIE MASON-DRAFFEN, HASEEB RAJA, RONNIE GILL, JOHN FRONTERA, SHARIQ MEHFOOZ, and STEVEN PANICCIA, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALTICE USA, INC., a New York Corporation,

Defendant.

Lead Case No: 20-CV-1297-JMF (consolidated with 20-CV-1410-JMF)

DEFENDANT ALTICE USA, INC.'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

On May 3, 2022, this Court ordered Plaintiffs to address whether this Court's decision in *McFarlane v. Altice USA, Inc.*, 524 F. Supp. 3d 264, 270-73 (S.D.N.Y. 2021), ECF No. 58, at 5-9, that Plaintiffs have Article III standing, and the Second Circuit's "largely consistent" reasoning in *McMorris v. Carlos Lopez & Assocs., LLC*, 995 F.3d 295 (2d Cir. 2021), "remain good law following the Supreme Court's decision in *TransUnion LLC v. Ramirez*, 141 S. Ct. 2190 (2021)." ECF No. 90. Plaintiffs filed a supplemental memorandum arguing that those decisions are unaffected by *TransUnion. See* ECF No. 91. In compliance with the Court's Order, Defendant Altice USA, Inc. ("Altice") files this Response.

Altice has long disputed Plaintiffs' standing. *See, e.g.*, ECF Nos. 39, 46, 54. As Plaintiffs have noted, Altice would "continue to contest Plaintiffs' . . . standing" absent settlement, particularly given the manner and degree of evidence required to demonstrate standing at the

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successive stages of the litigation. ECF No. 88, at 15. If the Court nonetheless finds that Plaintiffs still have standing, Altice is prepared to continue to support the settlement, which it believes is fair, reasonable, and provides adequate relief for the class.

Dated: May 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that, on May 19, 2022, a true and correct copy of this document was served via email on counsel for Plaintiffs.

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