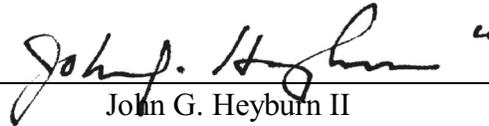


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Consequently, after considering all argument of counsel and the current procedural posture of the litigation, we are persuaded that inclusion of this action and the other newly-filed putative regional class actions in MDL No. 2048 will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of the actions.¹

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, this action is transferred to the Western District of Oklahoma and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Robin J. Cauthron for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings occurring there in this docket.

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¹ The Panel staff will place the *Keitlen* action, which the Panel previously declined to transfer, on a conditional transfer order.