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PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: Mary Joy Ramos
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc.
OTHER:

CASE NUMBER: 24CV446281

JUDICIAL OFFICER: Theodore C. Zayner

DEPT: 19

PROPOSED ORDER (COVER SHEET)

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1. Name of the party submitting the proposed order:
   Plaintiff Mary Joy Ramos

2. Title of the proposed order:
   [Proposed] Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement

3. The proceeding to which the proposed order relates is:
   a. Description of proceeding: Motion forPreliminary Approval
   b. Date and time: September 23, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
   c. Place: Downtown Superior Court at 191 N. First Street, San Jose CA, 95113

4. The proposed order was served on the other parties in the case.

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PROPOSED ORDER

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   a. On *(name of person served) (If the person served is an attorney, the party or parties represented should also be stated.):*
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   b. To *(electronic service address of person served):* listed above

   c. On *(date):* 10/5/2026

[x] Electronic service of the *Proposed Order (Cover Sheet)* with the attached proposed order in PDF format and service of the proposed order in an editable word-processing format on additional persons are described in an attachment.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 10/5/2026

Dariane Rose
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(SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

MARY JOY RAMOS, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated, *Plaintiff*, vs. W.L. GORE & ASSOCIATES, INC., a Delaware corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, *Defendants*.	Case No. 24CV446281 *Assigned for all purposes to:* *Hon. Theodore C. Zayner* *Dept. 19* **[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT** PRELIMINARY APPROVAL HEARING Date: September 23, 2026 Time: 1:30 p.m. Dept.: 19

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Having reviewed plaintiff Mary Joy Ramos' ("Plaintiff") Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement ("Motion"), the Declaration of John G. Yslas, the Declaration of Mary Joy Ramos, and the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement"), the Court's tentative ruling for the September 23, 2026 hearing having not been contested and having been adopted as the order of the Court, and good cause appearing, the Court finds and orders as follows:

1. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that the Settlement Agreement appears to be fair, adequate, and reasonable and therefore meets the requirements for preliminary approval. The Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement and the Settlement Class based on the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement between Plaintiff and Defendant W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. ("Defendant"), attached to the Declaration of John G. Yslas in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement as **Exhibit 2**.

2. The Settlement falls within the range of reasonableness of a settlement which could ultimately be given final approval by this Court, and appears to be presumptively valid, subject only to any objections that may be raised at the Final Approval Hearing and final approval by this Court. The Court notes that Defendant has agreed to create a common fund of $1,800,000.00 to cover (a) settlement payments to Class Members who do not validly opt out; (b) a $50,000.00 allocation toward civil penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act, 65% of which ($32,500.00) will be paid to the State of California, Labor & Workforce Development Agency and 35% of which ($17,500.00) will be paid to eligible Aggrieved Employees; (c) Class Representative Service Payment of up to $10,000.00 to Plaintiff; (d) Class Counsel's attorneys' fees, not to exceed one-third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount (i.e., $600,000.00), and up to $45,000.00 in costs for actual litigation expenses incurred by Class Counsel; and (e) Settlement Administration Costs of up to $8,500.00.

3. The Court preliminarily finds that the terms of the Settlement appear to be within the range of possible approval, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382 and

applicable law. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that: (1) the Settlement amount is fair and reasonable to the Class Members when balanced against the probable outcome of further litigation relating to class certification, liability and damages issues, and potential appeals; (2) significant informal discovery, investigation, research, and litigation have been conducted such that counsel for the Parties at this time are able to reasonably evaluate their respective positions; (3) settlement at this time will avoid substantial costs, delay, and risks that would be presented by the further prosecution of the litigation; and (4) the proposed Settlement has been reached as the result of intensive, serious, and non-collusive negotiations between the Parties with the assistance of a well-respected class action mediator. Accordingly, the Court preliminarily finds that the Settlement Agreement was entered into in good faith.

4. A final fairness hearing on the question of whether the proposed Settlement, attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel, payment to the State of California, Labor & Workforce Development Agency for its share of the settlement of claims for penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act, and a Class Representative Service Payment should be finally approved as fair, reasonable and adequate as to the members of the Class is hereby set in accordance with the Implementation Schedule set forth below.

5. The Court provisionally certifies for settlement purposes only the following class (the "Class"): "all persons employed by Defendant in California and classified as an hourly-paid non-exempt employee who worked for Defendant during the Class Period."

6. "Class Period" means the period from "August 30, 2020 to March 8, 2026."

7. "Aggrieved Employees" means "a person employed by Defendant in California and classified as an hourly-paid non-exempt employee who worked for Defendant during the PAGA Period." "PAGA Period" means the period from "November 1, 2023 to March 8, 2026".

8. The Court finds, for settlement purposes only, that the Settlement Class meets the requirements for certification under California Code of Civil Procedure § 382 in that: (1) the Settlement Class Members are so numerous that joinder is impractical; (2) there are questions of law and fact that are common, or of general interest, to all Settlement Class Members, which predominate over individual issues; (3) Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the

Settlement Class Members; (4) Plaintiff and Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class Members; and (5) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

9. The Court appoints as Class Representative, for settlement purposes only, Plaintiff. The Court further preliminarily approves Plaintiff's ability to request a service payment up to $10,000.00.

10. The Court appoints, for settlement purposes only, John G. Yslas, Arrash T. Fattahi, Lisa B. Iturriaga, and John O. Bishay of Wilshire Law Firm, PLC, as Class Counsel. The Court further preliminarily approves Class Counsel's ability to request attorneys' fees of up to one-third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount (i.e., $600,000.00), and costs not to exceed $45,000.00.

11. The Court appoints Phoenix Settlement Administrators as the Settlement Administrator with reasonable administration costs estimated not to exceed $8,500.00.

12. The Court approves, as to form and content, the Class Notice attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which has been modified as directed in the Court's September 23, 2026, ruling to add language regarding in-person and remote appearance at the Final Approval Hearing. The Class Notice shall include that language when it is mailed. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that the plan for distribution of the Notice to Settlement Class Members, including mailing by first-class U.S. mail in English and Spanish, re-mailing of any Notice returned as undeliverable, an address search where no forwarding address is available, and a 14-day extension of the applicable deadlines for any Class Member whose Notice is re-mailed, satisfies due process, provides the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto.

13. The Parties are ordered to carry out the Settlement according to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

14. Any Class Member who does not timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement may object to the Settlement Agreement.

15. Funds from any settlement checks that remain uncashed after the void date shall

be transmitted by the Settlement Administrator to the California State Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member, as provided in Section 4.4.3 of the Settlement Agreement. To the extent any unpaid residue or unclaimed funds remain subject to Code of Civil Procedure section 384, subdivision (b), the Parties shall be prepared to address compliance with that statute at the Final Approval Hearing.

16. In support of the Motion for Final Approval, Class Counsel shall submit lodestar information (including hourly rates and hours worked) sufficient to support the requested attorneys' fees, together with evidence of the actual litigation costs incurred and the actual Settlement Administration Costs. The Court will determine the attorneys' fees, litigation costs, Class Representative Service Payment, and Settlement Administration Costs at the Final Approval Hearing.

17. The Case Management Conference set for September 23, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. is VACATED.

18. The Court orders the following Implementation Schedule:

EVENT:	**DEADLINE:**
Defendant to provide Class List to the Settlement Administrator	No later than 15 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement
Settlement Administrator to mail the Notice Packets	In no event later than 14 days after receipt of Class Data
Class Member Response Deadline (to Object, Opt-Out, and/or Challenge Workweek/Pay Period)	45 days after mailing Notice to Class
Deadline to file Motion for Final Approval	16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing
Final Approval Hearing	April 14, 2027 at 2:30 p.m., in Department 19 of the Santa Clara County Superior

EVENT:	DEADLINE:
	Court, 161 North First Street, San Jose, California 95113

19. The Court further ORDERS that, pending further order of this Court, all proceedings in this lawsuit, except those contemplated herein and in the settlement, are stayed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: _____

_____
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

EXHIBIT A

COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL

Mary Joy Ramos v. W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

(Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV446281)

The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully! It's not junk mail, spam, an advertisement or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.

You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action lawsuit ("Action") against W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. ("Defendant") for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by a former employee of Defendant, Mary Joy Ramos ("Plaintiff"), and seeks payment for (1) unpaid minimum and straight time wages, (2) unpaid overtime, (3) unpaid meal period premiums, (4) unpaid rest break premiums, (5) untimely final wages, (6) inaccurate wage statements, (7) unreimbursed business expenses, and (8) unfair business practices for a class of hourly-paid or non-exempt employees ("Class Members") who worked for Defendant in California during the Class Period from August 30, 2020 through March 8, 2026; and (9) penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") for all hourly-paid or non-exempt employees who worked for Defendant in California during the PAGA Period from November 1, 2023 through March 8, 2026 ("Aggrieved Employees").

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual Class Payments to Class Members, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendant to fund the PAGA penalties to pay penalties to Aggrieved Employees and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

Based on Defendant's records, and the Parties' current assumptions, your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be $_____ (less withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be $_____. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendant's records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you did not work during the PAGA Period.)

The above estimates are based on Defendant's records showing that you worked _____ workweeks in California during the Class Period and you worked _____ pay periods in California during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more workweeks and/or pay periods in California during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's attorneys ("Class Counsel"). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendant to make payments under the Settlement and in exchange requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendant. The

Court has not made any determination on the merits of the claims being alleged, all of which are strenuously denied by Defendant.

If you worked for Defendant during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two basic options under the Settlement:

(1) **Do Nothing.** You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims and PAGA Period penalty claims against Defendant.

(2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting a written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period claims for California labor law violations against Defendant, and, if you are an Aggrieved Employee, remain eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

Defendant will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against Defendant that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement. **The Opt-out Deadline is <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>**	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. If you are an Aggrieved Employee and exclude yourself, you will still be paid your Individual PAGA Payment stated above and will remain subject to the release of the Released PAGA Claims (defined below) regardless of whether you submit a request for exclusion.

Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement **Written Objections Must be Submitted by <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>**	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.
You Can Participate in the April 14, 2027 Final Approval Hearing	The Court's Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on April 14, 2027 at 2:30 p.m. in Department 19. You don't have to attend, but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court's virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice, including instructions for appearing remotely.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/PAGA Pay Periods **Written Challenges Must be Submitted by <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>**	The amount of your Individual Class Settlement Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period and how many PAGA Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number of Class Period Workweeks and number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked according to Defendant's records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>. See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former employee of Defendant. Plaintiff filed the Action against Defendant. The Action alleges that Defendant violated California law by (1) failing to pay all minimum and straight time wages, (2) failing to pay all overtime wages, (3) failing to provide meal periods, (4) failing to authorize and permit rest periods, (5) failing to timely pay final wages at termination, (6) failing to provide accurate itemized wage statements, (7) failing to indemnify employees for expenditures, and (8) unfair business practices. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Lab. Code, § 2698, et seq.) ("PAGA"). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action: John G. Yslas, Arrash T. Fattahi, Lisa B. Iturriaga, and John O. Bishay of Wilshire Law Firm, PLC ("Class Counsel").

Defendant strongly denies that it has done anything wrong and disputes all the claims in the Action. Specifically, Defendant contends that Plaintiff and the Class Members were, at all

times, properly compensated for wages under California law; that Plaintiff and the Class Members were provided with meal and rest periods in compliance with California law; that Defendant did not fail to pay to Class Members any wages allegedly due at the time of their termination; that Defendant complied with California wage statement requirements; that Defendant indemnified employees for any expenditures; that Defendant did not violate California Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq.; that Defendant is not liable for any of the penalties sought or that could be sought in the Action; and that this Action cannot be maintained as a class or representative action. The Court has not made any determination of the merits of the claims of Plaintiff or the defenses of Defendant. This means there has been no determination that Defendant did not comply with California law and Defendant maintains that it complied with the law at all times.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

The Court has made no determination whether Defendant or Plaintiff is correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendant hired an experienced, neutral mediator, Steven J. Rottman, Esq., in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating to end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement ("Agreement") and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court's Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Defendant does not admit any violations or concede the merits of any claims.

Accordingly, the Settlement constitutes a compromise of disputed claims and should not be construed as an admission of liability on the part of Defendant, who expressly denies all liability.

Plaintiff and Class Counsel think the Settlement is in the best interest of class members because they believe that: (1) Defendant has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees.

The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement on September 23, 2026 as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing on April 14, 2027 at 2:30 p.m. to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

1. **Defendant Will Pay $1,800,000.00 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement).** Defendant has agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and expenses, the Administrator's expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"). Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, Defendant will fund the Gross Settlement not more than 30 days after the Effective Date (as outlined in the Settlement Agreement).

2. **Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement.** At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:

A. Up to 1/3 of the Gross Settlement Amount (currently estimated at $600,000.00) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to $45,000.00 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.

B. Up to $10,000.00 as a Class Representative Award for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff's Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.

C. Up to $8,500.00 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.

D. Up to $50,000.00 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 65% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 35% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

3. **Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members.** After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the "Net Settlement") by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks.

4. **Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members.** Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 20% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages ("Wage Portion") and 80% to interest and penalties ("Non-Wage Portion"). The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. Defendant will separately pay employer payroll taxes it owes on the Wage Portion. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Although Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to these allocations, neither Plaintiff, Defendant, Class Counsel, nor Defense Counsel is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

5. **Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks.** The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don't cash it by the void date, your check will be transmitted to the California State Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund under your name.

6. **Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs).** You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you

notify the Administrator in writing, not later than <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to email, fax, or mail a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>> Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member's name, present address, email address or telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue claims against Defendant for violations of California's labor laws.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against Defendant based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

7. **The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval.** It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline to enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: Defendant will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendant.

8. **Administrator.** The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Settlement Administrators (the "Administrator"), to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members' Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Workweeks and pay periods, mail and re-mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator's contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.

9. **Participating Class Members' Release.** After the Judgment is final and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement and separately paid all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant or related entities for wages based on the Class Period facts and PAGA penalties based on PAGA Period facts, as alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

> All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, shall release and discharge the Released Parties (Defendant, its parent, all subsidiaries of its parent and each of their respective former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, members, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, and clients) from all claims arising during the Class Period that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, or which were ascertained in the course of the action.

10. **Aggrieved Employees' PAGA Release.** After the Court's judgment is final, and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement and separately paid the employer-side payroll taxes, all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against Defendant, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all Aggrieved Employees, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the Class Settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue or participate in any other PAGA claim against Defendant or its related entities based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Aggrieved Employees' Releases are as follows:

> All Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, shall release and discharge the Released Parties (Defendant, its parent, all subsidiaries of its parent and each of their respective former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, members, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, and clients) from all claims arising during the PAGA Period that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts alleged in the Operative Complaint and/or the PAGA notice submitted by Plaintiff to the LWDA on or about November 1, 2024, or which were ascertained in the course of this action. Aggrieved Employees shall have no right to opt out of this release.

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

1. **Individual Class Payments.** The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member.

2. **Individual PAGA Payments.** The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing $17,500.00 by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.

3. **Workweek/Pay Period Challenges.** The number of Class Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Defendant's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>> to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, email or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept Defendant's calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on Defendant's records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges based

on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and Defendant's Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. **Participating Class Members.** The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.

2. **Non-Participating Class Members.** The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Email, fax, or mail a written and signed letter with your name, present address, email address or telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as *Mary Joy Ramos v. W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc.*, Case No. 24CV446281, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>, or it will be invalid. Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve. At least 16 court days before the April 14, 2027 Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiff will file in Court a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, and the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service Award. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website (URL of website) or the Court's website (https://santaclara.courts.ca.gov/).

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Agreement and/or the Motion for Final Approval may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff are too high or too low. The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>. Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action as *Mary Joy Ramos v. W.L. Gore &*

Associates, Inc., Case No. 24CV446281, and include your name, current address, telephone number and approximate dates of employment for Defendant and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on April 14, 2027 at 2:30 p.m. in Department 19 of the Santa Clara County Superior Court, located at 161 North First Street, San Jose, California 95113. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff and the Administrator. The Court will invite comments from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually. Check the Court's website for the most current information (https://santaclara.courts.ca.gov/).

Class Members may appear at the final approval hearing in person or remotely using the link for Department 19, and should review the remote appearance instructions beforehand: https://santaclara.courts.ca.gov/online-services/remote-hearings

Class Members who wish to appear remotely are encouraged to contact class counsel at least three days before the hearing, if possible, so that potential technology or audibility issues can be avoided or minimized.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website (URL of website) beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything Defendant and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Agreement, the Judgment or any other Settlement documents is to go to the Administrator's website at (URL of website). You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by visiting the Court's online Register of Actions (https://portal.scscourt.org/search) and entering the Santa Clara County Superior Court Case Number for the Action, Case No. 24CV446281. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Courthouse by calling (408) 882-2310. The pleadings and other records in this litigation, including the Settlement Agreement, may also be examined (a) online on the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara's Electronic Filing and Service Website at www.scefiling.org, or (b) in person at Records, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. 1st Street, San Jose, California 95113, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Court holidays and closures.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

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10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If you do not cash your check by the deadline stated on the check itself, your check will be transmitted to the California State Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund under your name.

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.