

3. As a result of this Shifter Defect, Plaintiff and members of the Class are unable to shut off their vehicles and, to avoid battery discharge, are forced to resort to all sorts of gimmicks to get their vehicles to detect that the shift lever is in fact in “Park.”

4. Plaintiff has given GM reasonable opportunities to cure the Shifter Defect, but GM has been unable to do so within a reasonable period of time.

5. GM’s conduct is in breach of contract, in breach of express and implied warranties, and in breach of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301, *et seq.* (the “MMWA”).

6. GM has and will continue to benefit from its unlawful conduct – by selling and leasing more vehicles, at a higher price, and avoiding warranty obligations – while consumers are harmed at the point of sale as their vehicles suffer from the Shifter Defect which GM cannot fix. Had Plaintiff and other proposed class members known about the defect at the time of purchase or lease, they would not have bought or leased the Class Vehicles, or would have paid substantially less for them.

7. To remedy GM’s unlawful conduct, Plaintiff, on behalf of proposed class members, seeks damages and restitution from GM, as well as notification to class members about the defect with the vehicles’ shifters.

PARTIES

8. Plaintiff Rilla Jefferson is, and at all times mentioned herein was, an adult individual residing in Memphis, Tennessee. Jefferson has resided in Memphis, Tennessee, since March of 2016. Thus, Jefferson is a citizen of Tennessee.

9. Defendant General Motors LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business located at 300 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan. GM’s sole member is General Motors Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with its

principal place of business in Michigan. General Motors Holdings LLC's sole member is General Motors Company, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Michigan. Thus, Defendant General Motors LLC is a citizen of Michigan with a principal place of business in Michigan.

10. Defendant General Motors LLC, through its various entities, designs, manufactures, markets, distributes, services, repairs, sells, and leases passenger vehicles, including the Class Vehicles, in Tennessee and nationwide. Defendant General Motors LLC is the warrantor and distributor of the Class Vehicles in the United States.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 because: (i) there are 100 or more class members, (ii) there is an aggregate amount in controversy exceeding \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and (iii) there is minimal diversity because Plaintiff and GM are each citizens of different states. This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because Plaintiff presents a claim under the federal Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301, *et seq.* As to the state law claims, this Court has supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.

12. Personal jurisdiction exists over GM as Plaintiff purchased her vehicle in this District, Plaintiff sought repairs in this District, and GM, through its business of distributing, selling, and leasing the Class Vehicles in this District, has established sufficient contacts in this District such that personal jurisdiction over GM exists in this District.

13. In addition, venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) as Plaintiff resides in this District and the acts and omissions forming the basis of Plaintiff's claims arose in this District.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

14. In May of 2016 GM began sales of a redesigned GMC Acadia vehicle and has since sold hundreds of thousands of Class Vehicles nationwide for model year 2017 and 2018.

15. All Class Vehicles suffer from a defect with their transmission shifter which intermittently causes Class Vehicles to not enter park mode, displays a “Shift to Park” message on the instrument cluster, prevents the vehicle driver from shutting off and locking the vehicle, even though the vehicle’s shift lever is in the “Park” position.

16. The Shifter Defect substantially impairs the value, safety, and use of the Class Vehicles to the Plaintiff and members of the Class, as they are unable to shut off their vehicles, are unable to lock their vehicles, and, to avoid battery discharge and to shut the vehicle off, are forced to resort to all sorts of gimmicks to get their vehicles to detect that the shift lever is in fact in “Park.”

17. Indeed, to get their vehicles to detect that the shifter is in fact in “Park,” Plaintiff was forced to repeatedly wiggle the shifter, shift it through its gears, and start and shut off the engine.

18. Plaintiff complained to GM’s authorized dealerships about the Shifter Defect repeatedly, but the dealerships failed to repair the defect within a reasonable period of time.

19. Plaintiff’s experiences are not unique; numerous other consumers have complained about the same issue. For example, carcomplaints.com is a website that republishes National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) complaints. The site includes the following complaints dating back to 2018:¹

¹ Available at https://www.carcomplaints.com/GMC/Acadia/2017/drivetrain/power_train.shtml and https://www.carcomplaints.com/GMC/Acadia/2018/drivetrain/power_train.shtml (last visited July 22, 2020).

- Additionally, the car dashboard gives out commands for putting the car in park after it is stationary. (posted on August 24, 2018 by a driver from Kernersville, NC);
- When the car is parked on a flat surface (inside the garage, parking garage, parking lot), the car will display "shift to park" when it is already in park. The accessories stay on until the driver is able to get the car's computer to notice the car is in park. (Posted on August 18, 2018 by a driver from Aurora, CO);
- Placed the vehicle in park, it was stationary and it rolled forward. Message in the info center said "shift to park". I was parking in a mall parking lot.this has occurred 5 times. I can push the gearshift back and forth and then it can be turned off and the message will disappear. I took it to the dealership and was told they are waiting on GM to see what can be done. (Posted on July 5, 2018 by a driver from Prescott, AR);
- When the vehicle is in park and you try to turn it off with the start/stop button an on dash error code of "shift to park" appears even though the vehicle is clearly in park. You are not able to turn the vehicle off. I took the vehicle in for service on 6/4/18 and was told that GM is aware of the issue however their engineers have not found a solution. This currently is forcing me restart the engine, put my car in reverse, shift back in drive, try re parking and turning off again repeating the process until it eventually turns off. I do not know if my car is truly in gear or not. I'm afraid that it might cause a dangerous situation. (Posted on June 3, 2018 by a driver from Portage, MI);
- A message shift to park kept appearing when the car was in park and shut off. (Posted on May 21, 2018 by a driver from Jacksonville, FL);
- When you put the shifter in park it does not recognize & cabin alarm starts to beep. The vehicle will also leave its headlights on overnight & drain your battery. Took to dealer and they [couldn't] do anything about it. It's been 2 weeks and no letter of resolution from manufacturer as the dealer said. (Posted on June 19, 2018 by a driver from Cody, WY).

20. In addition, about two dozen consumers posted their complaints about the Shifter Defect on GMC Acadia enthusiast website acadiaforum.net, which Defendant or its agents monitor.² One driver posted that his 2017 Acadia has been suffering from the same Shifter Defect “sporadically over the past 2 weeks and now it does it every day,” that he took it to dealer only to be told that there is no fix, that “GM engineering is working on it,” and that to get the “shift to park” warning to cease he could hold his “foot on the brake pedal and

² Available at <https://www.acadiaforum.net/8-gmc-acadia/29417-2017-shift-park-message.html> (last visited October 9, 2018).

wigg[e] the shifter handle then release both every few seconds ... [t]hen the message goes away 5-10 seconds later.”³

21. The Shifter Defect is inherent in all Class Vehicles, and the Shifter Defect is the same for all Class Vehicles.

22. GM is well aware of the defect. On May 29, 2018, GM first issued Technical Service Bulletin (“TSB”) No. PIT5616A. The TSB is titled “VEHICLE DISPLAYS SHIFT TO PARK MESSAGE ON DIC WHEN IN PARK. VEHICLE MAY NOT SHUT OFF WHEN PUT IN PARK OR MAY NOT START” and warns that that due to an “unknown” cause the Class Vehicles may exhibit the afore-mentioned defect. That TSB stated “Engineering is still investigating the root cause.”

23. On October 3, 2018, GM issued a subsequent TSB, No. 18-NA-297, entitled “Message Displaying Shift to Park when in Park.” The TSB states that “[s]ome customers may comment on an intermittent Shift to Park message when in Park and turning off the vehicle,” and that “[t]he cause of the condition may be the park switch in the transmission control (shifter) assembly not pulling BCM signal low to electronically show Park condition.” The TSB provides that the defect can be corrected by “[r]eplac[ing] the transmission control (shifter) assembly.”

24. However, while TSB No. 18-NA-297 purports to provide a correction for the Shifter Defect, GM did not come up with this alleged fix until more than two year after it began selling the unmerchantable Class Vehicles; during that period of time the Class Vehicles suffered from the Shifter Defect without any fix.

³ Available at <https://www.acadiaforum.net/8-gmc-acadia/29417-2017-shift-park-message.html> (last visited October 9, 2018).

25. In addition, online complaints indicate that GM is still unable to actually fix the Shifter Defect in practice and that it is still manifesting in Class Vehicles. For instance, on May 11, 2020, one 2017 Acadia owner complained online that they presented their vehicle to a GM authorized dealer regarding the Shifter Defect and were told that while “there was a service bulletin issued for the failure . . . there was currently no fix for the vehicle.”⁴ Another Acadia owner likewise complained on May 4, 2020 that they have “had this same issue supposedly repaired at the GMC dealership on two separate occasions and it is now giving me the same error.”⁵

26. Moreover, as set forth below, Plaintiff initially experienced the Shifter Defect and complained about it to GM well before TSB No. 18-NA-297 was released. Moreover, notwithstanding the existence of the TSB, GM did not repair Plaintiff’s vehicle within a reasonable period of time.

27. Each Class Vehicle sale or lease is accompanied with GM’s identical 3-year / 36,000-mile New Vehicle Limited Warranty.

28. Prior to purchasing or leasing their vehicles, Plaintiff relied upon GM’s representations of a New Vehicle Limited Warranty (“NVLW”) that accompanied the sale of their vehicles, and such representations were material to Plaintiff’s decision to purchase and lease their vehicles.

29. The terms of GM’s NVLW are contained in the warranty booklet that Plaintiff and all class members received at the time they purchased or leased the Class Vehicles.

30. GM’s warranty booklet sets forth the terms of its New Vehicle Limited Warranty as follows:

⁴ https://www.carcomplaints.com/GMC/Acadia/2017/drivetrain/power_train.shtml (last visited July 22, 2020).

⁵ *Id.*

GMC will provide for repairs to the vehicle during the warranty period in accordance with the following terms, conditions, and limitations.

Warranty Applies

This warranty is for GMC vehicles registered in the United States and normally operated in the United States and is provided to the original and any subsequent owners of the vehicle during the warranty period.

Repairs Covered

The warranty covers repairs to correct any vehicle defect, not slight noise, vibrations, or other normal characteristics of the vehicle due to materials or workmanship occurring during the warranty period. Needed repairs will be performed using new, remanufactured, or refurbished parts.

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Obtaining Repairs

To obtain warranty repairs, take the vehicle to a GMC dealer facility within the warranty period and request the needed repairs. Reasonable time must be allowed for the dealer to perform necessary repairs.

31. GM controls execution of all warranty repairs by its dealers, as it provides training, materials, special tools, diagnostic software, and replacement parts to its dealers, and demands that the warranty repairs be performed in strict accordance with its repair guidelines, Technical Service Bulletins, and other instructions.

32. In return, GM pays its authorized dealerships a monetary compensation for such warranty repairs.

33. Therefore, GM's authorized dealers are its agents for purpose of vehicle repairs, and knowledge of a defect reported to any such dealer can be imputed to GM.

A. Plaintiff Rilla Jefferson

34. On October 25, 2017, Plaintiff Jefferson purchased a new 2017 GMC Acadia, Vehicle Identification Number 1GKKNKLA3HZ184372 (hereafter the "Jefferson Vehicle")

from Sunrise Buick-GMC in Bartlett, Tennessee, an authorized dealership of the Defendant (hereafter, "Sunrise GMC").

35. Sunrise GMC assured Jefferson that the Jefferson Vehicle was accompanied by GM's New Vehicle Limited Warranty and was itself free from defects of workmanship.

36. Despite these assurances, the vehicle is plagued with defects.

37. On or about May 16, 2018, after experiencing the Shifter Defect, Jefferson complained about the Shifter Defect to Sunrise GMC.

38. Sunrise GMC, however, did not undertake any repairs regarding the Shifter Defect and failed to document Jefferson's complaint.

39. Since that first complaint, the Jefferson Vehicle has continued to be plagued by the Shifter Defect. In addition, the Jefferson Vehicle will either not start, or hesitate to start, after suffering from the Shifter Defect. (As alleged above, GM has acknowledged that the Shifter Defect can both cause vehicles to not shut off when put in the park position and cause them to not start.)

40. On June 21, 2018, Jefferson took her vehicle to Sunrise GMC and complained again about the Shifter Defect. In response, Sunrise GMC attempted to repair the vehicle by replacing its battery, but this did not fix the Shifter Defect.

41. Following the June 21, 2018 attempted repair, the Jefferson Vehicle continued to suffer from the Shifter Defect in that it both failed to acknowledge that the vehicle was in park when it was in park and the vehicle would not turn back on once it was ultimately turned off.

42. On July 17, 2018, Jefferson took her vehicle to Sunrise GMC once again and complained again about the Shifter Defect. In response, Sunrise GMC inspected the vehicle but did not attempt any repairs on the Jefferson Vehicle.

43. Since presenting the Jefferson Vehicle to Sunrise GMC on July 17, 2018 and its failure to attempt a repair, the Jefferson Vehicle has continued to repeatedly suffer from Shifter Defect.

44. On November 14, 2018, Jefferson, through counsel, sent a letter to GM advising it that the Jefferson Vehicle suffered from the Shifter Defect and still had not been repaired.

45. In or around March 2019, Jefferson again presented the Jefferson Vehicle to Sunrise GMC and complained about the Shifter Defect. In response, Sunrise GMC told Jefferson that she would be required to pay out-of-pocket for Sunrise GMC to inspect her vehicle and perform any possible repairs.

46. Ultimately, GM failed to repair the Shifter Defect in the Jefferson Vehicle during the relevant warranty period.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

A. The Class

47. Plaintiff Jefferson brings this case as a class action on behalf of a class of Tennessee residents pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a), 23(b)(2), and/or 23(b)(3) as follows:

Tennessee Class: All persons or entities in Tennessee who bought or leased a 2017- 2018 GMC Acadia (the “Class”)

48. Defendant and its employees or agents are excluded from the Class.

B. Numerosity

49. Upon information and belief, the Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. While the exact number and identities of individual members of the Class are unknown at this time, such information being in the sole possession of Defendant and obtainable by Plaintiff only through the discovery process, Plaintiff believes, and on that

basis alleges, that tens or hundreds of thousands of Class Vehicles have been sold and leased in the State of Tennessee that are the subject of the Class.

C. Common Questions of Law and Fact

50. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class members. These questions include:

- a. Whether the Class Vehicles were sold with a defective transmission gear shifter that causes the vehicle to intermittently display a “Shift to Park” message even though the shifter is in “Park” position;
 - b. Whether the Class Vehicles were sold with a defective gear shifter that prevents such vehicles from shutting off and being locked;
 - c. Whether the Class Vehicles were sold with a defective gear shifter that prevents such vehicles from starting their engines;
 - d. Whether Defendant knew about the above described defect but failed to disclose the problem and its consequences to its customers;
 - e. Whether Defendant breached contracts when it failed to repair the defect with the transmission gear shifter;
 - f. Whether Defendant breached express warranties and MMWA when it failed to repair the defect with the transmission gear shifter;
 - g. Whether Defendant breached implied warranties and MMWA when it sold vehicles that contain defect with its transmission gear shifter;
 - h. Whether Defendant is liable for damages, and the amount of such damages;
 - i. Whether Defendant should be required to disclose the existence of the defect;
- and

- j. Whether Plaintiff and class members are entitled to equitable relief including injunctive relief.

D. Typicality

51. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class since Plaintiff purchased a defective Class Vehicle, as did each member of the Class. Furthermore, Plaintiff and all members of the Class sustained economic injuries arising out of Defendant's wrongful conduct. Plaintiff is advancing the same claims and legal theories on behalf of herself and all absent Class members.

E. Protecting the Interests of the Class Members

52. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class and have retained counsel experienced in handling class actions and claims involving unlawful business practices. Neither Plaintiff nor her counsel has any interest which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.

F. Proceeding Via Class Action is Superior and Advisable

53. A class action is the superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. The injury suffered by each individual Class member is relatively small in comparison to the burden and expense of individual prosecution of the complex and extensive litigation necessitated by Defendant's conduct. It would be virtually impossible for members of the Class individually to redress effectively the wrongs done to them. Even if the members of the Class could afford such individual litigation, the court system could not. Individualized litigation presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments. Individualized litigation increases the delay and expense to all parties, and to the court system, presented by the complex legal and factual issues of the case. By contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties, and provides the benefits of single adjudication, an

economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court. Upon information and belief, members of the Class can be readily identified and notified based on, inter alia, Defendant's vehicle identification numbers, warranty claims, registration records, and database of complaints.

54. Defendant has acted, and refused to act, on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final equitable relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
Breach of Contract

55. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

56. In connection with the sale or lease of the Class Vehicles, Plaintiff and class members entered into a written contract with the Defendant under which the Defendant agreed to repair original components found to be defective in material or workmanship under normal use and maintenance, including the transmission and its components.

57. Plaintiff and class members relied on Defendant's promise to repair the Class Vehicles within a reasonable time and without charge to the Plaintiff and class members when they agreed to purchase or lease the Class Vehicles and Defendant's promise to repair was part of the basis of the bargain.

58. Plaintiff and class members submitted their Vehicles to Defendant for the Shifter Defect repair as referenced herein. However, Defendant failed to comply with the terms of such written contract it provided to the Plaintiff and each Class member, by failing and/or refusing to repair the Shifter Defect as promised, and/or failing to repair the Shifter Defect within a reasonable period of time.

59. Plaintiff and class members have given Defendant reasonable opportunities to cure said defect, but Defendant has been unable and/or has refused to do so within a reasonable time.

60. Defendant's breach of the contract has resulted in material damages to Plaintiff and the members of the Class.

61. As a direct and proximate result of the willful failure of Defendant to comply with its obligations under the contract, Plaintiff and Class members have suffered actual and consequential damages. Such damages include, but are not limited to, the loss of the use and enjoyment of their vehicles, and a diminution in the value of the vehicles containing the defects identified herein.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Express Warranty under Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-2-313

62. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

63. In connection with the sale or lease of the Class Vehicles to Plaintiff and Class members, Defendant provided Plaintiff and class members with a New Vehicle Limited Warranty, under which it agreed to repair original components found to be defective in material or workmanship under normal use and maintenance, including the transmission and its components.

64. Plaintiff and Class members relied on Defendant's warranties when they agreed to purchase or lease the Class Vehicles and Defendant's warranties were part of the basis of the bargain.

65. Plaintiff and Class members submitted their Vehicles for warranty repairs as referenced herein. Defendant failed to comply with the terms of the express written warranty

provided to each Class member, by failing and/or refusing to repair the subject defect under the vehicle's warranty as described herein.

66. Plaintiff and Class members have given Defendant reasonable opportunities to cure said defect, but Defendant has been unable and/or has refused to do so within a reasonable time.

67. As a result of said nonconformities, Plaintiff and Class members cannot reasonably rely on the Class Vehicles for the ordinary purpose of safe, reliable, comfortable, and efficient transportation.

68. Plaintiff and Class members could not reasonably have discovered said nonconformities with the Class Vehicles prior to Plaintiff's and Class members' acceptance of the Class Vehicles.

69. Plaintiff and Class members would not have purchased or leased the Class Vehicles, or would have paid less for the Class Vehicles, had they known, prior to their respective time of purchase or lease, that Class Vehicles contained the Shifter Defect.

70. As a direct and proximate result of the willful failure of Defendant to comply with its obligations under the express warranties, Plaintiff and Class members have suffered actual and consequential damages. Such damages include, but are not limited to, the loss of the use and enjoyment of their vehicles, and a diminution in the value of the vehicles containing the defects identified herein.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-2-314

71. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

72. Defendant is a merchant with respect to motor vehicles.

73. The Class Vehicles were subject to implied warranties of merchantability running from the Defendant to Plaintiff Jefferson and Class members.

74. An implied warranty that the Class Vehicles were merchantable arose by operation of law as part of the sale or lease of the Class Vehicles.

75. Defendant breached the implied warranty of merchantability in that at the time of sale the Class Vehicles suffered from the defects referenced herein and thus were not in merchantable condition when Plaintiff and Class members purchased or leased their vehicles, or at any time thereafter, and the Class Vehicles are unfit for the ordinary purposes for which such vehicles are used.

76. As a result of Defendant's breach of the applicable implied warranties, owners and lessees of the Class Vehicles suffered an ascertainable loss of money, property, and/or value of their Class Vehicles. Additionally, as a result of the Shifter Defect, Plaintiff and Class members were harmed and suffered actual damages in that the Class Vehicles' Shifter Defect is substantially certain to manifest, and has in fact manifested before and after the expiration of applicable warranties.

77. Defendant's actions, as complained of herein, breached the implied warranty that the Class Vehicles were of merchantable quality and fit for such use.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
Breach of Warranty Pursuant to the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act,
15 U.S.C. §2301, *et seq.*

78. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

79. Plaintiff and members of the Class are each a "consumer" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(3).

80. Defendant is a “supplier” and “warrantor” as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(4) and (5).

81. The Class Vehicles are each a “consumer product” as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(6).

82. 15 U.S.C. § 2310(d)(1) provides a cause of action for any consumer who is damaged by the failure of a warrantor to comply with the written and implied warranties.

83. 15 U.S.C. § 2304(a)(1) requires Defendant, as a warrantor, to remedy any defect, malfunction or nonconformance of the Class Vehicles within a reasonable time and without charge to the Plaintiff and Class members.

84. The Defendant’s sale of the Class Vehicle suffering from the Shifter Defect and Defendant’s subsequent failure to repair the Class Vehicles’ Shifter Defect within a reasonable period of time during the applicable warranty period constitutes a breach of the written and implied warranties applicable to the Class Vehicles.

85. Despite repeated demands, Defendant has failed to remedy the Class Vehicles’ defects within a reasonable time, and/or a reasonable number of attempts, thereby breaching the written and implied warranties applicable to the Class Vehicles.

86. Defendant’s breaches of the written and implied warranties constitutes a breach of the Magnusson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. §2301, et seq.

87. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of the written and implied warranties, and Defendant’s failure to remedy the same within a reasonable time, Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered damages.

DEMAND FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

- a. An order certifying the proposed Class, designating Plaintiff as named representative of the Class, and designating the undersigned as Class Counsel;
- b. An order approving revocation of acceptance of the Class Vehicles;
- c. Money damages, in the form of a refund of the full contract price, including trade-in allowance, taxes, fees, insurance premiums, interest, and costs, and a refund of all payments made by Plaintiff and class members on the subject contracts;
- d. Equitable relief including, but not limited to, replacement of the Class Vehicles with new vehicles, or repair of the defective Class Vehicles with an extension of the express warranties and service contracts which are or were applicable to the Class Vehicles, in the event that Plaintiff is not found to be entitled to revocation;
- e. A declaration requiring Defendant to comply with the various provisions of the state and federal consumer protection statutes herein alleged and to make all the required disclosures;
- f. Incidental and consequential damages;
- g. Punitive damages;
- h. Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs;
- i. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, as provided by law;

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Rilla Jefferson, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff County of Shelby (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Lafferty Law Firm, Inc. 1321 Murfreesboro Pike, Ste 521 Nashville, TN 37217 (615) 878-1926

DEFENDANTS

General Motors LLC,

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant State of Michigan (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff, 2 U.S. Government Defendant, 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party), 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- Citizen of This State, Citizen of Another State, Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country, PTF DEF, Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State, Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State, Foreign Nation

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Table with 5 columns: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, TORTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES. Includes various legal categories like Insurance, Personal Injury, Real Estate, etc.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding, 2 Removed from State Court, 3 Remanded from Appellate Court, 4 Reinstated or Reopened, 5 Transferred from Another District, 6 Multidistrict Litigation

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 15 U.S.C. §2301 and 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)
Brief description of cause: Breach of contract

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ 6,000,000.00 CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions): JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE 08/07/2020 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD /s/ Susan S. Lafferty CPA, Esq.

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RECEIPT # AMOUNT APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Tennessee

Rilla Jefferson, on behalf of herself and all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiff(s)

v.

General Motors LLC,

Defendant(s)

Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) General Motors LLC
300 Renaissance Center
Detroit, Michigan 48232

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Susan S. Lafferty, CPA, Esq.
Lafferty Law Firm, Inc.
1321 Murfreesboro Pike
Suite 521
Nashville, TN 37217

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. _____

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
was received by me on *(date)* _____ .

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* _____
_____, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,
on *(date)* _____ , and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____ , who is
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because _____ ; or

Other *(specify)*: _____

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ 0.00 _____ .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

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