

**Declaration of a Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement Release and
Release of Claims Regarding Opioids Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-13-203**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has found, as stated in Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-13-201, that a statewide coordinated resolution of state and local claims against entities involved in activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids, or related activities, is critical to resolving current litigation and other claims regarding the opioid crisis and maximizing the financial commitment of those entities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and a majority of other states have entered into a settlement agreement with The Kroger Co. and its affiliates, subsidiaries, and related entities; and

WHEREAS, more than 130 Tennessee local governments have joined the settlement agreement, including all ninety-five counties and all cities eligible to receive direct payments from the settlement; and

WHEREAS, the release of pending and future claims of governmental entities against The Kroger Co. will maximize and protect the payments to be made to the State and its local governments pursuant to the settlement agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-13-203, upon written approval of the Governor and Comptroller of the Treasury, the Attorney General and Reporter has the authority to release any pending or future claim of governmental entities against The Kroger Co. and affiliates, subsidiaries, and other entities related to the company that are released in the Kroger settlement agreement for activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids, or related activities, if the Attorney General deems the release necessary to the interest of the State in the resolution of the opioid crisis; therefore,


Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-13-203, the undersigned Attorney General, with the approval of the Governor and the Comptroller as evidenced by their signatures below, releases any

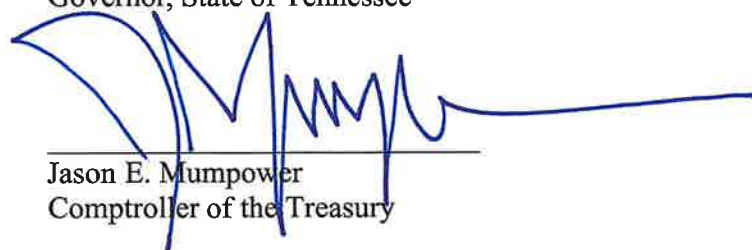
pending or future claim of governmental entities against The Kroger Co. and affiliates, subsidiaries, and other entities related to the company that are released in the Kroger settlement agreement for activities related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of opioids, or related activities; the Attorney General having deemed the release necessary to the interest of the State in the resolution of the opioid crisis.


Jonathan Skrmetti
Attorney General and Reporter

Date: Nov. 25, 2024

APPROVED:


Bill Lee
Governor, State of Tennessee


Jason E. Mumpower
Comptroller of the Treasury