

TO: COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

FROM: HON. THOMAS ZILLY, CHAIR
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BANKRUPTCY RULES

RE: REVISIONS TO INTERIM BANKRUPTCY RULES AND OFFICIAL FORMS

DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2005

The Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules met in Santa Fe on September 29-30, 2005. The primary focus of the meeting was a review of the need for changes to the Interim Rules that were proposed to implement the amendments made to the Bankruptcy Code under Public Law No. 109-8 ("Bankruptcy Act of 2005") which becomes effective generally on October 17, 2005. The Advisory Committee's review of comments on the Interim Rules and Official Forms already received from the bench and bar, and its continued study of the Bankruptcy Act of 2005 has led the Committee to conclude that five additional amendments and one amendment of an existing Interim Rule should be adopted by the Standing Committee and recommended to the courts for adoption prior to October 17, 2005. These recommendations are made on the strong consensus of the Committee that these changes cannot await the normal Rules Enabling Act process and that they are not subject to any significant controversy. Moreover, the changes generally are technical so that although they are essential, they are not extensive.

There are four provisions in the Bankruptcy Act of 2005 that require these recommended changes to the Interim Rules, and these provisions require amendments to four Interim Rules. First, provisions in the Bankruptcy Act of 2005 that limit the amount of a homestead exemption in specific circumstances led the Advisory Committee in August 2005 to propose Interim Rule 4004(c)(1)(I) which applies only in chapter 7 cases. The Committee initially concluded that comparable amendments that would apply in chapter 11, 12, and 13 cases were unnecessary because this issue would not typically arise in these cases for several years and would be applicable in only a few states. Members of the Advisory Committee thereafter received comments that the Interim Rules should address the matter in the other chapters because the issue could arise more quickly than first anticipated as well as in courts throughout the country. The Advisory Committee concluded that the matter is one that requires an immediate change in the Interim Rules to implement the amendments to provisions in chapters 11, 12, and 13. The amendments are not extensive, but they required changes to Interim Rules 1007(b) and (c), 2002(f), and 4004(c). The amendment to Rule 1007(b)(8) places a duty on debtors who claim a homestead exemption in excess of \$125,000 to file a statement with the court as to whether there is a proceeding pending against them that would make Bankruptcy Code § 522(q) applicable in the case. Rule 2002(f)(11) is added to require the clerk to give creditors notice that the debtor has filed a Rule 1007(b)(8) statement, and Rule 4004(c)(3) briefly delays the entry of the discharge to provide an opportunity for creditors to assert that § 522(q) of the Code limits the debtor's exemption rights.

The Advisory Committee also recommends that a new subparagraph (K) be added to Interim Rule 4004(c)(1). This addition is necessary to implement an uncodified provision of the Bankruptcy Act of 2005. Section 1228(a) of the Act directs the courts to withhold the entry of a discharge for a debtor who has not filed with the court copies of tax returns that are filed with the taxing authorities after the commencement of a chapter 7 case. The debtor's obligation to file a copy of the return with the court is triggered by a request from a creditor or the trustee. Rule 4004(c)(1)(K) directs that the court shall not enter a discharge if there is pending a motion to delay entry of the discharge because the debtor has failed to file the documents.

The Bankruptcy Act of 2005 introduced the concept of direct appeals from bankruptcy courts to the courts of appeals. The Advisory Committee then proposed Interim Rule 8001(f) to govern those proceedings. Thereafter, the Committee received comments from a number of persons, including court clerks, noting a gap in the Interim Rule. The Interim Rule inadvertently omitted the possibility of an appeal of an interlocutory order other than with leave of court. Section 158(a)(2) of Title 28, however, specifically authorizes the appeal of interlocutory orders under § 1121 of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Advisory Committee recommends amending Interim Rule 8001(f) to recognize this additional avenue of appeal. The new language is underlined, and the language deleted from Interim Rule 8001(f) is stricken through.

The new Interim Rule that the Advisory Committee recommends at this time is Interim Rule 2002(g)(2). The Supreme Court has just promulgated subdivision (g)(4) of this rule which will become effective on December 1, 2005 in the absence of Congressional action to the contrary. The Bankruptcy Act of 2005 amends § 342 of the Code in a manner that raised an issue as to whether the Rule 2002(g)(4) should have been withdrawn from the Supreme Court's consideration. After deliberating, the Advisory Committee recommended that the amendment adding Rule 2002(g)(4) was not inconsistent with the newly enacted legislation and should go forward. The Committee's continued study of these provisions identified a conflict with another subdivision of Rule 2002. Rule 2002(g)(2) includes a directive for determining the proper address to which creditor notices should be sent. The Bankruptcy Act of 2005 contains a provision that would override the directive in some circumstances. The proposed amendment that would add Interim Rule 2002(g)(2) resolves that conflict.

In addition to the Interim Rules, Official Forms have been promulgated to implement the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act of 2005. The most complex aspect of the Act is the variety of provisions that constitute the so-called means test for eligibility for chapter 7 relief. This test required the creation of an elaborate form to capture all of the information and calculations necessary for application of the test. Furthermore, the statute requires that debtors use expense figures provided by the Internal Revenue Service, yet the IRS did not provide those figures in a way that they could be used as anticipated. Consequently, the Advisory Committee initially recommended alternative means test forms depending on whether the IRS took action, as hoped, to make the means test calculations possible. The IRS and the United States Trustee Program have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding that addresses the issue. Therefore, the Advisory Committee recommends withdrawing the originally proposed Official Forms B22A,

B22C, B22A(alt), and B22C(alt), and substituting in their stead new Official Forms B22A and B22C.

The new forms follow the format of the previously approved Official Forms B22A(alt) and B22C(alt). They are revised to reflect the resolution of the IRS expense issue and several other matters. A number of persons have already submitted comments on the means test form suggesting that it improperly requires debtors to make personal admissions against their interests. It was not the intention of the Advisory Committee to have the forms operate in that manner, so the Committee recommends that the forms be amended to indicate specifically that it is the calculations required by the form, rather than some admission by the debtor, that lead to certain conclusions. In this way, the debtor retains the ability to challenge the conclusion set out on the form rather than being judicially estopped from raising the matter.

The Advisory Committee also reconsidered and resolved in a similar manner a dispute about the proper treatment of a non-debtor spouse's income. The information is set out on the form so that it is available to all participants in the case, but the disclosure of the information does not constitute an admission that the information necessarily leads to a specific conclusion. These are matters that courts must decide, and the revisions to the Official Forms are intended to take no position on the merits of the impact of the data on the application of the means test.

The Bankruptcy Act of 2005 also created a new chapter 15 of the Bankruptcy Code titled "Ancillary and Other Cross-Border Cases" which replaces the existing "§ 304. Cases ancillary to Foreign Proceedings." The provisions of chapter 15 are more extensive than § 304 and cover two distinct types of proceedings. One is the initial recognition of a foreign proceeding and its representative in the United States. The other is the subsequent filing, if any, by that representative of a petition for bankruptcy relief in the United States in accordance with an appropriate chapter of the Bankruptcy Code. Both types of proceedings are to be commenced by filing Official Form B1, the Voluntary Petition.

The previously approved Interim Form B1 includes on page 3 a signature box to be used by a foreign representative. Informal comment received by the Advisory Committee, however, suggested that this signature box is appropriate only for one of the two types of proceeding—the filing of a bankruptcy case by the foreign representative of a foreign main proceeding that already has been recognized. Accordingly, the Committee reviewed the form and concluded that neither the new box nor any of the other signature boxes on the form properly can be used by a foreign representative seeking recognition in the United States of a foreign proceeding. As recognition of the foreign proceeding is a prerequisite to the undertaking of any further action by the foreign representative, the Committee determined that the form should be amended to address its signing by a foreign representative seeking recognition of a foreign proceeding.

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16 within 15 days thereafter, except as otherwise provided in
17 subdivisions (d), (e), (f), and (h) of this rule. In an
18 involuntary case, the list in subdivision (a)(2), and the
19 schedules statements, and other documents required by
20 subdivision (b)(1) shall be filed by the debtor within 15 days
21 of the entry of the order for relief. The documents required
22 by subdivision (b)(3) shall be filed with the petition in a
23 voluntary case. The statement required by subdivision (b)(7)
24 shall be filed by the debtor within 45 days after the first date
25 set for the meeting of creditors under § 341 of the Code in a
26 chapter 7 case, and no later than the last payment made by the
27 debtor as required by the plan or the filing of a motion for
28 entry of a discharge under § 1328(b) in a chapter 13 case.
29 The statement required by subdivision (b)(8) shall be filed by
30 the debtor not earlier than the date of the last payment made
31 under the plan or the date of the filing of a motion for entry
32 of a discharge under §§ 1141(d)(5)(B), 1228(b), or 1328(b).

33 Lists, schedules, statements, and other documents filed prior
34 to the conversion of a case to another chapter shall be deemed
35 filed in the converted case unless the court directs otherwise.
36 Except as provided in § 1116(3) of the Code, any extension
37 of time for the filing of the schedules, statements, and other
38 documents may be granted only on motion for cause shown
39 and on notice to the United States trustee and to any
40 committee elected under § 705 or appointed under § 1102 of
41 the Code, trustee, examiner, or other party as the court may
42 direct. Notice of an extension shall be given to the United
43 States trustee and to any committee, trustee, or other party as
44 the court may direct.

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COMMITTEE NOTE

The rule is amended to require an individual debtor in a case under chapter 11, 12, and 13 to file a statement that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that the restrictions on a homestead exemption as set out in § 522(q) of the Code are applicable. Sections

1141(d)(5)(C), 1228(f), and 1328(h) each provide that the court shall not enter a discharge order unless it finds that there is no reasonable cause to believe that § 522(q) applies. Requiring the debtor to submit a statement to that effect in cases under chapters 11, 12, and 13 in which an exemption is claimed in excess of the amount allowed under § 522(q)(1) provides the court with a basis to conclude, in the absence of any contrary information, that § 522(q) does not apply. Creditors receive notice under Rule 2002(f)(11) of the time to request postponement of the entry of the discharge so that they can challenge the debtor's assertions in the Rule 1007(b)(8) statement in appropriate cases.

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2 (f) OTHER NOTICES. Except as provided in subdivision (l)
3 of this rule, the clerk, or some other person as the court may
4 direct, shall give the debtor, all creditors, and indenture
5 trustees notice by mail of: (1) the order for relief; (2) the
6 dismissal or the conversion of the case to another chapter, or
7 the suspension of proceedings under § 305; (3) the time

8 allowed for filing claims pursuant to Rule 3002; (4) the time
9 fixed for filing a complaint objecting to the debtor's
10 discharge pursuant to § 727 of the Code as provided in Rule
11 4004; (5) the time fixed for filing a complaint to determine
12 the dischargeability of a debt pursuant to § 523 of the Code
13 as provided in Rule 4007; (6) the waiver, denial, or
14 revocation of a discharge as provided in Rule 4006; (7) entry
15 of an order confirming a chapter 9, 11, or 12 plan; (8) a
16 summary of the trustee's final report in a chapter 7 case if the
17 net proceeds realized exceed \$1,500; (9) a notice under Rule
18 5008 regarding the presumption of abuse; ~~and~~ (10) a
19 statement under § 704(b)(1) as to whether the debtor's case
20 would be presumed to be an abuse under § 707(b); and (11)
21 the time to request a delay in the entry of the discharge under
22 §§ 1141(d)(5)(C), 1228(f), and 1328(h). Notice of the time
23 fixed for accepting or rejecting a plan pursuant to Rule
24 3017(c) shall be given in accordance with Rule 3017(d).

COMMITTEE NOTE

The rule is amended to provide notice to creditors of the debtor's filing of a statement in a chapter 11, 12, or 13 case that there is no reasonable cause to believe that § 522(q) applies in the case. If a creditor disputes that assertion, the creditor can request a delay of the entry of the discharge in the case.

Rule 4004. Grant or Denial of Discharge

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(c) GRANT OF DISCHARGE.

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(1) In a chapter 7 case, on expiration of the time fixed for filing a complaint objecting to discharge and the time fixed for filing a motion to dismiss the case under Rule 1017(e), the court shall forthwith grant the discharge unless:

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(F) a motion to extend the time for filing a motion to dismiss the case under Rule 1017(e) is pending,

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(G) the debtor has not paid in full the filing fee prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a) and any other fee prescribed by the Judicial Conference of the United States

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13 under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(b) that is payable to the clerk upon
14 the commencement of a case under the Code, unless the court
15 has waived the fees under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(f);

16 (H) the debtor has not filed with the court a statement
17 regarding completion of a course in personal financial
18 management as required by Rule 1007(b)(7);

19 (I) a motion to delay or postpone discharge under
20 § 727(a)(12) is pending; ~~or~~

21 (J) a presumption that a reaffirmation agreement is an
22 undue hardship has arisen under § 524(m); or

23 (K) a motion to delay discharge, alleging that the
24 debtor has not filed with the court all tax documents required
25 to be filed under § 521(f), is pending.

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27 (3) If the debtor is required to file a statement under Rule
28 1007(b)(8), the court shall not grant a discharge earlier than
29 30 days after the filing of the statement.

COMMITTEE NOTE

Subdivision (c)(1) is amended by adding subparagraph (K) to implement § 1228(a) of Public Law No. 109-8.

The rule is also amended by adding subdivision (c)(3) that postpones the entry of the discharge of an individual debtor in a case under chapter 11, 12, or 13 if there is a question as to the applicability of § 522(q) of the Code. The postponement provides an opportunity for a creditor to file a motion to limit the debtor's exemption under that provision.

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(g) ADDRESSING NOTICES

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(2) Except as provided in § 342(f) of the Code, if a

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creditor or indenture trustee has not filed a request

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designating a mailing address under Rule 2002(g)(1), the

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notices shall be mailed to the address shown on the list of

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creditors or schedule of liabilities, whichever is filed later. If

9 an equity security holder has not filed a request designating
10 a mailing address under Rule 2002(g)(1), the notices shall be
11 mailed to the address shown on the list of equity security
12 holders.

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COMMITTEE NOTE

The rule is amended because the 2005 amendments to § 342(f) of the Code permit creditors in chapter 7 and 13 individual debtor cases to file a notice with any bankruptcy court of the address to which the creditor wishes all notices to be sent. This provision does not apply in cases of nonindividuals in chapter 7 and in cases under chapters 11 and 12, so Rule 2002(g)(2) still operates in those circumstances. It also continues to apply in cases under chapters 7 and 13 if the creditor has not filed a notice under § 342(f). The amendment to Rule 2002(g)(2) therefore only limits that subdivision when a creditor files a notice under § 342(f).

Rule 8001. Manner of Taking Appeal; Voluntary Dismissal; Certification to Court of Appeals

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1 (f) CERTIFICATION FOR DIRECT APPEAL TO COURT
2 OF APPEALS

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3 (1) *Timely Appeal Required.* A certification of a
4 judgment, order, or decree of a bankruptcy court to a court of
5 appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 158(d)(2) shall not be treated as a
6 certification entered on the docket within the meaning of
7 § 1233(b)(4)(A) of Public Law No. 109-8 until a timely
8 appeal has been taken in the manner required by subdivisions
9 (a) or (b) of this rule and the notice of appeal has become
10 effective under Rule 8002.

11 (2) *Court Where Made.* A certification that a
12 circumstance specified in 28 U.S.C. § 158(d)(2)(A)(i)-(iii)
13 exists shall be filed in the court in which a matter is pending
14 for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 158(d)(2) and this rule. ~~A matter~~
15 ~~is pending in a bankruptcy court until the docketing of the~~
16 ~~appeal of a final judgment, order, or decree in accordance~~
17 ~~with Rule 8007(b) or the grant of leave to appeal an~~
18 ~~interlocutory judgment, order, or decree under 28 U.S.C.~~
19 ~~§ 158(a). A matter is pending in a district court or~~

20 ~~bankruptcy appellate panel after an appeal of an interlocutory~~
21 ~~judgment, order, or decree has been docketed in accordance~~
22 ~~with Rule 8007(b) or leave to appeal has been granted under~~
23 ~~28 U.S.C. § 158(a). A matter is pending in a bankruptcy~~
24 ~~court until the docketing, in accordance with Rule 8007(b), of~~
25 ~~an appeal taken under 28 U.S.C. § 158(a)(1) or (2), or the~~
26 ~~grant of leave to appeal under 28 U.S.C. § 158(a)(3). A matter~~
27 ~~is pending in a district court or bankruptcy appellate panel~~
28 ~~after the docketing, in accordance with Rule 8007(b), of an~~
29 ~~appeal taken under 28 U.S.C. § 158(a)(1) or (2), or the grant~~
30 ~~of leave to appeal under 28 U.S.C. § 158(a)(3).~~

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COMMITTEE NOTE

Subdivision (f) is added to the rule to implement the 2005 amendments to 28 U.S.C. § 158(d). That section authorizes appeals directly to the court of appeals, with that court's consent, upon certification that a ground for the appeal exists under § 158(d)(2)(A)(i)-(iii). Certification can be made by the court on its own initiative or in response to a request of a party. Certification also can be made by all of the appellants and appellees. An uncodified provision in Public Law No. 109-8, § 1233(b)(4), requires that, not

later than 10 days after a certification is entered on the docket, there must be filed with the circuit clerk a petition requesting permission to appeal. Given the short time limit to file the petition with the circuit clerk, subdivision (f)(1) provides that entry of a certification on the docket does not occur until an effective appeal is taken under Rule 8003(a) or (b).

The rule adopts a bright-line test for identifying the court in which a matter is pending. Under subdivision (f)(2), the bright-line chosen is the “docketing” under Rule 8007(b) of an appeal of an interlocutory order or decree under 28 U.S.C. § 158(a)(2) or a final judgment, order or decree under 28 U.S.C. § 158(a)(1), or the granting of leave to appeal ~~an~~ any other interlocutory judgment, order or decree under 28 U.S.C. § 158(a)(3), whichever is earlier.

To ensure that parties are aware of a certification, the rule requires either that it be made on the Official Form (if being made by all of the parties to the appeal) or on a separate document (whether the certification is made on the court’s own initiative or in response to a request by a party). This is particularly important because the rule adopts the bankruptcy practice established by Rule 8001(a) and (b) of requiring a notice of appeal in every instance, including interlocutory orders, of appeals from bankruptcy court orders, judgments, and decrees. Because this requirement is satisfied by filing the notice of appeal that takes the appeal to the district court or bankruptcy appellate panel in the first instance, the rule does not require a separate notice of appeal if a certification occurs after a district court or bankruptcy appellate panel decision.

United States Bankruptcy Court District of _____	Voluntary Petition
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Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle):	Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):	All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):
Last four digits of Soc. Sec./Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all):	Last four digits of Soc. Sec./Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all):
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State):	Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State):
ZIPCODE	ZIPCODE
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:	County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address):	Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):
ZIPCODE	ZIPCODE
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):	
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Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and provide the information requested below.) State type of entity: _____	Nature of Business (Check all applicable boxes.) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101 (51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization qualified under 15 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)	Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13
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Voluntary Petition
(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.

[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X _____
Signature of Debtor

X _____
Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

Date

Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only one box.)

I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by § 1515 of title 11 are attached.

Pursuant to § 1511 of title 11, United States Code, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

X _____

(Signature of Foreign Representative)

(Printed Name of Foreign Representative)

Date

Signature of Attorney

X _____
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Firm Name

Address

Telephone Number

Date

Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19B is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address

X _____

Date

Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose social security number is provided above.

Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X _____
Signature of Authorized Individual

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

Date

In re _____
Debtor(s)

Case Number: _____
(If known)

According to the calculations required by this statement:
 The presumption arises.
 The presumption does not arise.
 (Check the box as directed in Parts I, III, and VI of this statement.)

STATEMENT OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME AND MEANS TEST CALCULATION
FOR USE IN CHAPTER 7 ONLY

In addition to Schedule I and J, this statement must be completed by every individual Chapter 7 debtor, whether or not filing jointly, whose debts are primarily consumer debts. Joint debtors may complete one statement only.

Part I. EXCLUSION FOR DISABLED VETERANS	
1	<p>If you are a disabled veteran described in the Veteran's Declaration in this Part I, (1) check the box at the beginning of the Veteran's Declaration, (2) check the box for "The presumption does not arise" at the top of this statement, and (3) complete the verification in Part VIII. Do not complete any of the remaining parts of this statement.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Declaration. By checking this box, I declare under penalty of perjury that I am a disabled veteran (as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 3741(1)) whose indebtedness occurred primarily during a period in which I was on active duty (as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101(d)(1)) or while I was performing a homeland defense activity (as defined in 32 U.S.C. §901(1)).</p>

Part II. CALCULATION OF MONTHLY INCOME FOR § 707(b)(7) EXCLUSION													
2	<p>Marital/filing status. Check the box that applies and complete the balance of this part of this statement as directed.</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried. Complete only Column A ("Debtor's Income") for Lines 3-11.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Married, not filing jointly, with declaration of separate households. By checking this box, debtor declares under penalty of perjury: "My spouse and I are legally separated under applicable non-bankruptcy law or my spouse and I are living apart other than for the purpose of evading the requirements of § 707(b)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code." Complete only Column A ("Debtor's Income") for Lines 3-11.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Married, not filing jointly, without the declaration of separate households set out in Line 2.b above. Complete both Column A ("Debtor's Income") and Column B (Spouse's Income) for Lines 3-11.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Married, filing jointly. Complete both Column A ("Debtor's Income") and Column B ("Spouse's Income") for Lines 3-11.</p> <p>All figures must reflect average monthly income for the six calendar months prior to filing the bankruptcy case, ending on the last day of the month before the filing. If you received different amounts of income during these six months, you must total the amounts received during the six months, divide this total by six, and enter the result on the appropriate line.</p>			Column A Debtor's Income	Column B Spouse's Income								
3	Gross wages, salary, tips, bonuses, overtime, commissions.		\$	\$									
4	Income from the operation of a business, profession or farm. Subtract Line b from Line a and enter the difference on Line 4. Do not enter a number less than zero. Do not include any part of the business expenses entered on Line b as a deduction in Part V. <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 75%;">Gross receipts</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Ordinary and necessary business expenses</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Business income</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>		a.	Gross receipts	\$	b.	Ordinary and necessary business expenses	\$	c.	Business income	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$	\$
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b.	Ordinary and necessary business expenses	\$											
c.	Business income	Subtract Line b from Line a											
5	Rent and other real property income. Subtract Line b from Line a and enter the difference on Line 5. Do not enter a number less than zero. Do not include any part of the operating expenses entered on Line b as a deduction in Part V. <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 75%;">Gross receipts</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Ordinary and necessary operating expenses</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Rental income</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>		a.	Gross receipts	\$	b.	Ordinary and necessary operating expenses	\$	c.	Rental income	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$	\$
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b.	Ordinary and necessary operating expenses	\$											
c.	Rental income	Subtract Line b from Line a											
6	Interest, dividends and royalties.		\$	\$									
7	Pension and retirement income.		\$	\$									
8	Regular contributions to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents, including child or spousal support. Do not include contributions from the debtor's spouse if Column B is completed.		\$	\$									

9	Unemployment compensation. Enter the amount in Column A and, if applicable, Column B. However, if you contend that unemployment compensation received by you or your spouse was a benefit under the Social Security Act, do not list the amount of such compensation in Column A or B, but instead state the amount in the space below:								
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10	Income from all other sources. If necessary, list additional sources on a separate page. Do not include any benefits received under the Social Security Act or payments received as a victim of a war crime, crime against humanity, or as a victim of international or domestic terrorism. Specify source and amount.								
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>a.</td> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b.</td> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </table>	a.		\$	b.		\$		
	a.		\$						
b.		\$							
Total and enter on Line 10	\$	\$							
11	Subtotal of Current Monthly Income for § 707(b)(7). Add Lines 3 thru 10 in Column A, and, if Column B is completed, add Lines 3 through 10 in Column B. Enter the total(s).	\$	\$						
12	Total Current Monthly Income for § 707(b)(7). If Column B has been completed, add Line 11, Column A to Line 11, Column B, and enter the total. If Column B has not been completed, enter the amount from Line 11, Column A.	\$							

Part III. APPLICATION OF § 707(b)(7) EXCLUSION

13	Annualized Current Monthly Income for § 707(b)(7). Multiply the amount from Line 12 by the number 12 and enter the result.	\$
14	Applicable median family income. Enter the median family income for the applicable state and household size. (This information is available by family size at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)	
	a. Enter debtor's state of residence: _____ b. Enter debtor's household size: _____	\$
15	Application of Section 707(b)(7). Check the applicable box and proceed as directed.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 13 is less than or equal to the amount on Line 14. Check the box for "The presumption does not arise" at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete Part VIII; do not complete Parts IV, V, VI or VII. <input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 13 is more than the amount on Line 14. Complete the remaining parts of this statement.	

Complete Parts IV, V, VI, and VII of this statement only if required. (See Line 15.)

Part IV. CALCULATION OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME FOR § 707(b)(2)

16	Enter the amount from Line 12.	\$
17	Marital adjustment. If you checked the box at Line 2.c, enter the amount of the income listed in Line 11, Column B that was NOT regularly contributed to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents. If you did not check box at Line 2.c, enter zero.	\$
18	Current monthly income for § 707(b)(2). Subtract Line 17 from Line 16 and enter the result.	\$

Part V. CALCULATION OF DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED UNDER § 707(b)(2)

Subpart A: Deductions under Standards of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

19	National Standards: food, clothing, household supplies, personal care, and miscellaneous. Enter "Total" amount from IRS National Standards for Allowable Living Expenses for the applicable family size and income level. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)	\$
20A	Local Standards: housing and utilities; non-mortgage expenses. Enter the amount of the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; non-mortgage expenses for the applicable county and family size. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)	\$

20B	<p>Local Standards: housing and utilities; mortgage/rent expense. Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rent expense for your county and family size (this information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter on Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by your home, as stated in Line 42; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 20B. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 75%;">IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rental expense</td> <td style="width: 20%;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 42</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Net mortgage/rental expense</td> <td>Subtract Line b from Line a.</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rental expense	\$	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 42	\$	c.	Net mortgage/rental expense	Subtract Line b from Line a.	\$
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b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 42	\$									
c.	Net mortgage/rental expense	Subtract Line b from Line a.									
21	<p>Local Standards: housing and utilities; adjustment. if you contend that the process set out in Lines 20A and 20B does not accurately compute the allowance to which you are entitled under the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards, enter any additional amount to which you contend you are entitled, and state the basis for your contention in the space below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	\$									
22	<p>Local Standards: transportation; vehicle operation/public transportation expense. You are entitled to an expense allowance in this category regardless of whether you pay the expenses of operating a vehicle and regardless of whether you use public transportation.</p> <p>Check the number of vehicles for which you pay the operating expenses or for which the operating expenses are included as a contribution to your household expenses in Line 8.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more.</p> <p>Enter the amount from IRS Transportation Standards, Operating Costs & Public Transportation Costs for the applicable number of vehicles in the applicable Metropolitan Statistical Area or Census Region. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p>	\$									
23	<p>Local Standards: transportation ownership/lease expense; Vehicle 1. Check the number of vehicles for which you claim an ownership/lease expense. (You may not claim an ownership/lease expense for more than two vehicles.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more.</p> <p>Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, First Car (available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter in Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 42; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 23. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 75%;">IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, First Car</td> <td style="width: 20%;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 42</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1</td> <td>Subtract Line b from Line a.</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, First Car	\$	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 42	\$	c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1	Subtract Line b from Line a.	\$
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b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 42	\$									
c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1	Subtract Line b from Line a.									
24	<p>Local Standards: transportation ownership/lease expense; Vehicle 2. Complete this Line only if you checked the "2 or more" Box in Line 23.</p> <p>Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car (available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter in Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 24. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 75%;">IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car</td> <td style="width: 20%;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2</td> <td>Subtract Line b from Line a.</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car	\$	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42	\$	c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2	Subtract Line b from Line a.	\$
a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car	\$									
b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 42	\$									
c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2	Subtract Line b from Line a.									
25	<p>Other Necessary Expenses: taxes. Enter the total average monthly expense that you actually incur for all federal, state and local taxes, other than real estate and sales taxes, such as income taxes, self employment taxes, social security taxes, and Medicare taxes. Do not include real estate or sales taxes.</p>										
26	<p>Other Necessary Expenses: mandatory payroll deductions. Enter the total average monthly payroll deductions that are required for your employment, such as mandatory retirement contributions, union dues, and uniform costs. Do not include discretionary amounts, such as non-mandatory 401(k) contributions.</p>	\$									
27	<p>Other Necessary Expenses: life insurance. Enter average monthly premiums that you actually pay for term life insurance for yourself. Do not include premiums for insurance on your depend-</p>	\$									

	ents, for whole life or for any other form of insurance.	
28	Other Necessary Expenses: court-ordered payments. Enter the total monthly amount that you are required to pay pursuant to court order, such as spousal or child support payments. Do not include payments on past due support obligations included in Line 44.	\$
29	Other Necessary Expenses: education for employment or for a physically or mentally challenged child. Enter the total monthly amount that you actually expend for education that is a condition of employment and for education that is required for a physically or mentally challenged dependent child for whom no public education providing similar services is available.	\$
30	Other Necessary Expenses: childcare. Enter the average monthly amount that you actually expend on childcare. Do not include payments made for children's education.	\$
31	Other Necessary Expenses: health care. Enter the average monthly amount that you actually expend on health care expenses that are not reimbursed by insurance or paid by a health savings account. Do not include payments for health insurance listed in Line 34.	\$
32	Other Necessary Expenses: telecommunication services. Enter the average monthly expenses that you actually pay for cell phones, pagers, call waiting, caller identification, special long distance or internet services necessary for the health and welfare of you or your dependents. Do not include any amount previously deducted.	\$
33	Total Expenses Allowed under IRS Standards. Enter the total of Lines 19 through 32.	\$

Subpart B: Additional Expense Deductions under § 707(b)

Note: Do not include any expenses that you have listed in Lines 19-32

34	Health Insurance, Disability Insurance and Health Savings Account Expenses. List the average monthly amounts that you actually expend in each of the following categories and enter the total.		\$	
	a.	Health Insurance		\$
	b.	Disability Insurance		\$
	c.	Health Savings Account		\$
				Total: Add Lines a, b and c
35	Continued contributions to the care of household or family members. Enter the actual monthly expenses that you will continue to pay for the reasonable and necessary care and support of an elderly, chronically ill, or disabled member of your household or member of your immediate family who is unable to pay for such expenses.		\$	
36	Protection against family violence. Enter any average monthly expenses that you actually incurred to maintain the safety of your family under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act or other applicable federal law.		\$	
37	Home energy costs in excess of the allowance specified by the IRS Local Standards. Enter the average monthly amount by which your home energy costs exceed the allowance in the IRS Local Standards for Housing and Utilities. You must provide your case trustee with documentation demonstrating that the additional amount claimed is reasonable and necessary.		\$	
38	Education expenses for dependent children less than 18. Enter the average monthly expenses that you actually incur, not to exceed \$125 per child, in providing elementary and secondary education for your dependent children less than 18 years of age. You must provide your case trustee with documentation demonstrating that the amount claimed is reasonable and necessary and not already accounted for in the IRS Standards.		\$	
39	Additional food and clothing expense. Enter the average monthly amount by which your food and clothing expenses exceed the combined allowances for food and apparel in the IRS National Standards, not to exceed five percent of those combined allowances. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.) You must provide your case trustee with documentation demonstrating that the additional amount claimed is reasonable and necessary.		\$	
40	Continued charitable contributions. Enter the amount that you will continue to contribute in the form of cash or financial instruments to a charitable organization as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 170(c)(1)-(2).		\$	
41	Total Additional Expense Deductions under § 707(b). Enter the total of Lines 34 through 40		\$	

Subpart C: Deductions for Debt Payment

42	<p>Future payments on secured claims. For each of your debts that is secured by an interest in property that you own, list the name of the creditor, identify the property securing the debt, and state the Average Monthly Payment. The Average Monthly Payment is the total of all amounts contractually due to each Secured Creditor in the 60 months following the filing of the bankruptcy case, divided by 60. Mortgage debts should include payments of taxes and insurance required by the mortgage. If necessary, list additional entries on a separate page.</p>			
	Name of Creditor	Property Securing the Debt	60-month Average Payment	
	a.		\$	
	b.		\$	
	c.		\$	
			Total: Add Lines a, b and c.	\$
43	<p>Past due payments on secured claims. If any of the debts listed in Line 42 are in default, and the property securing the debt is necessary for your support or the support of your dependents, you may include in your deductions 1/60th of the amount that you must pay the creditor as a result of the default (the "cure amount") in order to maintain possession of the property. List any such amounts in the following chart and enter the total. If necessary, list additional entries on a separate page.</p>			
	Name of Creditor	Property Securing the Debt in Default	1/60th of the Cure Amount	
	a.		\$	
	b.		\$	
	c.		\$	
			Total: Add Lines a, b and c	\$
44	<p>Payments on priority claims. Enter the total amount of all priority claims (including priority child support and alimony claims), divided by 60.</p>			\$
45	<p>Chapter 13 administrative expenses. If you are eligible to file a case under Chapter 13, complete the following chart, multiply the amount in line a by the amount in line b, and enter the resulting administrative expense.</p>			
	a.	Projected average monthly Chapter 13 plan payment.	\$	
	b.	Current multiplier for your district as determined under schedules issued by the Executive Office for United States Trustees. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)	x	
	c.	Average monthly administrative expense of Chapter 13 case	Total: Multiply Lines a and b	\$
46	<p>Total Deductions for Debt Payment. Enter the total of Lines 42 through 45.</p>			\$

Subpart D: Total Deductions Allowed under § 707(b)(2)

47	<p>Total of all deductions allowed under § 707(b)(2). Enter the total of Lines 33, 41, and 46.</p>			\$
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Part VI. DETERMINATION OF § 707(b)(2) PRESUMPTION

48	<p>Enter the amount from Line 18 (Current monthly income for § 707(b)(2))</p>			\$
49	<p>Enter the amount from Line 47 (Total of all deductions allowed under § 707(b)(2))</p>			\$
50	<p>Monthly disposable income under § 707(b)(2). Subtract Line 49 from Line 48 and enter the result</p>			\$
51	<p>60-month disposable income under § 707(b)(2). Multiply the amount in Line 50 by the number 60 and enter the result.</p>			\$

Initial presumption determination. Check the applicable box and proceed as directed.

52 **The amount on Line 51 is less than \$6,000** Check the box for "The presumption does not arise" at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII. Do not complete the remainder of Part VI.

The amount set forth on Line 51 is more than \$10,000. Check the box for "The presumption arises" at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII. You may also complete Part VII. Do not complete the remainder of Part VI.

The amount on Line 51 is at least \$6,000, but not more than \$10,000. Complete the remainder of Part VI (Lines 53 through 55).

53 **Enter the amount of your total non-priority unsecured debt** \$

54 **Threshold debt payment amount.** Multiply the amount in Line 53 by the number 0.25 and enter the result. \$

Secondary presumption determination. Check the applicable box and proceed as directed.

55 **The amount on Line 51 is less than the amount on Line 54.** Check the box for "The presumption does not arise" at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII.

The amount on Line 51 is equal to or greater than the amount on Line 54. Check the box for "The presumption arises" at the top of page 1 of this statement, and complete the verification in Part VIII. You may also complete Part VII.

Part VII: ADDITIONAL EXPENSE CLAIMS

56 **Other Expenses.** List and describe any monthly expenses, not otherwise stated in this form, that are required for the health and welfare of you and your family and that you contend should be an additional deduction from your current monthly income under § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I). If necessary, list additional sources on a separate page. All figures should reflect your average monthly expense for each item. Total the expenses.

Expense Description	Monthly Amount
a.	\$
b.	\$
c.	\$
Total: Add Lines a, b and c	\$

Part VIII: VERIFICATION

57 I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this statement is true and correct. *(If this a joint case, both debtors must sign.)*

Date: _____ Signature: _____
(Debtor)

Date: _____ Signature: _____
(Joint Debtor, if any)

In re _____
 Debtor(s)
 Case Number: _____
 (If known)

According to the calculations required by this statement:
 The applicable commitment period is 3 years.
 The applicable commitment period is 5 years.
 Disposable income is determined under § 1325(b)(3).
 Disposable income is not determined under § 1325(b)(3).
 (Check the boxes as directed in Lines 17 and 23 of this statement.)

STATEMENT OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME AND CALCULATION OF COMMITMENT PERIOD AND DISPOSABLE INCOME

FOR USE IN CHAPTER 13

In addition to Schedules I and J, this statement must be completed by every individual Chapter 13 debtor, whether or not filing jointly. Joint debtors may complete one statement only.

Part I. REPORT OF INCOME												
		Column A Debtor's Income	Column B Spouse's Income									
1	<p>Marital/filing status. Check the box that applies and complete the balance of this part of this statement as directed.</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried. Complete only Column A ("Debtor's Income") for Lines 2-10.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Married. Complete both Column A ("Debtor's Income") and Column B ("Spouse's Income") for Lines 2-10.</p> <p>All figures must reflect average monthly income for the six calendar months prior to filing the bankruptcy case, ending on the last day of the month before the filing. If you received different amounts of income during these six months, you must total the amounts received during the six months, divide this total by six, and enter the result on the appropriate line.</p>											
2	Gross wages, salary, tips, bonuses, overtime, commissions.	\$	\$									
3	<p>Income from the operation of a business, profession, or farm. Subtract Line b from Line a and enter the difference on Line 3. Do not enter a number less than zero. Do not include any part of the business expenses entered on Line b as a deduction in Part IV.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 65%;">Gross receipts</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Ordinary and necessary business expenses</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Business income</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>	a.	Gross receipts	\$	b.	Ordinary and necessary business expenses	\$	c.	Business income	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$	\$
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b.	Ordinary and necessary business expenses	\$										
c.	Business income	Subtract Line b from Line a										
4	<p>Rent and other real property income. Subtract Line b from Line a and enter the difference on Line 4. Do not enter a number less than zero. Do not include any part of the operating expenses entered on Line b as a deduction in Part IV.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 65%;">Gross receipts</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Ordinary and necessary operating expenses</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Rental income</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Subtract Line b from Line a</td> </tr> </table>	a.	Gross receipts	\$	b.	Ordinary and necessary operating expenses	\$	c.	Rental income	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$	\$
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c.	Rental income	Subtract Line b from Line a										
5	Interest, dividends, and royalties.	\$	\$									
6	Pension and retirement income.	\$	\$									
7	Regular contributions to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents, including child or spousal support. Do not include contributions from the debtor's spouse.	\$	\$									
8	<p>Unemployment compensation. Enter the amount in the appropriate column(s) of Line 8. However, if you contend that unemployment compensation received by you or your spouse was a benefit under the Social Security Act, do not list the amount of such compensation in Column A or B, but instead state the amount in the space below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Unemployment compensation claimed to be a benefit under the Social Security Act</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Debtor \$ _____</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Spouse \$ _____</td> </tr> </table>	Unemployment compensation claimed to be a benefit under the Social Security Act	Debtor \$ _____	Spouse \$ _____	\$	\$						
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9	<p>Income from all other sources. Specify source and amount. If necessary, list additional sources on a separate page. Total and enter on Line 9. Do not include any benefits received under the Social Security Act or payments received as a victim of a war crime, crime against humanity, or as a victim of international or domestic terrorism.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 65%;"></td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> </table>	a.		\$	b.		\$	\$	\$			
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b.		\$										
10	Subtotal. Add Lines 2 thru 9 in Column A, and, if Column B is completed, add Lines 2 through 9 in Column B. Enter the total(s).	\$	\$									
11	Total. If Column B has been completed, add Line 10, Column A to Line 10, Column B, and enter the total. If Column B has not been completed, enter the amount from Line 10, Column A.	\$										

Part II. CALCULATION OF § 1325(b)(4) COMMITMENT PERIOD

12	Enter the amount from Line 11.	
13	Marital adjustment. If you are married, but are not filing jointly with your spouse, AND if you contend that calculation of the commitment period under § 1325(b)(4) does not require inclusion of the income of your spouse, enter the amount of the income listed in Line 10, Column B that was NOT regularly contributed to the household expenses of you or your dependents. Otherwise, enter zero.	
14	Subtract Line 13 from Line 12 and enter the result.	
15	Annualized current monthly income for § 1325(b)(4). Multiply the amount from Line 14 by the number 12 and enter the result.	\$
16	Applicable median family income. Enter the median family income for applicable state and household size. (This information is available by family size at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.) a. Enter debtor's state of residence: _____ b. Enter debtor's household size: _____	\$
17	Application of § 1325(b)(4). Check the applicable box and proceed as directed. <input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 15 is less than the amount on Line 16. Check the box for "The applicable commitment period is 3 years" at the top of page 1 of this statement and complete Part VII of this statement. Do not complete Parts III, IV, V or VI. <input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 15 is not less than the amount on Line 16. Check the box for "The applicable commitment period is 5 years" at the top of page 1 of this statement and continue with Part III of this statement.	

Part III. APPLICATION OF § 1325(b)(3) FOR DETERMINING DISPOSABLE INCOME

18	Enter the amount from Line 11.	\$
19	Marital adjustment. If you are married, but are not filing jointly with your spouse, enter the amount of the income listed in Line 10, Column B that was NOT regularly contributed to the household expenses of you or your dependents. If you are unmarried or married and filing jointly with your spouse, enter zero.	\$
20	Current monthly income for § 1325(b)(3). Subtract Line 19 from Line 18 and enter the result.	
21	Annualized current monthly income for § 1325(b)(3). Multiply the amount from Line 20 by the number 12 and enter the result.	\$
22	Applicable median family income. Enter the amount from Line 16.	\$
23	Application of § 1325(b)(3). Check the applicable box and proceed as directed. <input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 21 is more than the amount on Line 22. Check the box for "Disposable income is determined under § 1325(b)(3)" at the top of page 1 of this statement and complete the remaining parts of this statement. <input type="checkbox"/> The amount on Line 21 is not more than the amount on Line 22. Check the box for "Disposable income is not determined under § 1325(b)(3)" at the top of page 1 of this statement and complete Part VII of this statement. Do not complete Parts IV, V, or VI.	

Part IV. CALCULATION OF DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED UNDER § 707(b)(2)**Subpart A: Deductions under Standards of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

24	National Standards: food, clothing, household supplies, personal care, and miscellaneous. Enter the "Total" amount from IRS National Standards for Allowable Living Expenses for the applicable family size and income level. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)	\$
25A	Local Standards: housing and utilities; non-mortgage expenses. Enter the amount of the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; non-mortgage expenses for the applicable county and family size. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)	\$

25B	<p>Local Standards: housing and utilities; mortgage/rent expense. Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rent expense for your county and family size (this information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter on Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by your home, as stated in Line 47; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 25B. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 60%;">IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rent Expense</td> <td style="width: 15%;">\$</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 47</td> <td>\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Net mortgage/rental expense</td> <td colspan="2">Subtract Line b from Line a.</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rent Expense	\$		b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 47	\$		c.	Net mortgage/rental expense	Subtract Line b from Line a.		\$
a.	IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rent Expense	\$												
b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 47	\$												
c.	Net mortgage/rental expense	Subtract Line b from Line a.												
26	<p>Local Standards: housing and utilities; adjustment. if you contend that the process set out in Lines 25A and 25B does not accurately compute the allowance to which you are entitled under the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards, enter any additional amount to which you contend you are entitled, and state the basis for your contention in the space below:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$												
27	<p>Local Standards: transportation; vehicle operation/public transportation expense. You are entitled to an expense allowance in this category regardless of whether you pay the expenses of operating a vehicle and regardless of whether you use public transportation.</p> <p>Check the number of vehicles for which you pay the operating expenses or for which the operating expenses are included as a contribution to your household expenses in Line 7. <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more.</p> <p>Enter the amount from IRS Transportation Standards, Operating Costs & Public Transportation Costs for the applicable number of vehicles in the applicable Metropolitan Statistical Area or Census Region. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p>	\$												
28	<p>Local Standards: transportation ownership/lease expense; Vehicle 1. Check the number of vehicles for which you claim an ownership/lease expense. (You may not claim an ownership/lease expense for more than two vehicles.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more.</p> <p>Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, First Car (available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter in Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 47; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 28. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 60%;">IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, First Car</td> <td style="width: 15%;">\$</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 47</td> <td>\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1</td> <td colspan="2">Subtract Line b from Line a.</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, First Car	\$		b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 47	\$		c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1	Subtract Line b from Line a.		\$
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b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 47	\$												
c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1	Subtract Line b from Line a.												
29	<p>Local Standards: transportation ownership/lease expense; Vehicle 2. Complete this Line only if you checked the "2 or more" Box in Line 28.</p> <p>Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car (available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter in Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 47; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 29. Do not enter an amount less than zero.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">a.</td> <td style="width: 60%;">IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car</td> <td style="width: 15%;">\$</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 47</td> <td>\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td>Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2</td> <td colspan="2">Subtract Line b from Line a.</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car	\$		b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 47	\$		c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2	Subtract Line b from Line a.		\$
a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car	\$												
b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 47	\$												
c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2	Subtract Line b from Line a.												
30	<p>Other Necessary Expenses: taxes. Enter the total average monthly expense that you actually incur for all federal, state, and local taxes, other than real estate and sales taxes, such as income taxes, self employment taxes, social security taxes, and Medicare taxes. Do not include real estate or sales taxes.</p>	\$												
31	<p>Other Necessary Expenses: mandatory payroll deductions. Enter the total average monthly payroll deductions that are required for your employment, such as mandatory retirement contributions, union dues, and uniform costs. Do not include discretionary amounts, such as non-mandatory 401(k) contributions.</p>	\$												

32	Other Necessary Expenses: life insurance. Enter average monthly premiums that you actually pay for term life insurance for yourself. Do not include premiums for insurance on your dependents, for whole life or for any other form of insurance.	\$
33	Other Necessary Expenses: court-ordered payments. Enter the total monthly amount that you are required to pay pursuant to court order, such as spousal or child support payments. Do not include payments on past due support obligations included in Line 49.	\$
34	Other Necessary Expenses: education for employment or for a physically or mentally challenged child. Enter the total monthly amount that you actually expend for education that is a condition of employment and for education that is required for a physically or mentally challenged dependent child for whom no public education providing similar services is available.	
35	Other Necessary Expenses: childcare. Enter the average monthly amount that you actually expend on childcare. Do not include payments made for children's education.	\$
36	Other Necessary Expenses: health care. Enter the average monthly amount that you actually expend on health care expenses that are not reimbursed by insurance or paid by a health savings account. Do not include payments for health insurance listed in Line 39.	\$
37	Other Necessary Expenses: telecommunication services. Enter the average monthly expenses that you actually pay for cell phones, pagers, call waiting, caller identification, special long distance, or internet services necessary for the health and welfare of you or your dependents. Do not include any amount previously deducted.	\$
38	Total Expenses Allowed under IRS Standards. Enter the total of Lines 24 through 37.	\$

Subpart B: Additional Expense Deductions under § 707(b)
Note: Do not include any expenses that you have listed in Lines 24-37

39	Health Insurance, Disability Insurance, and Health Savings Account Expenses. List the average monthly amounts that you actually expend in each of the following categories and enter the total.		\$	
	a.	Health Insurance		\$
	b.	Disability Insurance		\$
	c.	Health Savings Account		\$
				Total: Add Lines a, b, and c
40	Continued contributions to the care of household or family members. Enter the actual monthly expenses that you will continue to pay for the reasonable and necessary care and support of an elderly, chronically ill, or disabled member of your household or member of your immediate family who is unable to pay for such expenses. Do not include payments listed in Line 34.		\$	
41	Protection against family violence. Enter any average monthly expenses that you actually incurred to maintain the safety of your family under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act or other applicable federal law.		\$	
42	Home energy costs in excess of the allowance specified by the IRS Local Standards. Enter the average monthly amount by which your home energy costs exceed the allowance in the IRS Local Standards for Housing and Utilities. You must provide your case trustee with documentation demonstrating that the additional amount claimed is reasonable and necessary.		\$	
43	Education expenses for dependent children under 18. Enter the average monthly expenses that you actually incur, not to exceed \$125 per child, in providing elementary and secondary education for your dependent children less than 18 years of age. You must provide your case trustee with documentation demonstrating that the amount claimed is reasonable and necessary and not already accounted for in the IRS Standards.		\$	
44	Additional food and clothing expense. Enter the average monthly amount by which your food and clothing expenses exceed the combined allowances for food and apparel in the IRS National Standards, not to exceed five percent of those combined allowances. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.) You must provide your case trustee with documentation demonstrating that the additional amount claimed is reasonable and necessary.		\$	
45	Continued charitable contributions. Enter the amount that you will continue to contribute in the form of cash or financial instruments to a charitable organization as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 170(c)(1)-(2).		\$	
46	Total Additional Expense Deductions under § 707(b). Enter the total of Lines 39 through 45.		\$	

Subpart C: Deductions for Debt Payment

47		<p>Future payments on secured claims. For each of your debts that is secured by an interest in property that you own, list the name of the creditor, identify the property securing the debt, and state the Average Monthly Payment. The Average Monthly Payment is the total of all amounts contractually due to each Secured Creditor in the 60 months following the filing of the bankruptcy case, divided by 60. Mortgage debts should include payments of taxes and insurance required by the mortgage. If necessary, list additional entries on a separate page.</p>	
	Name of Creditor	Property Securing the Debt	60-month Average Payment
	a.		\$
	b.		\$
	c.		\$
		Total: Add Lines a, b, and c	\$

48		<p>Past due payments on secured claims. If any of the debts listed in Line 47 are in default, and the property securing the debt is necessary for your support or the support of your dependents, you may include in your deductions 1/60th of the amount that you must pay the creditor as a result of the default (the "cure amount") in order to maintain possession of the property. List any such amounts in the following chart and enter the total. If necessary, list additional entries on a separate page.</p>	
	Name of Creditor	Property Securing the Debt in Default	1/60th of the Cure Amount
	a.		\$
	b.		\$
	c.		\$
		Total: Add Lines a, b, and c	\$

49		<p>Payments on priority claims. Enter the total amount of all priority claims (including priority child support and alimony claims), divided by 60.</p>	\$
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50		<p>Chapter 13 administrative expenses. Multiply the amount in Line a by the amount in Line b, and enter the resulting administrative expense.</p>	
	a.	Projected average monthly Chapter 13 plan payment.	\$
	b.	Current multiplier for your district as determined under schedules issued by the Executive Office for United States Trustees. (This information is available at www.usdoj.gov/ust/ or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)	x
	c.	Average monthly administrative expense of Chapter 13 case	Total: Multiply Lines a and b
			\$

51		<p>Total Deductions for Debt Payment. Enter the total of Lines 47 through 50.</p>	\$
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Subpart D: Total Deductions Allowed under § 707(b)(2)

52		<p>Total of all deductions allowed under § 707(b)(2). Enter the total of Lines 38, 46, and 51.</p>	\$
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Part V. DETERMINATION OF DISPOSABLE INCOME UNDER § 1325(b)(2)

53		<p>Total current monthly income. Enter the amount from Line 20.</p>	\$
54		<p>Support income. Enter the monthly average of any child support payments, foster care payments, or disability payments for a dependent child, included in Line 7, that you received in accordance with applicable nonbankruptcy law, to the extent reasonably necessary to be expended for such child.</p>	\$
55		<p>Qualified retirement deductions. Enter the monthly average of (a) all contributions or wage deductions made to qualified retirement plans, as specified in § 541(b)(7) and (b) all repayments of loans from retirement plans, as specified in § 362(b)(19).</p>	\$
56		<p>Total of all deductions allowed under § 707(b)(2). Enter the amount from Line 52.</p>	\$
57		<p>Total adjustments to determine disposable income. Add the amounts on Lines 54, 55, and 56 and enter the result.</p>	\$
58		<p>Monthly Disposable Income Under § 1325(b)(2). Subtract Line 57 from Line 53 and enter the result.</p>	\$

Part VI: ADDITIONAL EXPENSE CLAIMS

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Other Expenses. List and describe any monthly expenses, not otherwise stated in this form, that are required for the health and welfare of you and your family and that you contend should be an additional deduction from your current monthly income under § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I). If necessary, list additional sources on a separate page. All figures should reflect your average monthly expense for each item. Total the expenses.

	Expense Description	Monthly Amount
a.		\$
b.		\$
c.		\$
Total: Add Lines a, b, and c		\$

Part VII: VERIFICATION

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this statement is true and correct. *(If this a joint case, both debtors must sign.)*

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(Debtor)

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(Joint Debtor, if any)

Committee Note

A. Overview

Among the changes introduced by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 are interlocking provisions defining “current monthly income” and establishing a means test to determine whether relief under Chapter 7 should be presumed abusive. Current monthly income (“CMI”) is defined in § 101(10A) of the Code, and the means test is set out in § 707(b)(2). These provisions have a variety of applications. In Chapter 7, if the debtor’s CMI exceeds a defined level the debtor is subject to the means test, and § 707(b)(2)(C) specifically requires debtors to file a statement of CMI and calculations to determine the applicability of the means test presumption. In Chapters 11 and 13, CMI provides the starting point for determining the disposable income that must be contributed to payments of unsecured creditors. Moreover, Chapter 13 debtors with CMI above defined levels are required by § 1325(b)(3) to complete the means test in order to determine the amount of their monthly disposable income, and pursuant to § 1325(b)(4), the level of CMI determines the “applicable commitment period” over which projected disposable income must be paid to unsecured creditors.

To provide for the reporting and calculation of CMI and for the completion of the means test where required, three separate official forms have been created—one for Chapter 7, one for Chapter 11, and one for Chapter 13. This note first describes the calculation of CMI that is common to all three of the forms, next describes the means test as set out in the Chapter 7 and 13 forms, and finally addresses particular issues that are unique to each of the separate forms.

B. Calculation of CMI

Although Chapters 7, 11, and 13 use CMI for different purposes, the basic computation is the same in each. As defined in § 101(10A), CMI is the monthly average of certain income that the debtor (and in a joint case, the debtor’s spouse) received in the six calendar months before the bankruptcy filing. The definition includes in this average (1) income from all sources, whether or not taxable, and (2) any amount paid by an entity other than the debtor (or the debtor’s spouse in a joint case) on a regular basis for the household expenses of the debtor, the debtor’s dependents, and (in a joint case) the debtor’s spouse if not otherwise a dependent. At the same time, the definition excludes from the averaged income “benefits received under the Social Security Act” and certain payments to victims of terrorism, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.

Each of the forms provide for reporting income items constituting CMI. The items are reported in a set of entry lines—Part II of the Chapter 7 form and Part I of the forms for Chapter 11 and Chapter 13—that include separate columns for reporting income of the debtor and of the debtor’s spouse. The first of these entry lines includes a set of instructions and check boxes indicating when the “debtor’s spouse” column must be completed. The instructions also direct the required averaging of reported income.

The subsequent entry lines specify several common types of income and are followed by a “catch-all” line for other income. The specific entry lines address (a) gross wages; (b) business income; (c) rental income; (d) interest, dividends, and royalties; (e) pension and retirement income; (f) regular contributions to the debtor’s household expenses; and (g) unemployment compensation. Gross wages (before taxes) are required to be entered. Consistent with usage in the Internal Revenue Manual and the American Community Survey of the Census Bureau, business and rental income is defined as gross receipts less ordinary and necessary expenses. Unemployment compensation is given special treatment. Because the federal government provides funding for state unemployment compensation under the Social Security Act, there may be a dispute about whether unemployment compensation is a “benefit received under the Social Security Act.” The forms take no position on the merits of this argument, but give debtors the option of reporting unemployment compensation separately from the CMI calculation. This separate reporting allows parties in interest to determine the materiality of an exclusion of unemployment compensation and to challenge it. The forms provide for totaling the income lines.

C. The means test: deductions from current monthly income

The means test operates by deducting from CMI defined allowances for living expenses and payment of secured and priority debt, leaving disposable income presumptively available to pay unsecured non-priority debt. These deductions from CMI under are set out in § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)-(iv). The forms for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 have identical sections (Parts V and III, respectively) for calculating these deductions. The calculations are divided into subparts reflecting three different kinds of allowed deductions.

1. Deductions under IRS standards

Subpart A deals with deductions from CMI, set out in § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii), for “the debtor’s applicable monthly expense amounts specified under the National Standards and Local Standards, and the debtor’s actual monthly expenses for the categories specified as Other Necessary Expenses issued by the Internal Revenue Service for the area in which the debtor resides.” The forms provide entry lines for each of the specified expense deductions under the IRS standards, and instructions on the entry lines identify the website of the U.S. Trustee Program, where the relevant IRS allowances can be found. As with all of the deductions in § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii), deductions under the IRS standards are subject to the proviso that they not include “any payments for debts.”

The IRS National Standards provide a single allowance for food, clothing, household supplies, personal care, and miscellany, depending on income and household size. The forms contain an entry line for the applicable allowance.

The IRS Local Standards provide one set of deductions for housing and utilities and another set for transportation expenses, with different amounts for different areas of the country, depending on the size of the debtor’s family and the number of the debtor’s vehicles. Each of the amounts specified in the Local Standards are treated by the IRS as a

cap on actual expenses, but because § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii) provides for deductions in the “amounts specified under the . . . Local Standards,” the forms treat these amounts as allowed deductions. The forms again direct debtors to the website of the U.S. Trustee Program to obtain the appropriate allowances.

The Local Standards for housing and utilities, as published by the IRS for its internal purposes, present single amounts covering all housing expenses; however, for bankruptcy purposes, the IRS has separated these amounts into a non-mortgage component and a mortgage/rent component. The non-mortgage component covers a variety of expenses involved in maintaining a residence, such as utilities, repairs and maintenance. The mortgage/rent component covers the cost of acquiring the residence. For homeowners with mortgages, the mortgage/rent component involves debt payment, since the cost of a mortgage is part of the allowance. Accordingly, the forms require debtors to deduct from the mortgage/rent component their average monthly mortgage payment (including required payments for taxes and insurance), up to the full amount of the IRS mortgage/rent component, and instruct debtors that this average monthly payment is the one reported on the separate line of the forms for deductions of secured debt under § 707(b)(2)(a)(iii). The forms allow debtors to challenge the appropriateness of this method of computing the Local Standards allowance for housing and utilities and to claim any additional housing allowance to which they contend they are entitled, but the forms require specification of the basis for such a contention.

The IRS issues Local Standards for transportation in two components for its internal purposes as well as for bankruptcy: one component covers vehicle operation/public transportation expense and the other ownership/lease expense. The amount of the vehicle operation/public transportation allowance depends on the number of vehicles the debtor operates, with debtors who do not operate vehicles being given a public transportation allowance. The instruction for this line item makes it clear that every debtor is thus entitled to some transportation expense allowance. No debt payment is involved in this allowance. The ownership/lease component, on the other hand, may involve debt payment. Accordingly, the forms require debtors to reduce the allowance for ownership/lease expense by the average monthly loan payment amount (principal and interest), up to the full amount of the IRS ownership/lease expense amount. This average payment is as reported on the separate line of the forms for deductions of secured debt under § 707(b)(2)(a)(iii).

The IRS does not set out specific dollar allowances for “Other Necessary Expenses.” Rather, it specifies a number of categories for such expenses, and describes the nature of the expenses that may be deducted in each of these categories. Section 707(b)(2)(a)(ii) allows a deduction for the debtor’s actual expenses in these specified categories, subject to its requirement that payment of debt not be included. Several of the IRS categories deal with debt repayment and so are not included in the forms. Several other categories deal with expense items that are more expansively addressed by specific statutory allowances. Subpart A sets out the remaining categories of “Other Necessary Expenses” in individual entry lines. Instructions in these entry lines reflect limitations imposed by the IRS and the need to avoid inclusion of items deducted elsewhere on the forms.

Subpart A concludes with a subtotal of the deductions allowed under the IRS standards.

2. Additional statutory expense deductions

In addition to the expense deductions allowed under the IRS standards, the means test makes provision—in subclauses (I), (II), (IV), and (V) of § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)—for six special expense deductions. Each of these additional expense items is set out on a separate entry line in Subpart B, introduced by an instruction that there should not be double counting of any expense already included in the IRS deductions. Contributions to tax-exempt charities provide another statutory expense deduction. Section 1325(b)(2)(A)(ii) expressly allows a deduction from CMI for such contributions (up to 15% of the debtor’s gross income), and § 707(b)(1) provides that in considering whether a Chapter 7 filing is an abuse, the court may not take into consideration “whether a debtor . . . continues to make [tax-exempt] charitable contributions.” Accordingly, Subpart B also includes an entry line for charitable contributions. The subpart concludes with a subtotal of the additional statutory expense deductions.

3. Deductions for payment of debt

Subpart C of the forms deals with the means test’s deductions from CMI for payment of secured and priority debt, as well as a deduction for administrative fees that would be incurred if the debtor paid debts through a Chapter 13 plan. In accord with § 707(b)(2)(A)(iii), the deduction for secured debt is divided into two entry lines—one for payments that are contractually due during the 60 months following the bankruptcy filing, the other for amounts needed to retain necessary collateral securing debts in default. In each situation, the instructions for the entry lines require dividing the total payment amount by 60, as the statute directs. Priority debt, deductible pursuant to § 707(b)(2)(A)(iv), is treated on a single entry line, also requiring division by 60. The defined deduction for the expenses of administering a Chapter 13 plan is allowed by § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)(III) only for debtors eligible for Chapter 13. The forms treat this deduction in an entry line requiring the eligible debtor to state the amount of the prospective Chapter 13 plan payment and multiply that payment amount by the percentage fee established for the debtor’s district by the Executive Office for United States Trustees. The forms refer debtors to the website of the U.S. Trustee Program to obtain this percentage fee. The subpart concludes with a subtotal of debt payment deductions.

4. Total deductions

Finally, the forms direct that the subtotals from Subparts A, B, and C be added together to arrive at the total of allowed deductions from CMI under the means test.

5. Additional claimed deductions

The forms do not provide for means test deductions from CMI for expenses in categories that are not specifically identified as “Other Necessary Expenses” in the Internal Revenue Manual. However, debtors may wish to claim expenses that do not fall within the categories listed as “Other Necessary Expenses” in the forms. Part VII of the Chapter 7 form and Part VI of the Chapter 13 form provide for such expenses to be identified and totaled. Although expenses listed in these sections are not deducted from CMI for purposes of the means test calculation, the listing provides a basis for debtors to assert that these expenses should be deducted from CMI under § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I), and that the results of the forms’ calculation should therefore be modified.

D. The chapter-specific forms

1. Chapter 7

The Chapter 7 form has several unique aspects. The form includes, in the upper right corner of the first page, a check box directing the debtor to state whether or not the calculations required by the form result in a presumption of abuse. The debtor is not bound by this statement and may argue, in response to a motion brought under § 707(b)(1), that there should be no presumption despite the calculations required by the form. The check box is intended to give clerks of court a conspicuous indication of the cases for which they are required to provide notice of a presumption of abuse pursuant to § 342(d).

Part I of the form implements the provision of § 707(b)(2)(D) that excludes certain disabled veterans from all means testing, making it unnecessary to compute the CMI of such veterans. Debtors who declare under penalty of perjury that they are disabled veterans within the statutory definition are directed to verify their declaration in Part VII, to check the “no presumption” box at the beginning of the form, and to disregard the remaining parts of the form.

Part II of the form is the computation of CMI. Section 707(b)(7) eliminates standing to assert the means test’s presumption of abuse if the debtor’s annualized CMI does not exceed a defined median state income. For this purpose, the statute directs that CMI of the debtor’s spouse be combined with the debtor’s CMI even if the debtor’s spouse is not a joint debtor, unless the debtor declares under penalty of perjury that the spouses are legally separated or living separately other than for purposes of evading the means test. Accordingly, the calculation of CMI in Part II directs a computation of the CMI of the debtor’s spouse not only in joint cases, but also in cases of married debtors who do not make the specified declaration, and the CMI of both spouses in these cases is combined for purposes of determining standing under § 707(b)(7).

Part III of the form provides for the comparison of the debtor’s CMI for purposes of § 707(b)(7) to the applicable state median income. It then directs debtors whose income does not exceed the applicable median to verify the form, to check the “no presumption”

box at the beginning of the form, and not to complete the remaining parts of the form. Debtors whose CMI does exceed the applicable state median are required to complete the remaining parts of the form.

Part IV of the form provides for an adjustment to the CMI of a married debtor, not filing jointly, whose spouse's CMI was combined with the debtor's for purposes of determining standing to assert the means test presumption. The means test itself does not charge a married debtor in a non-joint case with the income of the non-filing spouse, but rather only with contributions made by that spouse to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents, as provided in the definition of CMI in § 101(10A). Accordingly, Part IV calls for the combined CMI of Part II to be reduced by the amount of the non-filing spouse's income that was not contributed to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents.

Part V of the form provides for a calculation of the means test's deductions from the debtor's CMI, as described above.

Part VI provides for a determination of whether the debtor's CMI, less the allowed deductions, gives rise to a presumption of abuse under § 707(b)(2)(A). Depending on the outcome of this determination, the debtor is directed to check the appropriate box at the beginning of the form and to sign the verification in Part VIII. Part VII allows the debtor to claim additional deductions, as discussed above.

2. Chapter 11

The Chapter 11 form is the simplest of the three, since the means-test deductions of § 707(b)(2) are not employed in determining the extent of an individual Chapter 11 debtor's disposable income. Section 1129(a)(15) requires payments of disposable income "as defined in section 1325(b)(2)," and that paragraph allows calculation of disposable income under judicially-determined standards, rather than pursuant to the means test deductions, specified for higher income Chapter 13 debtors by § 1325(b)(3). However, § 1325(b)(2) does require that CMI be used as the starting point in the judicial determination of disposable income, and so the Chapter 11 form requires this calculation (in Part I of the form), as described above, together with a verification (in Part II).

3. Chapter 13

Like the Chapter 7 form, the form for Chapter 13 debtors contains a number of special provisions. The upper right corner of the first page includes check boxes requiring the debtor to state whether, under the calculations required by the statement, the applicable commitment period under § 1325(b)(4) is three years or five and whether the means test deductions are required by § 1325(b)(3) to be used in determining the debtor's disposable income. The check box is intended to inform standing trustees and other interested parties about these items, but does not prevent the debtor from arguing that the calculations required by the form are inaccurate.

Part I of the form is a report of income to be used for determining CMI. Section 1325(b)(4) imposes a five-year applicable commitment period—rather than a three-year period—if the debtor’s annualized CMI is not less than a defined median state income. For this purpose, as under § 707(b)(4), the CMI of the debtor’s spouse is required by the statute to be combined with the debtor’s CMI, and there is no exception for spouses who are legally separated or living separately. Accordingly, the report of income in Part I directs a combined reporting of the income of both spouses in all cases of married debtors.

Part II of the form computes the applicable commitment period by annualizing the income calculated in Part I and comparing it to the applicable state median. The form allows debtors to contend that the income of a non-filing spouse should not be treated as CMI and permits debtors to claim a deduction for any income of a non-filing spouse to the extent that this income was not contributed to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor’s dependents. The debtor is directed to check the appropriate box at the beginning of the form, stating the applicable commitment period.

Part III of the form compares the debtor’s CMI to the applicable state median, allowing a determination of whether the means-test deductions must be used, pursuant to § 1325(b)(3), in calculating disposable income. For this purpose, since § 1325(b)(3) does not provide for including the income of the debtor’s spouse, the form directs a deduction of the income of a non-filing spouse that is not contributed to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor’s dependents. Again, the debtor is directed to check the appropriate box at the beginning of the form, indicating whether the means test deductions are applicable. If so, the debtor is directed to complete the remainder of the form. If not, the debtor is directed to complete the verification in Part VII but not complete the other parts of the form.

Part IV provides for calculation of the means-test deductions provided in § 707(b)(2), described above, as incorporated by § 1325(b)(3) for debtors with CMI above the applicable state median.

Part V provides for three adjustments required by special provisions affecting disposable income in Chapter 13. First, § 1325(b)(2) itself excludes from the CMI used in determining disposable income certain “child support payments, foster care payments, [and] disability payments for a dependent child.” Because payments of this kind are included in the definition of CMI in § 101(10A), a line entry for deduction of these payments is provided. Second, a line entry is provided for deduction of contributions by the debtor to certain retirement plans, listed in § 541(b)(7)(B), since that provision states that such contributions “shall not constitute disposable income, as defined in section 1325(b).” Third, the same line entry also allows a deduction from disposable income for payments on loans from retirement accounts that are excepted from the automatic stay by § 362(b)(19), since § 1322(f) provides that for a “loan described in section 362(b)(19) . . . any amounts required to repay such loan shall not constitute ‘disposable income’ under section 1325.”

The Chapter 13 form does not provide a deduction from disposable income for the Chapter 13 debtor’s anticipated attorney fees. There is no specific statutory allowance

for such a deduction, and none appears necessary. Section 1325(b)(1)(B) requires that disposable income contributed to a Chapter 13 plan be used to pay “unsecured creditors.” A debtor’s attorney who has not taken a security interest in the debtor’s property is an unsecured creditor who may be paid from disposable income.

Part VI of the form allows the debtor to claim additional deductions, as described above, and Part VII is the verification.