

# WAIVER OF SERVICE FOR SUMMONS

TO:

(NAME OF PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR UNREPRESENTED PLAINTIFF)

I acknowledge receipt of your request that I waive service of a summons in the

action of \_\_\_\_\_, which is case number \_\_\_\_\_  
(CAPTION OF ACTION) (DOCKET NUMBER)

in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern \_\_\_\_\_ Western \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

I have also received a copy of the (check one)

**complaint**                      **amended complaint**                      **third-party complaint**                      **crossclaim**

**counter-claim**                      **other** \_\_\_\_\_ in the action, two copies of this instrument, and means by which I can

return the signed waiver to you without cost to me.

I agree to save the cost of service of a summons and an additional copy of the complaint in this lawsuit by not requiring that I (or the entity on whose behalf I am acting) be served with judicial process in the manner provided by Rule 4.

I (or the entity on whose behalf I am acting) will retain all defenses or objections to the lawsuit or to the jurisdiction or venue of the court except for objections based on a defect in the summons or in the service of the summons.

I understand that a judgement may be entered against me (or the party on whose behalf I am acting) if an answer or motion under Rule 12 is not served upon you within

60 days after \_\_\_\_\_, or within 90 days after that date if the request was  
(A -Date Request was sent)

sent outside the United States.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed/Typed  
Name:

As:  
(B):  
of (C):

- A. Date request was sent.
- B. Title, or other relationship of individual to corporation defendant.
- C. Name of Corporation defendant, if any .

### Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Costs of Service of Summons

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain parties to cooperate in saving unnecessary costs of service of the summons and complaint. A defendant located in the United States who, after being notified of an action and asked by a plaintiff located in the United States to waive service of a summons, fails to do so will be required to bear the cost of such service unless good cause be shown for it failure to sign and return the waiver.

It is not good cause for a failure to waive service that a party believes that the complaint is unfounded, or that the action has been brought in an improper place or in a court that lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action or over its person or property. A party who waives service of the summons retains all defenses and objections (except any relating to the summons or to the service of the summons), and may later object to the jurisdiction of the court or to the place where the action has been brought.

A defendant who waives service must within the time specified on the waiver form serve on the plaintiff's attorney (or unrepresented plaintiff) a response to the complaint and must also file a signed copy of the response with the court. If the answer or motion is not served within this time, a default judgment may be taken against the defendant. By waiving service, a defendant is allowed more time to answer than if the summons had been actually server when the request for waiver of service was received.