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21 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 22 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

23 JENNIFER BAUGHMAN, an
 24 individual, and on behalf of classes of
 25 similarly situated individuals,

26 Plaintiff,

27 v.

28 T-Mobile US, Inc.,

Defendant.

CASE NO:

CLASS ACTION

COMPLAINT FOR:

1. **NEGLIGENCE;**
2. **UNJUST ENRICHMENT;**
3. **BREACH OF EXPRESS CONTRACT;**
4. **BREACH OF IMPLIED CONTRACT; AND**
5. **INVASION OF PRIVACY.**

Demand for a jury trial

1 Plaintiff Jennifer Baughman (“Plaintiff”) brings this Class Action Complaint
2 against T-Mobile US, Inc. (“Defendant”), in her individual capacity and on behalf
3 of all others similarly situated, and alleges, upon personal knowledge as to her own
4 actions and her counsels’ investigations, and upon information and belief as to all
5 other matters, as follows:

6 **INTRODUCTION**

7 1. This is a class action for damages with respect to Defendant T-Mobile
8 US, Inc. and its failure to exercise reasonable care in securing sensitive personal
9 information including without limitation, unencrypted and unredacted name, contact
10 and demographic information, and date of birth (collectively, “personal identifiable
11 information” or “PII”).

12 2. Plaintiff seeks damages for herself and other similarly situated current
13 and former student loan borrowers (“borrowers”), or any other person(s) impacted in
14 the data breach at issue (“Class Members”), as well as other equitable relief,
15 including, without limitation, injunctive relief designed to protect the very sensitive
16 information of Plaintiff and other Class Members.

17 3. On or about January 20, 2023, Defendant notified Plaintiff and Class
18 Members about a widespread data breach involving sensitive PII. The number of
19 individuals affected has been estimated to impact 37 million customers by Defendant,
20 however, because Defendant is one of the largest technology companies, the breach
21 could have involved hundreds of millions of users. Defendant discovered that files
22 on its network were accessed and acquired by the unauthorized actor (the “Data
23 Breach”).

24 4. Plaintiff and the Class Members in this action were, upon information
25 and belief, current and former Defendant users with their PII on Defendant’s system.
26 Upon information and belief, the first that Plaintiff and the Class Members learned
27 of the Data Breach was when they saw news reports of the Data Breach on
28 approximately January 20, 2023.

1 5. The Data Breach affected individuals whose information was stored on
2 Defendant's servers in multiple states.

3 6. In this era of frequent data security attacks and data breaches,
4 particularly in the technology industry, Defendant's failures leading to the Data
5 Breach are particularly egregious, as this Data Breach was highly foreseeable.

6 7. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII was
7 unencrypted and unredacted PII and was compromised due to Defendant's negligent
8 and/or careless acts and omissions.

9 8. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff and the Class Members are at
10 an imminent risk of identity theft.

11 9. Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered numerous actual and
12 concrete injuries as a direct result of the Data Breach, including: (a) invasion of
13 privacy; (b) financial costs incurred mitigating the materialized risk and imminent
14 threat of identity theft; (c) loss of time and loss of productivity incurred mitigating
15 the materialized risk and imminent threat of identity theft; (d) financial costs incurred
16 due to actual identity theft; (e) loss of time incurred due to actual identity theft; (f)
17 loss of time heeding Defendant's warnings and following its instructions in the
18 Notice Letter; (g) the loss of benefit of the bargain (price premium damages), to the
19 extent Class Members paid Defendant for services; (h) deprivation of value of their
20 PII; and (i) the continued risk to their Sensitive Information, which remains in the
21 possession of Defendant, and which is subject to further breaches, so long as
22 Defendant fails to undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect Plaintiff's
23 and Class Members' Sensitive Information.

24 10. Plaintiff seeks to remedy these harms, and to prevent the future
25 occurrence of an additional data breach, on behalf of themselves and all similarly
26 situated persons whose PII was compromised as a result of the Data Breach. Plaintiff
27 seeks remedies including, but not limited to, compensatory damages, reimbursement
28 for loss of time, reimbursement of opportunity costs, out-of-pocket costs, price

1 premium damages, and injunctive relief including improvements to Defendant’s data
2 security systems and protocols, future annual audits, and adequate credit monitoring
3 services funded by the Defendant.

4 **PARTIES**

5 11. Plaintiff Jennifer Baughman is a resident and citizen of California,
6 residing at all relevant times in Los Angeles county.

7 12. Defendants T-Mobile US, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary T-
8 Mobile USA, Inc. (“Defendant” or “T-Mobile”) are a telecommunications company
9 that provides wireless voice, messaging, and data services along with mobile phones
10 and accessories. T-Mobile is headquartered in Bellevue, Washington and Overland
11 Park, Kansas in the Kansas City Metropolitan area, and is incorporated under the
12 laws of the State of Delaware

13 13. All of Plaintiff’s claims stated herein are asserted against Defendant and
14 any of its owners, predecessors, successors, subsidiaries, agents and/or assigns.

15 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

16 14. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28
17 U.S.C. § 1332, the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 because: (i) there are 100 or
18 more class members, (ii) there is an aggregate amount in controversy exceeding
19 \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and (iii) there is minimal diversity
20 because at least one Plaintiff (FL) and Defendant are citizens of different states. This
21 Court has supplemental jurisdiction over any state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
22 § 1367.

23 15. This Court has personal jurisdiction over T-Mobile because it is
24 authorized to and regularly conducts business in the State of California. T-Mobile
25 sells, markets, and advertises its products and services to Plaintiffs and Class
26 Members located in the State of California and, therefore, has sufficient minimum
27 contacts to render the exercise of jurisdiction by this Court proper and necessary.

28 16. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, this Court is the proper venue for this

1 action because a substantial part of the events, omissions, and acts giving rise to the
2 claims herein occurred in this District: Class members affected by the breach reside
3 in this District and Defendant employs numerous people in this District.

4 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

5 17. Defendant operates its business nationwide offering various types of
6 technological products and services.

7 18. Plaintiff and the Class Members, as current or former T-Mobile users,
8 reasonably relied (directly or indirectly) on this sophisticated technology company to
9 keep their sensitive PII confidential; to maintain its system security; to use this
10 information for business purposes only; and to make only authorized disclosures of
11 their PII. Borrowers, in general, demand security to safeguard their PII, especially
12 when financial information and other sensitive PII is involved.

13 19. On or about January 20, 2023, Defendant made an announcement about
14 a widespread data breach of its computer network involving the sensitive personally
15 identifiable information of consumers.

16 20. According to news reports: “A ‘bad actor’ stole personal information
17 from approximately 37 million T-Mobile customers in a November data breach.”¹

18 21. In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Committee: “T-Mobile said
19 the hack was discovered on Jan. 5. The unidentified hacker (or hackers) obtained data
20 starting around Nov. 25 through a single Application Programming Interface, the
21 company said.”²

22 22. Plaintiff and Class Members in this action were, upon information and
23 belief, current and former T-Mobile users whose PII was utilized by Defendant for
24 purposes of providing products and services. Plaintiff and Class Members first
25 learned of the Data Breach when they saw news reports of the Data Breach on or
26 about January 20, 2023.

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28 ¹ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2023/01/20/tmobile-data-hack-37-million-customers/11088603002/>

² *Id.*

1 23. Upon information and belief, Defendant did not use reasonable security
2 procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of the sensitive, unencrypted
3 information it was maintaining, causing Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII to be
4 exposed.

5 24. Upon information and belief, the cyberattack was expressly designed to
6 gain access to private and confidential data, including (among other things) the PII
7 of Plaintiff and the Class Members.

8 25. Defendant could have prevented this Data Breach by properly
9 encrypting or otherwise implementing policies, procedures and computer data
10 security programs that provided the level of protection reasonably necessary for a
11 company of this sophistication and the custodian of large amounts of PII.

12 26. In the course and scope of its provision of services and products,
13 Defendant collects massive amounts of highly sensitive PII, including but not limited
14 to, name, contact and demographic information, date of birth.

15 27. Collecting, maintaining, and protecting PII is vital to virtually all of
16 Defendant's business purposes, and Defendant benefits from the acquisition, use, and
17 storage of the PII.

18 28. Plaintiff and Class Members entrusted their PII to Defendant on the
19 premise and with the understanding that Defendant would safeguard their
20 information, use their PII for business purposes only, and/or not disclose their PII to
21 unauthorized third parties, and/or only retain PII for necessary business purposes and
22 for a reasonable amount of time.

23 29. It is well known that PII, including name and contact information in
24 particular, is an invaluable commodity and a frequent target of hackers.

25 30. In light of recent high profile data breaches at other industry leading
26 companies, including, Microsoft (250 million records, December 2019), Wattpad
27 (268 million records, June 2020), Facebook (267 million users, April 2020), Estee
28 Lauder (440 million records, January 2020), Whisper (900 million records, March

1 2020), and Advanced Info Service (8.3 billion records, May 2020), Defendant knew
2 or should have known that its systems would be targeted by cybercriminals. In fact,
3 earlier this year, Defendant was the target of a massive security breach orchestrated
4 by the ransomware criminal enterprise “Lapsus\$”, which resulted in the theft of
5 nearly 200GB of highly sensitive internal data.³

6 31. Indeed, cyberattacks against the technology industry have been common
7 for over ten years with the FBI warning as early as 2011 that cybercriminals were
8 “advancing their abilities to attack a system remotely” and “[o]nce a system is
9 compromised, cyber criminals will use their accesses to obtain PII.” The FBI further
10 warned that that “the increasing sophistication of cyber criminals will no doubt lead
11 to an escalation in cyber crime.”⁴

12 32. Moreover, it is well known that the specific PII at issue in this case,
13 including names and contact information in particular, is a valuable commodity and
14 a frequent target of hackers.

15 33. As a sophisticated financial and lending entity that collects, utilizes, and
16 stores particularly sensitive PII, Defendant was at all times fully aware of the
17 increasing risks of cyber-attacks targeting the PII it controlled, and its obligation to
18 protect the PII of Plaintiff and Class Members.

19 34. The PII of consumers remains of high value to criminals, as evidenced
20 by the prices they will pay through the Dark Web. Numerous sources cite Dark Web
21 pricing for stolen identity credentials. For example, personal information can be sold
22 at a price ranging from \$40 to \$200, and bank details have a price range of \$50 to
23 \$200.

24 35. According to the Dark Web Price Index for 2021, payment card details
25 for an account balance up to \$1,000 have an average market value of \$150, credit

26 ³ Gareth Corfield, *Lapsus\$ extortionists dump Defendant data online, chaebol confirms security breach*, THE
27 REGISTER, Mar. 7, 2022, <https://www.theregister.com/2022/03/07/Defendant_lapsus_data_theft/>

28 ⁴ Gordon M. Snow, *Statement before the House Financial Services Committee, Subcommittee on Financial
Institutions and Consumer Credit*, FBI (Sept. 14, 2011), [https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/news/testimony/cyber-
security-threats-to-the-financial-sector](https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/news/testimony/cyber-security-threats-to-the-financial-sector).

1 card details with an account balance up to \$5,000 have an average market value of
2 \$240, stolen online banking logins with a minimum of \$100 on the account have an
3 average market value of \$40, and stolen online banking logins with a minimum of
4 \$2,000 on the account have an average market value of \$120. Criminals can also
5 purchase access to entire company data breaches from \$900 to \$4,500.

6 36. A dishonest person who has your name and contact information can use
7 it to get other personal information about you. A breach including this type of
8 information places data breach victims at an increased risk of phishing and social
9 engineering attacks, eventually leading to identity theft.

10 37. This data, as one would expect, demands a much higher price on the
11 black market. Martin Walter, senior director at cybersecurity firm RedSeal,
12 explained, “[c]ompared to credit card information, personally identifiable
13 information and Social Security Numbers are worth more than 10x in price on the
14 black market.”

15 38. Despite the prevalence of public announcements of data breach and data
16 security compromises and its previous experience as the target of cyberattacks,
17 Defendant failed to take appropriate steps to protect the PII of Plaintiff and the
18 proposed Class from being compromised.

19 39. Defendant had the resources necessary to prevent the Data Breach but
20 neglected to adequately invest in security measures, despite its obligation to protect
21 such information. Accordingly, Defendant breached its common law, statutory, and
22 other duties owed to Plaintiff and Class Members.

23 40. Security standards commonly accepted among businesses that store PII
24 using the internet include, without limitation:

- 25 a. Maintaining a secure firewall configuration;
- 26 b. Maintaining appropriate design, systems, and controls to limit user
27 access to certain information as necessary;
- 28 c. Monitoring for suspicious or irregular traffic to servers;

- 1 d. Monitoring for suspicious credentials used to access servers;
- 2 e. Monitoring for suspicious or irregular activity by known users;
- 3 f. Monitoring for suspicious or unknown users;
- 4 g. Monitoring for suspicious or irregular server requests;
- 5 h. Monitoring for server requests for PII;
- 6 i. Monitoring for server requests from VPNs; and
- 7 j. Monitoring for server requests from Tor exit nodes.

8 41. Upon information and belief, Defendant failed to comply with one or
9 more of these standards.

10 42. The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) defines identity theft as “a
11 fraud committed or attempted using the identifying information of another person
12 without authority.”⁵ The FTC describes “identifying information” as “any name or
13 number that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to
14 identify a specific person,” including, among other things, “[n]ame, Social Security
15 number, date of birth, official State or government issued driver’s license or
16 identification number, alien registration number, government passport number,
17 employer or taxpayer identification number.”⁶

18 43. The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) has promulgated numerous
19 guides for businesses which highlight the importance of implementing reasonable
20 data security practices. According to the FTC, the need for data security should be
21 factored into all business decision making.

22 44. The FTC has brought well publicized enforcement actions against
23 businesses for failing to adequately and reasonably protect consumer data, treating
24 the failure to employ reasonable and appropriate measures to protect against
25 unauthorized access to confidential consumer data as an unfair act or practice
26 prohibited by Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (“FTCA”), 15 U.S.C.

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28 ⁵ 17 C.F.R. § 248.201 (2013).

⁶ *Id.*

1 § 45. This includes the FTC’s enforcement action against Equifax following a
2 massive data breach involving the personal and financial information of 147 million
3 Americans.

4 45. In 2016, the FTC updated its publication, “Protecting Personal
5 Information: A Guide for Business,” which established cyber-security guidelines for
6 businesses. There, the FTC advised that businesses should protect the PII that they
7 keep by following some minimum standards related to data security, including,
8 among others:

- 9 (a) Encrypting information stored on computer networks;
- 10 (b) Identifying network vulnerabilities;
- 11 (c) Implementing policies to update and correct any security
12 problems;
- 13 (d) Utilizing an intrusion detection systems;
- 14 (e) Monitor all incoming traffic for suspicious activity indicating
15 someone is attempting to hack the system;
- 16 (f) Watching for large amounts of data being transmitted from the
17 system;
- 18 (g) Developing a response plan ready in the event of a breach;
- 19 (h) Limiting employee and vendor access to sensitive data;
- 20 (i) Requiring complex passwords to be used on networks;
- 21 (j) Utilizing industry-tested methods for security;
- 22 (k) Verifying that third-party service providers have implemented
23 reasonable security measures;
- 24 (l) Educating and training employees on data security practices;
- 25 (m) Implementing multi-layer security including firewalls, anti-virus,
26 and anti-malware software;
- 27 (n) Implementing multi-factor authentication.

28 46. Upon information and belief, Defendant failed to implement or

1 adequately implement at least one of these fundamental data security practices.

2 47. Defendant’s failure constitutes an unfair act or practice prohibited by
3 Section 5 of the FTCA.

4 48. As a result of Defendant’s ineffective and inadequate data security and
5 retention measures, the Data Breach, and the foreseeable consequences of the PII
6 ending up in the possession of criminals, the risk of identity theft is materialized and
7 imminent.

8 49. Given the type of targeted attack in this case, the sophisticated criminal
9 activity, and the type of PII, there is a strong probability that entire batches of stolen
10 information have been placed, or will be placed, on the black market/Dark Web for
11 sale and purchase by criminals intending to utilize the PII for identity theft crimes,
12 such as opening bank accounts in the victims’ names to make purchases or to launder
13 money; file false tax returns; or file false unemployment claims.

14 50. Furthermore, the information accessed and disseminated in the Data
15 Breach is significantly more valuable than the loss of, for example, credit card
16 information in a retailer data breach, where victims can easily cancel or close credit
17 and debit card accounts. The information disclosed in this Data Breach is impossible
18 to “close” and difficult, if not impossible, to change (such as names and contact
19 information).

20 51. There may be a time lag between when harm occurs versus when it is
21 discovered, and also between when PII is stolen and when it is used. The fraudulent
22 activity resulting from the Data Breach may not become evident for years.

23 52. Indeed, “[t]he risk level is growing for anyone whose information is
24 stolen in a data breach.” Moreover, there is a high likelihood that significant identity
25 fraud and/or identity theft has not yet been discovered or reported. Even data that
26 have not yet been exploited by cybercriminals bears a high risk that the
27 cybercriminals who now possess Class Members’ PII will do so at a later date or re-
28 sell it.

1 53. To date, Defendant has done little to adequately protect Plaintiff and
2 Class Members, or to compensate them for their injuries sustained in this data breach.

3 54. Thus, due to the actual and imminent risk of identity theft, Plaintiff and
4 Class Members must, in Defendant’s words, “remain vigilant” and monitor their
5 financial accounts for many years to mitigate the risk of identity theft.

6 55. Plaintiff and Class Members have spent, and will spend additional time
7 in the future, on a variety of prudent actions, such as placing “freezes” and “alerts”
8 with credit reporting agencies, contacting financial institutions, closing or modifying
9 financial accounts, changing passwords, reviewing and monitoring credit reports and
10 accounts for unauthorized activity, and filing police reports, which may take years to
11 discover and detect.

12 56. Plaintiff’s mitigation efforts are consistent with the U.S. Government
13 Accountability Office that released a report in 2007 regarding data breaches (“GAO
14 Report”) in which it noted that victims of identity theft will face “substantial costs
15 and time to repair the damage to their good name and credit record.”

16 57. Plaintiff’s mitigation efforts are also consistent with the steps that the
17 FTC recommends that data breach victims take to protect their personal and financial
18 information after a data breach, including: contacting one of the credit bureaus to
19 place a fraud alert (consider an extended fraud alert that lasts for seven years if
20 someone steals their identity), reviewing their credit reports, contacting companies
21 to remove fraudulent charges from their accounts, placing a credit freeze on their
22 credit, and correcting their credit reports.

23 58. Furthermore, Defendant’s poor data security deprived Plaintiff and
24 Class Members of the benefit of their bargain. When agreeing to pay Defendant or
25 its clients for services, Plaintiff and other reasonable consumers understood and
26 expected that they were paying for services and data security, when in fact, Defendant
27 did not provide the expected data security. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class Members
28 received services that were of a lesser value than what they reasonably expected.

1 59. As a result of Defendant’s ineffective and inadequate data security and
2 retention measures, the Data Breach, and the imminent risk of identity theft, Plaintiff
3 and Class Members have suffered numerous actual and concrete injuries, including:
4 (a) invasion of privacy; (b) financial “out of pocket” costs incurred mitigating the
5 materialized risk and imminent threat of identity theft; (c) loss of time and loss of
6 productivity incurred mitigating the materialized risk and imminent threat of identity
7 theft risk; (d) financial “out of pocket” costs incurred due to actual identity theft; (e)
8 loss of time incurred due to actual identity theft; (f) loss of time due to increased
9 spam and targeted marketing emails; (g) the loss of benefit of the bargain (price
10 premium damages); (h) deprivation of value of their PII; and (i) the continued risk to
11 their PII, which remains in the possession of Defendant, and which is subject to
12 further breaches, so long as Defendant fails to undertake appropriate and adequate
13 measures to protect Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ Sensitive Information.

14 60. Plaintiff Baughman provided her personal information to Defendant
15 and/or its affiliates in conjunction with product and services Plaintiff obtained.

16 61. As part of her involvement with Defendant, Plaintiff entrusted her PII,
17 and other confidential information such as name, address, phone number, financial
18 account information, and other personally identifiable information to Defendant and
19 its affiliates with the reasonable expectation and understanding that they would at
20 least take industry standard precautions to protect, maintain, and safeguard that
21 information from unauthorized use or disclosure, and would timely notify her of any
22 data security incidents related to her. Plaintiff would not have permitted her PII to be
23 given to Defendant had she known it would not take reasonable steps to safeguard
24 her PII.

25 62. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff Baughman has or will make
26 reasonable efforts to mitigate the impact of the Data Breach, including but not limited
27 to researching the Data Breach, reviewing credit reports, financial account
28 statements, and/or personal records for any indications of actual or attempted identity

1 theft or fraud.

2 63. Plaintiff Baughman suffered actual injury from having her PII
3 compromised as a result of the Data Breach including, but not limited to (a) damage
4 to and diminution in the value of her PII, a form of property that Defendant obtained
5 from Plaintiff; (b) violation of her privacy rights; (c) the theft of her PII; and (d)
6 imminent and impending injury arising from the increased risk of identity theft and
7 fraud.

8 64. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff Baughman is very concerned
9 about identity theft and fraud, as well as the consequences of such identity theft and
10 fraud resulting from the Data Breach.

11 65. The Data Breach has caused Plaintiff Baughman to suffer significant
12 fear, anxiety, and stress, which has been compounded by the fact that her name and
13 contact information and other intimate details are in the hands of criminals.

14 66. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff Baughman anticipates spending
15 considerable time and/or money on an ongoing basis to try to mitigate and address
16 harms caused by the Data Breach. In addition, Plaintiff Baughman will continue to
17 be at present, imminent, and continued increased risk of identity theft and fraud for
18 years to come. In fact, Plaintiff Baughman has received an increased number of spam
19 calls, texts and emails.

20 67. Plaintiff Baughman has a continuing interest in ensuring that her PII,
21 which, upon information and belief, remains in Defendant's possession, is protected
22 and safeguarded from future breaches.

23 **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

24 68. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of herself and on behalf of all
25 others similarly situated.

26 69. The Nationwide Class that Plaintiff seeks to represent is defined as
27 follows:
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1 **All persons residing in the United States whose PII was**
2 **compromised in the data breach announced by Defendant, T-**
3 **Mobile, US, Inc. in January 2023. (the “Nationwide Class”).**

4 70. The California Class that Plaintiff seeks to represent is defined as
5 follows:

6 **All persons residing in the state of California whose PII was**
7 **compromised in the data breach announced by Defendant T-Mobile**
8 **US, Inc. in January 2023. (the “California Class”).**

9 71. Excluded from the Classes are the following individuals and/or entities:
10 Defendant T-Mobile, US, Inc., and Defendant’s parents, subsidiaries, affiliates,
11 officers and directors, and any entity in which Defendant has a controlling interest;
12 all individuals who make a timely election to be excluded from this proceeding using
13 the correct protocol for opting out; any and all federal, state or local governments,
14 including but not limited to their departments, agencies, divisions, bureaus, boards,
15 sections, groups, counsels and/or subdivisions; and all judges assigned to hear any
16 aspect of this litigation, as well as their immediate family members.

17 72. Plaintiff reserves the right to modify or amend the definition of the
18 proposed class and any future subclass before the Court determines whether
19 certification is appropriate.

20 73. Numerosity, Fed R. Civ. P. 23(a)(1): Class Members are so numerous
21 that joinder of all members is impracticable. Upon information and belief, there are
22 thousands, if not millions, of individuals whose Private Information may have been
23 improperly accessed in the Data Breach, and the Class is apparently identifiable
24 within Defendant’s records.

25 74. Commonality, Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(2) and (b)(3): Questions of law and
26 fact common to the Class exists and predominates over any questions affecting only
27 individual Class Members. These include:

- 28 a. Whether and to what extent Defendant had a duty to protect Plaintiff’s
 and Class Members’ PII;
 b. Whether Defendant had duties not to disclose the Plaintiff’s and Class

- 1 Members' PII to unauthorized third parties;
- 2 c. Whether Defendant had duties not to use Plaintiff's and Class Members'
- 3 PII for non-business purposes;
- 4 d. Whether Defendant failed to adequately safeguard Plaintiff's and Class
- 5 Members' PII;
- 6 e. Whether and when Defendant actually learned of the Data Breach;
- 7 f. Whether Defendant adequately, promptly, and accurately informed
- 8 Plaintiff and Class Members that their PII had been compromised;
- 9 g. Whether Defendant violated the law by failing to promptly notify
- 10 Plaintiff and Class Members that their PII had been compromised;
- 11 h. Whether Defendant failed to implement and maintain reasonable
- 12 security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature and scope of
- 13 the information compromised in the Data Breach;
- 14 i. Whether Defendant adequately addressed and fixed the vulnerabilities
- 15 which permitted the Data Breach to occur;
- 16 j. Whether Defendant engaged in unfair, unlawful, or deceptive practices
- 17 by failing to safeguard Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII;
- 18 k. Whether Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to actual,
- 19 consequential, and/or nominal damages as a result of Defendant's
- 20 wrongful conduct;
- 21 l. Whether Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to restitution as a
- 22 result of Defendant's wrongful conduct; and
- 23 m. Whether Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief to
- 24 redress the imminent and currently ongoing harm faced as a result of the
- 25 Data Breach.

26 75. Typicality, Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3): Plaintiff's claims are typical of
27 those of other Class Members because all had their Private Information compromised
28 as a result of the Data Breach, due to Defendant's misfeasance.

1 76. Policies Generally Applicable to the Class: This class action is also
2 appropriate for certification because Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds
3 generally applicable to the Class, thereby requiring the Court's imposition of uniform
4 relief to ensure compatible standards of conduct toward the Class Members and
5 making final injunctive relief appropriate with respect to the Class as a whole.
6 Defendant's policies challenged herein apply to and affect Class Members uniformly
7 and Plaintiff's challenge of these policies hinges on Defendant's conduct with respect
8 to the Class as a whole, not on facts or law applicable only to Plaintiff.

9 77. Adequacy, Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4): Plaintiff will fairly and adequately
10 represent and protect the interests of the Class Members in that Plaintiff has no
11 disabling conflicts of interest that would be antagonistic to those of the other
12 Members of the Class. Plaintiff seeks no relief that is antagonistic or adverse to the
13 Members of the Class and the infringement of the rights and the damages Plaintiff
14 has suffered are typical of other Class Members. Plaintiff has also retained counsel
15 experienced in complex class action litigation, and Plaintiff intends to prosecute this
16 action vigorously.

17 78. Superiority and Manageability, Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3): Class litigation
18 is an appropriate method for fair and efficient adjudication of the claims involved.
19 Class action treatment is superior to all other available methods for the fair and
20 efficient adjudication of the controversy alleged herein; it will permit a large number
21 of Class Members to prosecute their common claims in a single forum
22 simultaneously, efficiently, and without the unnecessary duplication of evidence,
23 effort, and expense that hundreds of individual actions would require. Class action
24 treatment will permit the adjudication of relatively modest claims by certain Class
25 Members, who could not individually afford to litigate a complex claim against large
26 corporations, like Defendant. Further, even for those Class Members who could
27 afford to litigate such a claim, it would still be economically impractical and impose
28 a burden on the courts.

1 79. The nature of this action and the nature of laws available to Plaintiff and
2 Class Members make the use of the class action device a particularly efficient and
3 appropriate procedure to afford relief to Plaintiff and Class Members for the wrongs
4 alleged because Defendant would necessarily gain an unconscionable advantage
5 since they would be able to exploit and overwhelm the limited resources of each
6 individual Class Member with superior financial and legal resources; the costs of
7 individual suits could unreasonably consume the amounts that would be recovered;
8 proof of a common course of conduct to which Plaintiff were exposed is
9 representative of that experienced by the Class and will establish the right of each
10 Class Member to recover on the cause of action alleged; and individual actions would
11 create a risk of inconsistent results and would be unnecessary and duplicative of this
12 litigation.

13 80. The litigation of the claims brought herein is manageable. Defendant's
14 uniform conduct, the consistent provisions of the relevant laws, and the ascertainable
15 identities of Class Members demonstrates that there would be no significant
16 manageability problems with prosecuting this lawsuit as a class action.

17 81. Adequate notice can be given to Class Members directly using
18 information maintained in Defendant's records.

19 82. Unless a Class-wide injunction is issued, Defendant may continue in its
20 failure to properly secure and unlawful disclosure of the Private Information of Class
21 Members, Defendant may continue to refuse to provide proper notification to Class
22 Members regarding the Data Breach, and Defendant may continue to act unlawfully
23 as set forth in this Complaint.

24 83. Further, Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally
25 applicable to the Class and, accordingly, final injunctive or corresponding
26 declaratory relief with regard to the Class Members as a whole is appropriate under
27 Rule 23(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

28 84. Likewise, particular issues under Rule 23(c)(4) are appropriate for

1 certification because such claims present only particular, common issues, the
2 resolution of which would advance the disposition of this matter and the parties'
3 interests therein. Such particular issues include, but are not limited to:

4 a. Whether Defendant owed a legal duty to Plaintiff and Class Members
5 to exercise due care in collecting, storing, using, and safeguarding their Private
6 Information;

7 b. Whether Defendant breached a legal duty to Plaintiff and Class
8 Members to exercise due care in collecting, storing, using, and safeguarding
9 their Private Information;

10 c. Whether Defendant failed to comply with its own policies and
11 applicable laws, regulations, and industry standards relating to data security;

12 d. Whether a contract existed between Defendant on the one hand, and
13 Plaintiff and Class Members on the other, and the terms of that contract;

14 e. Whether Defendant breached the contract;

15 f. Whether an implied contract existed between Defendant on the one
16 hand, and Plaintiff and Class Members on the other, and the terms of that
17 implied contract;

18 g. Whether Defendant breached the implied contract;

19 h. Whether Defendant adequately and accurately informed Plaintiff and
20 Class Members that their Private Information had been compromised;

21 i. Whether Defendant failed to implement and maintain reasonable
22 security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature and scope of the
23 information compromised in the Data Breach;

24 j. Whether Defendant engaged in unfair, unlawful, or deceptive practices
25 by failing to safeguard Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information;

26 k. Whether Class Members are entitled to actual, consequential, and/or
27 nominal damages, and/or injunctive relief as a result of Defendant's wrongful
28 conduct.

COUNT I

Negligence

(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class)

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4 85. Plaintiff restates and realleges all of the foregoing paragraphs as if fully
5 set forth herein.

6 86. As a condition of using Defendant's products and services, Plaintiff and
7 Class Members, as current and former users, are obligated to provide Defendant
8 and/or its affiliates with certain PII, including but not limited to, their name, date of
9 birth, address, contact information, and other PII depending on the product and
10 service.

11 87. Plaintiff and Class Members entrusted their PII to Defendant and its
12 affiliates on the premise and with the understanding that Defendant would safeguard
13 their information, use their PII for legitimate business purposes only, and/or not
14 disclose their PII to unauthorized third parties.

15 88. Defendant has full knowledge of the sensitivity of the PII and the types
16 of harm that Plaintiff and Class Members could and would suffer if the PII were
17 wrongfully disclosed.

18 89. Defendant knew or reasonably should have known that the failure to
19 exercise due care in the collecting, storing, and/or using of the PII involved an
20 unreasonable risk of harm to Plaintiff and Class Members, even if the harm occurred
21 through the criminal acts of a third party.

22 90. Defendant had a duty to exercise reasonable care in safeguarding,
23 securing, and protecting such information from being compromised, lost, stolen,
24 misused, and/or disclosed to unauthorized parties. This duty includes, among other
25 things, designing, maintaining, and testing Defendant's security protocols to ensure
26 that Plaintiff's and Class Members' information in Defendant's possession was
27 adequately secured and protected.

28 91. Defendant also had a duty to have procedures in place to detect and

1 prevent the improper access and misuse of Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII.

2 92. A breach of security, unauthorized access, and resulting injury to
3 Plaintiff and Class Members was reasonably foreseeable, particularly in light of
4 Defendant's business as one of the largest technology company and its previous
5 experience as the target of a cyberattack, for which the diligent protection of PII is a
6 continuous forefront issue.

7 93. Plaintiff and Class Members were the foreseeable and probable victims
8 of Defendant's inadequate security practices and procedures. Defendant knew or
9 should have known of the inherent risks in collecting and storing the PII of Plaintiff
10 and the Class, the critical importance of providing adequate security of that PII, and
11 the necessity for encrypting PII stored on Defendant's systems.

12 94. Defendant's own conduct created a foreseeable risk of harm to Plaintiff
13 and Class Members. Defendant's misconduct included, but was not limited to, its
14 failure to take the steps and opportunities to prevent the Data Breach as set forth
15 herein. Defendant's misconduct also included its decisions not to comply with
16 industry standards for the safekeeping of Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII,
17 including basic encryption techniques freely available to Defendant.

18 95. Plaintiff and Class Members had no ability to protect their PII that was
19 in, and possibly remains in, Defendant's possession.

20 96. Defendant was in a position to protect against the harm suffered by
21 Plaintiff and Class Members as a result of the Data Breach.

22 97. Defendant had and continues to have a duty to adequately and promptly
23 disclose that Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII within Defendant's possession might
24 have been compromised, how it was compromised, and precisely the types of data
25 that were compromised and when. Such notice was necessary to allow Plaintiff and
26 Class Members to take steps to prevent, mitigate, and repair any identity theft and
27 the fraudulent use of their PII by third parties.

28 98. Defendant had a duty to employ proper procedures to prevent the

1 unauthorized dissemination of Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII.

2 99. Defendant has admitted that the PII of Plaintiff and Class Members was
3 wrongfully lost and disclosed to unauthorized third persons as a result of the Data
4 Breach.

5 100. Defendant, through its actions and/or omissions, unlawfully breached
6 its duties to Plaintiff and Class Members by failing to implement industry protocols
7 and exercise reasonable care in protecting and safeguarding Plaintiff's and Class
8 Members' PII during the time the PII was within Defendant's possession or control.

9 101. Defendant failed to meet the minimum standards of any of the following
10 frameworks: the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Version 1.1 (including without
11 limitation PR.AC-1, PR.AC-3, PR.AC-4, PR.AC-5, PR.AC-6, PR.AC-7, PR.AT-1,
12 PR.DS-1, PR.DS-5, PR.PT-1, PR.PT-3, DE.CM-1, DE.CM-4, DE.CM-7, DE.CM-8,
13 and RS.CO-2), and the Center for Internet Security's Critical Security Controls (CIS
14 CSC), which are all established standards in reasonable cybersecurity readiness.

15 102. These foregoing frameworks are existing and applicable industry
16 standards in the technology industry, and Defendant failed to comply with these
17 accepted standards thereby opening the door to the cyber incident and causing the
18 data breach.

19 103. Defendant improperly and inadequately safeguarded Plaintiff's and
20 Class Members' PII in deviation of standard industry rules, regulations, and practices
21 at the time of the Data Breach.

22 104. Defendant failed to heed industry warnings and alerts to provide
23 adequate safeguards to protect borrower PII in the face of increased risk of theft.

24 105. Defendant, through its actions and/or omissions, unlawfully breached
25 its duty to Plaintiff and Class Members by failing to have appropriate procedures in
26 place to detect and prevent dissemination of the PII.

27 106. Defendant, through its actions and/or omissions, unlawfully breached
28 its duty to adequately and timely disclose to Plaintiff and Class Members the

1 existence and scope of the Data Breach.

2 107. But for Defendant’s wrongful and negligent breach of duties owed to
3 Plaintiff and Class Members, Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ PII would not have been
4 compromised.

5 108. There is a close causal connection between Defendant’s failure to
6 implement security measures to protect Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ PII and the
7 harm suffered or risk of imminent harm suffered by Plaintiff and Class. Plaintiff’s
8 and Class Members’ PII was lost and accessed as the proximate result of Defendant’s
9 failure to exercise reasonable care in safeguarding such PII by adopting,
10 implementing, and maintaining appropriate security measures.

11 109. Additionally, Section 5 of the FTC Act prohibits “unfair . . . practices in
12 or affecting commerce,” including, as interpreted and enforced by the FTC, the unfair
13 act or practice by businesses, such as Defendant, of failing to use reasonable
14 measures to protect PII. The FTC publications and orders described above also form
15 part of the basis of Defendant’s duty in this regard.

16 110. Defendant violated Section 5 of the FTC Act by failing to use reasonable
17 measures to protect PII and not complying with applicable industry standards, as
18 described in detail herein. Defendant’s conduct was particularly unreasonable given
19 the nature and amount of PII it obtained and stored and the foreseeable consequences
20 of the immense damages that would result to Plaintiff and Class Members.

21 111. Defendant’s violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act constitutes
22 negligence *per se*.

23 112. Plaintiff and Class members are within the class of persons that the FTC
24 Act was intended to protect.

25 113. The harm that occurred as a result of the Data Breach is the type of harm
26 the FTC Act was intended to guard against. The FTC has pursued enforcement
27 actions against businesses, which, as a result of their failure to employ reasonable
28 data security measures and avoid unfair and deceptive practices, caused the same

1 harm as that suffered by Plaintiff and Class.

2 114. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's negligence and
3 negligence *per se*, Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered and will suffer injury,
4 including but not limited to: (i) actual identity theft; (ii) the loss of the opportunity of
5 how their PII is used; (iii) the compromise, publication, and/or theft of their PII; (iv)
6 out-of-pocket expenses associated with the prevention, detection, and recovery from
7 identity theft, tax fraud, and/or unauthorized use of their PII; (v) lost opportunity
8 costs associated with effort expended and the loss of productivity addressing and
9 attempting to mitigate the actual and future consequences of the Data Breach,
10 including but not limited to efforts spent researching how to prevent, detect, contest,
11 and recover from tax fraud and identity theft; (vi) costs associated with placing
12 freezes on credit reports; (vii) the continued risk to their PII, which remain in
13 Defendant's possession and is subject to further unauthorized disclosures so long as
14 Defendant fails to undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect the PII in
15 their continued possession; (viii) future costs in terms of time, effort, and money that
16 will be expended to prevent, detect, contest, and repair the impact of the PII
17 compromised as a result of the Data Breach for the remainder of the lives of Plaintiff
18 and Class Members; and (ix) the diminished value of Defendant's goods and services
19 they received.

20 115. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's negligence, Plaintiff and
21 Class Members have suffered and will continue to suffer other forms of injury and/or
22 harm, including, but not limited to, anxiety, emotional distress, loss of privacy, and
23 other economic and non-economic losses.

24 116. Additionally, as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's negligence
25 and negligence *per se*, Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered and will suffer the
26 continued risks of exposure of their PII, which remains in Defendant's possession
27 and is subject to further unauthorized disclosures so long as Defendant fails to
28 undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect the PII in its continued

1 possession.

2 **COUNT II**

3 **Unjust Enrichment**

4 **(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class)**

5 117. Plaintiff restates and realleges all of the foregoing paragraphs as if fully
6 set forth herein.

7 118. Plaintiff and Class Members conferred a monetary benefit on Defendant
8 and its affiliate in the form of monetary payments—directly or indirectly—for
9 providing products and services to current and former users.

10 119. Defendant collected, maintained, and stored the PII of Plaintiff and
11 Class Members and, as such, Defendant had knowledge of the monetary benefits it
12 received on behalf of the Plaintiff and Class Members.

13 120. The money that borrowers paid to Defendant should have been used to
14 pay, at least in part, for the administrative costs and implementation of data security
15 adequate to safeguard and protect the confidentiality of Plaintiff’s and Class
16 Members’ PII.

17 121. Defendant failed to implement—or adequately implement—those data
18 security practices, procedures, and programs to secure sensitive PII, as evidenced by
19 the Data Breach.

20 122. As a result of Defendant’s failure to implement data security practices,
21 procedures, and programs to secure sensitive PII, Plaintiff and Class Members
22 suffered actual damages in an amount of the savings and costs Defendant reasonably
23 and contractually should have expended on data security measures to secure
24 Plaintiff’s PII.

25 123. Under principles of equity and good conscience, Defendant should not
26 be permitted to retain the money belonging to Plaintiff and Class Members because
27 Defendant failed to implement the data security measures adequate to safeguard and
28 protect the confidentiality of Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ PII and that the

1 borrowers paid for.

2 124. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's decision to profit rather
3 than provide adequate security, and Defendant's resultant disclosures of Plaintiff's
4 and Class Members' PII, Plaintiff and Class Members suffered and continue to suffer
5 considerable injuries in the forms of time and expenses mitigating harms, diminished
6 value of PII, loss of privacy, and a present increased risk of harm.

7 **COUNT III**

8 **Breach of Express Contract**

9 **(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class)**

10 125. Plaintiff restates and realleges all of the foregoing paragraphs as if
11 fully set forth herein.

12 126. This count is plead in the alternative to Count II (Unjust Enrichment)
13 above.

14 127. Plaintiff and Class Members allege that they were the express,
15 foreseeable, and intended beneficiaries of valid and enforceable express contracts
16 between Defendant and its former and current customers, contract(s) that (upon
17 information and belief) include obligations to keep sensitive PII private and secure.

18 128. Upon information and belief, these contracts included promises made
19 by Defendant that expressed and/or manifested intent that the contracts were made to
20 primarily and directly benefit the Plaintiff and the Class (all customers entering into
21 the contracts), as Defendant's business is for products and services for Plaintiff and
22 the Class, but also safeguarding the PII entrusted to Defendant in the process of
23 providing these products and services.

24 129. Upon information and belief, Defendant's representations required
25 Defendant to implement the necessary security measures to protect Plaintiff's and
26 Class Members' PII.

27 130. Defendant materially breached its contractual obligation to protect the
28 PII of Plaintiff and Class Members when the information was accessed and exfiltrated

1 by unauthorized personnel as part of the Data Breach.

2 131. The Data Breach was a reasonably foreseeable consequence of
3 Defendant's actions in breach of these contracts.

4 132. As a direct and proximate result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff and Class
5 Members have been harmed and have suffered, and will continue to suffer, actual
6 damages and injuries, including without limitation the release, disclosure of their PII,
7 the loss of control of their PII, the present risk of suffering additional damages, and
8 out-of-pocket expenses.

9 133. Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to compensatory,
10 consequential, and nominal damages suffered as a result of the Data Breach.

11 **COUNT IV**

12 **Breach of Implied Contract**

13 **(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class)**

14 134. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the foregoing
15 paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

16 135. This count is plead in the alternative to Count II (Unjust Enrichment)
17 above.

18 136. Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII was provided to Defendant as part
19 the products and services that Defendant provided to Plaintiff and Class Members.

20 137. Plaintiff and Class Members agreed to pay Defendant for its products
21 and services.

22 138. Defendant and the Plaintiff and Class Members entered into implied
23 contracts for the provision of adequate data security, separate and apart from any
24 express contracts concerning the security of Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII,
25 whereby, Defendant was obligated to take reasonable steps to secure and safeguard
26 Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII.

27 139. Defendant had an implied duty of good faith to ensure that the PII of
28 Plaintiff and Class Members in its possession was only used in accordance with its

1 contractual obligations.

2 140. Defendant was therefore required to act fairly, reasonably, and in good
3 faith in carrying out its contractual obligations to protect the confidentiality of
4 Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII and to comply with industry standards and
5 applicable laws and regulations for the security of this information.

6 141. Under these implied contracts for data security, Defendant was further
7 obligated to provide Plaintiff and all Class Members, with prompt and sufficient
8 notice of any and all unauthorized access and/or theft of their PII.

9 142. Defendant breached the implied contracts by failing to take adequate
10 measures to protect the confidentiality of Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII,
11 resulting in the Data Breach.

12 143. Defendant further breached the implied contract by providing untimely
13 notification to Plaintiff and Class Members who may already be victims of identity
14 fraud or theft or are at present risk of becoming victims of identity theft or fraud.

15 144. The Data Breach was a reasonably foreseeable consequence of
16 Defendant's actions in breach of these contracts.

17 145. As a result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff and Class Members did not
18 receive the full benefit of the bargain.

19 146. Had Defendant disclosed that its data security was inadequate, neither
20 the Plaintiff or Class Members, nor any reasonable person would have entered into
21 such contracts with Defendant.

22 147. As a result of Data Breach, Plaintiff and Class Members suffered actual
23 damages resulting from the theft of their PII, as well as the loss of control of their
24 PII, and remain at present risk of suffering additional damages.

25 148. Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to compensatory,
26 consequential, and nominal damages suffered as a result of the Data Breach,
27 including the loss of the benefit of the bargain.

28 149. Plaintiff and Class Members are also entitled to injunctive relief

1 requiring Defendant to, e.g., (i) strengthen its data security systems and monitoring
2 procedures; (ii) submit to future annual audits of those systems and monitoring
3 procedures; and (iii) immediately provide adequate credit monitoring to all Class
4 Members.

5 **COUNT V**

6 **Invasion of Privacy**

7 **(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class)**

8 150. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all other allegations in the Complaint
9 as if fully set forth herein.

10 151. Plaintiff and Class Members have a legally protected privacy interest in
11 their PII, which is and was collected, stored, and maintained by Defendant, and they
12 are entitled to the reasonable and adequate protection of their PII against foreseeable
13 unauthorized access and publication of their PII to criminal actors, as occurred with
14 the Data Breach. The PII of Plaintiff and Class Members contain intimate details of
15 a highly personal nature, individually and in the aggregate.

16 152. Plaintiff and Class Members reasonably expected that Defendant would
17 protect and secure their PII from unauthorized parties and that their PII would not be
18 accessed, exfiltrated, and disclosed to any unauthorized parties or for any improper
19 purpose.

20 153. Defendant intentionally intruded into Plaintiff's and Class Members'
21 seclusion by disclosing without permission their PII to a third party.

22 154. By failing to keep Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII secure, and
23 disclosing PII to unauthorized parties for unauthorized use, Defendant unlawfully
24 invaded Plaintiff's and Class Members' privacy right to seclusion by, inter alia:

25 a. intruding into their private affairs in a manner that would be highly
26 offensive to a reasonable person;

27 b. invading their privacy by improperly using their PII obtained for a
28 specific purpose for another purpose, or disclosing it to unauthorized persons;

1 c. failing to adequately secure their PII from disclosure to unauthorized
2 persons; and

3 d. enabling the disclosure of their PII without consent.

4 155. This invasion of privacy resulted from Defendant's intentional failure to
5 properly secure and maintain Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII, leading to the
6 foreseeable unauthorized access, exfiltration, and disclosure of this unguarded data.

7 156. Plaintiff and Class Members' PII is the type of sensitive, personal
8 information that one normally expects will be protected from exposure by the very
9 entity charged with safeguarding it. Further, the public has no legitimate concern in
10 Plaintiff's, and Class Members' PII, and such information is otherwise protected
11 from exposure to the public by various statutes, regulations and other laws.

12 157. The disclosure of Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII to unauthorized
13 parties is substantial and unreasonable enough to be legally cognizable and is highly
14 offensive to a reasonable person.

15 158. Defendant's willful and reckless conduct that permitted unauthorized
16 access, exfiltration and disclosure of Plaintiff's and Class Members' intimate and
17 sensitive PII is such that it would cause serious mental injury, shame or humiliation
18 to people of ordinary sensibilities.

19 159. The unauthorized access, exfiltration, and disclosure of Plaintiff's and
20 Class Members' PII was without their consent, and in violation of various statutes,
21 regulations and other laws.

22 160. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's intrusion upon
23 seclusion, Plaintiff and Class Members suffered injury and sustained actual losses
24 and damages as alleged herein. Plaintiff and Class Members alternatively seek an
25 award of nominal damages.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all Class Members, requests judgment against Defendant T-Mobile US, Inc. and that the Court grant the following:

A. For an Order certifying the Nationwide Class and California Class, and appointing Plaintiff and her Counsel to represent the certified Classes;

B. For equitable relief enjoining Defendant from engaging in the wrongful conduct complained of herein pertaining to the misuse and/or disclosure of Plaintiff’s and the Class Members’ PII, and from refusing to issue prompt, complete, any accurate disclosures to the Plaintiff and Class;

C. For injunctive relief requested by Plaintiff, including but not limited to, injunctive and other equitable relief as is necessary to protect the interests of Plaintiff and the Class, including but not limited to an order:

- i. prohibiting Defendant from engaging in the wrongful and unlawful acts described herein;
- ii. requiring Defendant to protect, including through encryption, all data collected through the course of its business in accordance with all applicable regulations, industry standards, and federal, state, or local laws;
- iii. requiring Defendant to delete, destroy, and purge the personal identifying information of Plaintiff and Class unless Defendant can provide to the Court reasonable justification for the retention and use of such information when weighed against the privacy interests of Plaintiff and the Class;
- iv. requiring Defendant to implement and maintain a comprehensive Information Security Program designed to protect the confidentiality and integrity of the personal identifying information of Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ personal identifying information;

- 1 v. prohibiting Defendant from maintaining Plaintiff's and Class Members'
2 personal identifying information on a cloud-based database;
- 3 vi. requiring Defendant to engage independent third-party security
4 auditors/penetration testers as well as internal security personnel to
5 conduct testing, including simulated attacks, penetration tests, and
6 audits on Defendant's systems on a periodic basis, and ordering
7 Defendant to promptly correct any problems or issues detected by such
8 third-party security auditors;
- 9 vii. requiring Defendant to engage independent third-party security auditors
10 and internal personnel to run automated security monitoring;
- 11 viii. requiring Defendant to audit, test, and train its security personnel
12 regarding any new or modified procedures;
- 13 ix. requiring Defendant to segment data by, among other things, creating
14 firewalls and access controls so that if one area of Defendant's network
15 is compromised, hackers cannot gain access to other portions of
16 Defendant's systems;
- 17 x. requiring Defendant to conduct regular database scanning and securing
18 checks;
- 19 xi. requiring Defendant to establish an information security training
20 program that includes at least annual information security training for
21 all employees, with additional training to be provided as appropriate
22 based upon the employees' respective responsibilities with handling
23 personal identifying information, as well as protecting the personal
24 identifying information of Plaintiff and Class Members;
- 25 xii. requiring Defendant to conduct internal training and education routinely
26 and continually, and on an annual basis to inform internal security
27 personnel how to identify and contain a breach when it occurs and what
28 to do in response to a breach;

- 1 xiii. requiring Defendant to implement a system of tests to assess its
2 respective employees' knowledge of the education programs discussed
3 in the preceding subparagraphs, as well as randomly and periodically
4 testing employees' compliance with Defendant's policies, programs,
5 and systems for protecting personal identifying information;
- 6 xiv. requiring Defendant to implement, maintain, regularly review, and
7 revise as necessary a threat management program designed to
8 appropriately monitor Defendant's information networks for threats,
9 both internal and external, and assess whether monitoring tools are
10 appropriately configured, tested, and updated;
- 11 xv. requiring Defendant to meaningfully educate all Class Members about
12 the threats that they face as a result of the loss of their confidential
13 personal identifying information to third parties, as well as the steps
14 affected individuals must take to protect themselves;
- 15 xvi. requiring Defendant to implement logging and monitoring programs
16 sufficient to track traffic to and from Defendant's servers; and
- 17 xvii. for a period of 10 years, appointing a qualified and independent third-
18 party assessor to conduct a SOC 2 Type 2 attestation on an annual basis
19 to evaluate Defendant's compliance with the terms of the Court's final
20 judgment, to provide such report to the Court and to counsel for the
21 class, and to report any deficiencies with compliance of the Court's final
22 judgment; and
- 23 D. For an award of damages, including actual, nominal, and consequential
24 damages, as allowed by law in an amount to be determined;
- 25 E. For an award of punitive damages;
- 26 F. For an award of attorneys' fees, costs, and litigation expenses, as
27 allowed by law;
- 28 G. For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded; and

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H. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands that this matter be tried before a jury.

Date: January 22, 2023

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