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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

ADAM DASILVA, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

INFINITE PRODUCT COMPANY
LLC, d/b/a Infinite CBD, a Colorado
limited liability company

Defendant.

Civil Action

No.: _____

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Adam DaSilva (“Plaintiff”), through his undersigned attorneys,
Barbat, Mansour & Suciu PLLC, Kohn, Swift & Graf, P.C. and Greg Coleman
Law, P.C., brings this Class Action Complaint against Defendant Infinite Product
Company LLC, d/b/a Infinite CBD (“Defendant”), individually and on behalf of all

1 others similarly situated, and complains and alleges upon personal knowledge as to
2 himself and his own acts and experiences and, as to all other matters, upon
3 information and belief, including investigation conducted by his attorneys:
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5 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

6 1. This is a civil class action brought individually by Plaintiff on behalf
7 of consumers who purchased Defendant’s “Absolute Zero 99% + CBD Isolate,”
8 “Freezing Point CBD Topical Cream,” “Afterglow Healing Oil 100 mg CBD
9 Total,” “Nano Enhancer Pure Nano CBD,” “Nano Freezing Point CBD Topical
10 Cream,” “Asteroid Gummies,” “Sour Asteroid Gummies,” “Sweetened Dropper,”
11 “Isolate Dropper”, and “Nano Non Dairy Creamer,” (the “Products” or “CBD
12 Products”). All of the Products are promoted as products containing cannabidiol
13 (CBD), for personal use and not for resale.
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16 2. Defendant’s Products, however, are illegal to sell.
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18 3. Defendant formulates, manufactures, advertises, and sells the CBD
19 Products throughout the United States, including in the State of California.
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21 4. The CBD (cannabidiol) Product market is a multibillion-dollar business
22 enterprise that is lucrative for its market participants and is expected to further
23 expand into a \$16 billion-dollar industry by 2025.¹
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26 ¹ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/irisdorbjan/2019/03/12/cbd-market-could-pull-in-16-bln-by-2025-says-study/#69e764bb3efd>.
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1 \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and there are numerous Class members
2 who are citizens of states other than Defendant's states of citizenship.

3 11. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant in this matter. The
4 acts and omissions giving rise to this action occurred in the state of California.
5 Defendant has been afforded due process because it has, at all times relevant to this
6 matter, individually or through its agents, subsidiaries, officers and/or
7 representatives, operated, conducted, engaged in and carried on a business venture
8 in this state and/or maintained an office or agency in this state, and/or marketed,
9 advertised, distributed and/or sold products, committed a statutory violation within
10 this state related to the allegations made herein, and caused injuries to Plaintiff and
11 putative Class Members, which arose out of the acts and omissions that occurred in
12 the state of California, during the relevant time period, at which time Defendant was
13 engaged in business activities in the state of California.
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18 12. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) and
19 (c) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's
20 claims occurred in this District and because Defendant transacts business and/or has
21 agents within this District and has intentionally availed itself of the laws and markets
22 within this district.
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PARTIES

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2 13. Plaintiff Adam DaSilva is a citizen of California who resides in Los
3 Angeles, California. On November 12, 2018, Plaintiff purchased CBD Isolate
4 Dropper from Defendant through Defendant’s website, <https://infinitecbd.com/> for
5 \$43.15. If Plaintiff knew the Products were not legally sold in the United States,
6 Plaintiff would have not purchased them.
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9 14. Defendant Infinite Product Company LLC, d/b/a Infinite CBD is a
10 Colorado limited liability company with its principal place of business at 12364 W.
11 Alameda Pkwy, Ste. 115, Lakewood, CO 80228.
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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

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14 15. At all relevant times, Defendant has marketed its Products in a
15 consistent and uniform manner. Defendant sells the Products in all 50 states on its
16 website and through various distributors.
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DEFENDANT’S ILLEGAL PRODUCTS

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19 16. On November 22, 2019, the United States Food & Drug Administration
20 sent Defendant a Warning Letter discussing numerous violations of the Products,
21 including but not limited to; Unapproved New Drugs, Misbranded Drugs,
22 Adulterated Human Foods, Unapproved New Animal Drugs, and Adulterated Animal
23 Foods. All of these violations of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act make the Products
24 illegal to sell. All of the allegations listed below regarding the regulatory violations
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1 are explained more explicitly in the FDA Warning Letter attached hereto as **Exhibit**

2 **A.**

3 **Unapproved New Drugs**

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5 17. Defendant’s “Absolute Zero 99%+ CBD Isolate,” “Freezing Point
6 CBD Topical Cream,” “Afterglow Healing Oil 100mg CBD Total,” “Nano
7 Enhancer Pure Nano CBD,” “Nano Freezing Point CBD Topical Cream” “Asteroid
8 Gummies,” “Sour Asteroid Gummies,” “Sweetened Dropper,” “Isolate Dropper”,
9 and “Nano Non Dairy Creamer” products are drugs under section 201(g)(1) of the
10 FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1), because they are intended for use in the
11 diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease and/or intended to
12 affect the structure or any function of the body.
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15 18. The FDA cites numerous representations on Defendant’s websites to
16 support the agency’s position:
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19 On your product webpage for “Freezing Point CBD Topical Cream”:

- 20 • "Freezing Point Cream[.] Freeze away all aches and pains... [P]ainkiller and
21 muscle relaxant."

22 On your product webpage for “Afterglow Healing Oil 100mg CBD Total”:

- 23 • “Great for new tattoos, eczema, psoriasis, acne, scarring, or open wounds.”

24 On your product webpage for “Nano Freezing Point CBD Topical Cream”:
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- 1 • “Instantly eliminate aches and pains with NANO CBD Pain Cream ...
2 Reduce pain and inflammation associated with conditions like arthritis,
3 osteoarthritis, and muscle injury.”

4 On your webpage titled “A Guide to Hepatitis and CBD”:

- 5 • “Can CBD Alleviate Symptoms of Hepatitis...CBD can positively impact
6 those with hepatitis C...It is clear that CBD’s potential for helping those
7 with hepatitis is there...”

8 On your webpage titled “Autism and the Endocannabinoid System”:

- 9 • “CBD Can Alleviate Some Symptoms of Autism.”

10 On your webpage titled “CBD as a Potential Treatment Method for Tourette
11 Syndrome”:

- 12 • “Cannabinoids Reduce Tourette Syndrome Symptoms...CBD can treat
13 severe motor and vocal tics related to TS. Therefore, more and more TS
14 patients are trying cannabinoids as an alternative treatment method.”

15 On your product webpage for “Launch Pad”

- 16 • CBD Isolate –... With the anti-inflammatory properties of CBD Isolate, this
17 can help ease the irritation of chapped/dry skin as well as wounds.

18 On your webpage titled “World Cancer Day: How CBD Helps Cancer”:

- 19 • “How CBD Helps Cancer...Using biological pathways, cannabinoids (like
20 CBD) have been found to target and inhibit the growth of cancer cells.”
21 • “A more specific examination of this shows that CBD has anti-angiogenic
22 properties when applied to a variety of tumors.”
23 • “A study published in early 2017 demonstrated that CBD improved the
24 chances of survival in patients with aggressive brain cancers.”
25 • “A study on lung cancers published in 2012 suggests that CBD ‘decreases
26 cancer cell invasiveness.’ By acting to increase tissue inhibitor in particular
27 molecules in the lungs, CBD acts to reduce the spread of cancerous cells.”
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1 On your webpage titled “Uses of CBD?”:

- 2 • “Mad cow disease...Substance abuse disorders...Cancer...Diabetes...”
- 3 • “Neuroprotective: with regards to conditions such as Parkinson’s and
4 Alzheimer’s, both studies have shown CBD to work against the toxicity in
5 the neurons of the brain, working as an antioxidant and providing protection
6 against further deterioration.”
- 7 • “Anti-cancer: CBD has shown to be effective in blocking and preventing
8 further growth of cancer cells within the body.”
- 9 • “Mad Cow Disease – the prion is the agent responsible for causing
10 neurodegenerative disease. With CBD, production of this agent is blocked.”

11 On your webpage “Should I Use CBD Versus Opioids”:

- 12 • “CBD – Natural and Safe Alternative to Opioids...Also due to opioids’
13 addictiveness and painful withdrawal symptoms, people have moved
14 towards using CBD as their primary treatment method.”

15 Additional claims observed on your social media sites include, but are not limited
16 to, the following:

17 On your Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/infinitecbd>:

- 18 • (posted May 25, 2018) “[C]annabinoids have been tested in several
19 experimental models of autoimmune disorders such as multiple sclerosis,
20 rheumatoid arthritis, colitis and hepatitis and have been shown to protect the
21 host from the pathogenesis...”

22 On your Instagram page at https://www.instagram.com/infinite_c_b_d:

- 23 • (posted June 21, 2019) “Oxidative stress can trigger serious health issues,
24 like cancer, heart disease, and Alzheimer’s. CBD is a patented
25 neuroprotective antioxidant.”
- 26 • (posted August 16, 2019) “Infinite CBD was born out of the success of
27 helping someone suffering from Lymes [sic] Disease. After taking CBD, the
28 individual stated that he has become ‘the most pain free’ he had ever been”

1 19. Defendant’s “Absolute Zero 99%+ CBD Isolate,” “Freezing Point
2 CBD Topical Cream,” “Afterglow Healing Oil 100mg CBD Total,” “Nano
3 Enhancer Pure Nano CBD,” “Nano Freezing Point CBD Topical Cream,”
4 “Asteroid Gummies,” “Sour Asteroid Gummies,” “Sweetened Dropper,” “Isolate
5 Dropper”, and “Nano Non Dairy Creamer” Products are not generally recognized
6 as safe and effective for their above referenced uses and, therefore, these products
7 are “new drugs” under section 201(p) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 321(p). New
8 drugs may not be legally introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate
9 commerce without prior approval from the FDA, as described in sections 301(d)
10 and 505(a) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 331(d) and 355(a). *See Exhibit A.*

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14 **Misbranded Drugs**

15 20. Defendant’s “Absolute Zero 99%+ CBD Isolate,” “Freezing Point
16 CBD Topical Cream,” “Afterglow Healing Oil 100mg CBD Total,” “Nano
17 Enhancer Pure Nano CBD,” “Nano Freezing Point CBD Topical Cream,”
18 “Asteroid Gummies,” “Sour Asteroid Gummies,” “Sweetened Dropper,” “Isolate
19 Dropper”, and “Nano Non Dairy Creamer,” products are also misbranded within
20 the meaning of section 502(f)(1) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 352(f)(1), in that
21 their labeling fails to bear adequate directions for use. “Adequate directions for
22 use” means directions under which a layperson can use a drug safely and for the
23 purposes for which it is intended. *See* 21 CFR 201.5. The aforementioned products
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1 are offered for conditions that are not amenable to self-diagnosis and treatment by
2 individuals who are not medical practitioners; therefore, adequate directions for
3 use cannot be written so that a layperson can use these drugs safely for their
4 intended purposes. FDA approved prescription drugs that bear their FDA-approved
5 labeling are exempt from the requirements that they bear adequate directions for
6 use by a layperson. However, Defendant's Products are not exempt from the
7 requirement that their labeling bear adequate directions for use, under 21 CFR
8 201.100(c)(2) and 201.115, because no FDA approved applications are in effect for
9 them. The introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of
10 these misbranded drugs violates section 301(a) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C.
11 331(a). *See Exhibit A.*

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15 **310(l) and Adulterated Human Foods**

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17 21. Defendant's "Asteroid Gummies", "Sour Asteroid Gummies,"
18 "Sweetened Dropper," "Isolate Dropper" and "Nano Non Dairy Creamer" products
19 appear to be promoted as conventional human food. For example, the labeling
20 describes the products, variously, as "delicious," "tasty treat[]", "sweetened
21 flavor," and something that can be "[e]asily tossed into your lunch" or added to
22 "your favorite recipes for delicious CBD infused meals" or added to beverages.
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1 22. It is a prohibited act under section 301(ll) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C.
2 331(ll), to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce any food
3 to which has been added a drug approved under section 505 of the FD&C Act or
4 for which substantial clinical investigations have been instituted and for which the
5 existence of such investigations has been made public. The FDA has concluded
6 that the prohibition in section 301(ll) applies to CBD. There is an exception if the
7 substance was marketed in food before the drug was approved or before the
8 substantial clinical investigations involving the drug had been instituted. However,
9 based on available evidence, the FDA has concluded that this is not the case for
10 CBD. The FDA is not aware of any evidence that would call into question its
11 current conclusion that section 301(ll) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 331(ll),
12 prohibits the introduction into interstate commerce of any food to which CBD has
13 been added.
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18 23. As defined in section 201(s) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 321(s)), the
19 term "food additive" refers to any substance the intended use of which results in its
20 becoming a component of any food, unless the substance is generally recognized as
21 safe (GRAS) among qualified experts under the conditions of its intended use, or
22 unless the substance meets a listed exception.
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25 24. Food additives require premarket approval based on data
26 demonstrating safety. Any food additive that has not been approved for its intended
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1 use in food is deemed to be unsafe under section 409(a) of the FD&C Act (21
2 U.S.C. 348(a)), and causes the food to be adulterated under section 402(a)(2)(C)(i)
3 of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 342(a)(2)(C)(i). Introduction of an adulterated food
4 into interstate commerce is prohibited under section 301(a) of the FD&C Act, 21
5 U.S.C. 331(a).
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7 25. There is no food additive regulation which authorizes the use of CBD.
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9 The FDA is not aware of any information to indicate that CBD is the subject of a
10 prior sanction. *See* 21 CFR Part 181. Furthermore, the FDA is not aware of any
11 basis to conclude that CBD is GRAS for use in conventional foods. The FDA's
12 regulations in 21 CFR 170.30(a)-(c) describe the criteria for eligibility for
13 classification of a food ingredient as GRAS. The use of a food substance may be
14 GRAS based on either scientific procedures or, for a substance used in food before
15 1958, through experience based on common use in food. *See* 21 CFR 170.30).
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18 26. There is no basis for general recognition of safety for CBD based
19 either on scientific procedures or common use in food prior to January 1, 1958.
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21 Based on our review of published, scientific literature, existing data and
22 information do not provide an adequate basis to conclude that the use of CBD in
23 food meets the criteria for GRAS status. Many unanswered questions and data gaps
24 about CBD toxicity exist, and some of the available data raise serious concerns
25 about potential harm from CBD. Our review of publicly available data associated
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1 with the one FDA-approved CBD drug, as well as our review of published
2 scientific literature, identified potential for liver injury from CBD and potentially
3 harmful interactions with certain drugs. In addition, studies in animals have shown
4 that CBD can interfere with the development and function of testes and sperm,
5 decrease testosterone levels, and impair sexual behavior in males. Therefore, based
6 on the FDA's review, the use of CBD in conventional food products does not
7 satisfy the criteria for GRAS status under 21 CFR 170.30.
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10 27. The FDA is not aware of any other exception to the food additive
11 definition that would apply to CBD for use as an ingredient in a conventional food.
12 Therefore, CBD added to a conventional food is a food additive under section
13 201(s) of the FD&C Act and is subject to the provisions of section 409 of the
14 FD&C Act. Under section 409, a food additive is deemed unsafe unless it is
15 approved by FDA for its intended use prior to marketing. CBD is not approved for
16 use in any conventional food. Food containing an unsafe food additive within the
17 meaning of section 409 is adulterated within the meaning of section 402(a)(2)(C)(i)
18 of the FD&C Act. Introduction of an adulterated food into interstate commerce is
19 prohibited under section 301(a) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 331(a). *See Exhibit*
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1 **Unapproved New Animal Drugs**

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3 28. The FDA determined that Defendant is marketing the unapproved
4 new animal drugs “Pet Droppers” and “Launch Pad.” Based on their review of
5 Defendant’s website, “Pet Droppers” and “Launch Pad” products are drugs under
6 section 201(g)(1) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1), because they are
7 intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of
8 disease in animals and/or intended to affect the structure or any function of the
9 body of animals. Further, as discussed below, these products are unapproved new
10 animal drugs and marketing them violates the FD&C Act. The Warning Letter
11 cites numerous claims made on Defendant’s website supporting this position.
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14 *See Exhibit A.*

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16 **301(l) and Adulterated Animal Foods**

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18 29. Defendant’s use of CBD in animal foods is a prohibited act under
19 section 301(l) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 331(l), to introduce or deliver for
20 introduction into interstate commerce any animal food to which has been added a
21 drug approved under section 505 of the FD&C Act or for which substantial clinical
22 investigations have been instituted and for which the existence of such
23 investigations has been made public. Based on available evidence, the FDA has
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1 concluded that the prohibition in section 301(l) applies to CBD, as described
2 above.

3 30. As defined in section 201(s) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 321(s)), the
4 term “food additive” refers to any substance the intended use of which results in its
5 becoming a component of any animal food, unless the substance is generally
6 recognized as safe (GRAS) among qualified experts under the conditions of its
7 intended use, or unless the substance meets a listed exception.
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10 31. There is no animal food additive regulation that authorizes the use of
11 CBD. The FDA is not aware of any information to indicate that CBD is the subject
12 of a prior sanction (i.e., a sanction or approval granted prior to the enactment of the
13 Food Additives Amendment of 1958 under the FD&C Act, the Poultry Products
14 Inspection Act, or the Meat Inspection Act). There is no basis to conclude that
15 CBD is GRAS for use in animal foods. The FDA’s regulations in 21 CFR
16 570.30(a)-(c) describe the criteria for eligibility for classification of an animal food
17 ingredient as GRAS. The use of an animal food substance may be GRAS based on
18 either scientific procedures or, for a substance used in animal food before 1958,
19 through experience based on common use in animal food. *See* 21 CFR 570.30).
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21 There is no basis for general recognition of safety for CBD based either on
22 scientific procedures or common use in animal food prior to January 1, 1958.
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24 Based on the FDA’s review of the publicly available literature, the data and
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1 information necessary to support the safe use of CBD in animal foods are lacking.

2 In fact, literature reports have raised safety concerns for animals consuming CBD,
3 including, but not limited to, male reproductive toxicity and liver toxicity.

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5 Therefore, based on the FDA's review, the use of CBD in animal products does not
6 satisfy the criteria for GRAS status under 21 CFR 570.30.

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8 32. Under section 409, an animal food additive is deemed unsafe unless it
9 is approved by the FDA for its intended use prior to marketing. CBD is not
10 approved for use in any animal food. Animal food containing an unsafe food
11 additive within the meaning of section 409 is adulterated within the meaning of
12 section 402(a)(2)(C)(i) of the FD&C Act. Introduction of an adulterated animal
13 food into interstate commerce is prohibited under section 301(a) of the FD&C Act,
14 21 U.S.C. 331(a). *See Exhibit A.*

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17 **Mislabeled Dietary Supplement and Illegal Sublingual Delivery System**

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19 33. Above and beyond the Warning Letter sent by the FDA, Defendant's
20 CBD Isolate Dropper product is also misbranded and illegal for sale.

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22 34. Defendant labels its CBD Isolate Dropper product as a dietary
23 supplement and gives an illegal delivery instruction:
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DELIVERY METHODS



INHALATION



INGESTION



ORAL



TOPICAL



RECTAL/VAGINAL

HOW TO USE

Oral: Drop desired amount of CBD under your tongue to let absorb for up to a minute.

Ingestion: Add a few drops to your favorite recipes for delicious CBD infused meals.

Topical: Apply the Dropper to your skin and gently massage in.

KEY INGREDIENTS

Coconut Oil: Due to the easy digestion of coconut oil, utilizing this carrier provides the highest bioavailability for consumers.

CBD Isolate: 99%+ Pure CBD Isolate derived from Industrial Hemp.

35. The FD&C Act defines the term “dietary supplement” in section 201(ff)(2)(A)(i) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. 321(ff)(2)(A)(i), as a product that is “intended for ingestion.” Because sublingual products are intended to enter the body directly through the skin or mucosal tissues, they are not intended for ingestion. Therefore, the product bears directions for use as a sublingual product, such product does not meet the definition of a dietary supplement under the FD&C Act.

36. Defendant’s conduct is also deceptive, unfair, and unlawful in that it violates the prohibition against the sale of adulterated and misbranded products under California’s Sherman Laws, which adopt the federal labeling regulations as the food labeling requirements of the state. Cal. Health & Safety Code § 110100.

1 37. The introduction of adulterated and misbranded food into interstate
2 commerce is prohibited under the FDCA and the parallel state statute cited in this
3 Class Action Complaint.

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5 38. Plaintiff and Class Members would not have purchased the Products or
6 would have paid less for the Products if they were aware of the misleading labeling
7 of the Products by Defendant.

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9 39. Defendant intended for Plaintiff and the Class members to be deceived
10 or misled.

11 40. Defendant's deceptive and misleading practices proximately caused
12 harm to the Plaintiff and the Class.

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14 41. Plaintiff and Class members would not have purchased the Products, or
15 would have not paid as much for the Products, had they known the truth about the
16 mislabeled and falsely advertised Products.

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18 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

19 42. Plaintiff brings this action individually and as representatives of all
20 those similarly situated, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, on behalf
21 of the below-defined Class:
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23 **National Class: All persons in the United States who purchased the**
24 **Products.**
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1 43. In the alternative, Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of the following
2 State Sub-Class:

3 **California State Sub-Class: All persons in the State of California who**
4 **purchased the Products.**

5 44. Excluded from the Classes are: (1) Defendant, and any entity in which
6 Defendant has a controlling interest or which have a controlling interest in
7 Defendant; (2) Defendant's legal representatives, assigns and successors; and (3) the
8 judge(s) to whom this case is assigned and any member of the judge's immediate
9 family.
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12 45. Plaintiff reserves the right to redefine the Class(es), and/or requests for
13 relief.
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15 46. Certification of Plaintiff's claims for class-wide treatment is
16 appropriate because Plaintiff can prove the elements of his claims on a class-wide
17 basis using the same evidence as would be used to prove those elements in individual
18 actions alleging the same claims.
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20 47. The members of the proposed Class(es) are so numerous that joinder of
21 all members is impracticable.
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23 48. The exact number of Class members is unknown. Due to the nature of
24 the trade and commerce involved, as well as the number of online and direct
25 complaints, Plaintiff believes the Class consists of thousands of consumers.
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1 49. Common questions of law and fact affect the right of each Class
2 member, and a common relief by way of damages is sought for Plaintiff and Class
3 members.

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5 50. Common questions of law and fact that affect Class members include,
6 but are not limited to:

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- 8 a. Whether the Products, when used by consumers in a normal and
9 customary manner and/or in accordance with Defendant's suggested
10 use, works as advertised, marketed, and conveyed to consumers;
 - 11 b. Whether, in the course of business, Defendant represented that the
12 Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, or qualities that they do
13 not have when used by consumers in a normal and customary manner
14 and/or in accordance with Defendant's suggested use;
 - 15 c. Whether the claims Defendant made and is making regarding the
16 Products are unfair or deceptive; specifically, whether the Products
17 were illegally labeled as dietary supplements with illegal delivery
18 instructions;
 - 19 d. Whether Defendant knew at the time the consumer transactions took
20 place that consumers would not receive the promised benefits of the
21 Products that Defendant was claiming they would receive;
 - 22 e. Whether Defendant knowingly made misleading statements in
23 connection with consumer transactions that reasonable consumers were
24 likely to rely upon to their detriment;
 - 25 f. Whether Defendant knew or should have known that the
26 representations and advertisements regarding the Products were
27 unsubstantiated, false, and misleading;
 - 28 g. Whether Defendant has breached express and implied warranties in the
sale and marketing of the Products;

- 1 h. Whether Defendant's conduct violates public policy;
- 2 i. Whether Defendant's acts and omissions violated California law;
- 3 j. Whether Defendant has been unjustly enriched by the sale of the
- 4 Products to the Plaintiff and the Class Members;
- 5 k. Whether Plaintiff and the Class Members did not receive the benefit of
- 6 their bargain when purchasing the Products;
- 7 l. Whether the Plaintiff and the Class Members suffered monetary
- 8 damages, and, if so, what is the measure of those damages;
- 9 m. Whether Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to an injunction,
- 10 damages, restitution, equitable relief, and other relief deemed
- 11 appropriate, and, if so, the amount and nature of such relief.

12 51. Defendant engaged in a common course of conduct giving rise to the
13 legal rights sought to be enforced by Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the other
14 Class members. Similar or identical statutory and common law violations, business
15 practices, and injuries are involved. Individual questions, if any, are pale by
16 comparison, in both quality and quantity, to the numerous common questions that
17 dominate this action.
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20 52. Additionally, the factual basis of Defendant's conduct is common to all
21 Class members and represents a common thread of misconduct resulting in injury
22 and damages to all members of the Class.
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24 53. The named Plaintiff will fairly and adequately assert and protect the
25 interests of the Class. Specifically, he has hired attorneys who are experienced in
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1 prosecuting class action claims and will adequately represent the interests of the
2 Class; and they have no conflict of interests that will interfere with the maintenance
3 of this class action.

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- 5 a. The common questions of law and fact set forth herein predominate
6 over any questions affecting only individual Class members;
- 7 b. The Class is so numerous as to make joinder impracticable but not so
8 numerous as to create manageability problems;
- 9 c. There are no unusual legal or factual issues which would create
10 manageability problems, and depending on discovery, manageability
11 will not be an issue as much information is solely in Defendant's
12 possession;
- 13 d. Prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class
14 would create a risk of inconsistent and varying adjudications against
15 Defendant when confronted with incompatible standards of conduct;
- 16 e. Adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class could,
17 as a practical matter, be dispositive of any interest of other members
18 not parties to such adjudications, or substantially impair their ability to
19 protect their interests; and
- 20 f. The claims of the individual Class members are small in relation to the
21 expenses of litigation, making a Class action the only procedure in
22 which Class members can, as a practical matter, recover. However, the
23 claims of individual Class members are collectively large enough to
24 justify the expense and effort in maintaining a class action.
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CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I

**California’s Unfair Competition Law
Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq. (“UCL”)
(On Behalf of the California State Sub-Class)**

54. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 53, as though set forth fully herein.

55. The UCL prohibits any “unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice.” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200.

56. The acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices, and non-disclosures of Defendant as alleged herein constitute business acts and practices.

57. Unlawful: The acts alleged herein are “unlawful” under the UCL in that they violate at least the following laws:

- a. The False Advertising Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500 et seq.;
- b. The Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1750 et seq.;
- c. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§ 301 et seq.; and
- d. The California Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 110100 et seq.

58. Unfair: Defendant’s conduct with respect to the labeling, advertising, and sale of the Products was “unfair” because Defendant’s conduct was immoral,

1 unethical, unscrupulous, or substantially injurious to consumers and the utility of
2 their conduct, if any, does not outweigh the gravity of the harm to their victims.

3 59. Defendant's conduct with respect to the labeling, advertising, and sale
4 of the Products was and is also unfair because it violates public policy as declared
5 by specific constitutional, statutory or regulatory provisions, including but not
6 limited to the applicable sections of: the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, the False
7 Advertising Law, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the California
8 Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law.
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11 60. Defendant's conduct with respect to the labeling, advertising, and sale
12 of the Products was and is unfair because the consumer injury was substantial, not
13 outweighed by benefits to consumers or competition, and not one consumer
14 themselves could reasonably have avoided.
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17 61. Fraudulent: A statement or practice is "fraudulent" under the UCL if it
18 is likely to mislead or deceive the public, applying an objective reasonable consumer
19 test.
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21 62. As set forth herein, Defendant's claims relating the ingredients stated
22 on the Products' labeling and moreover that the Products were labeled as illegal
23 dietary supplements with illegal delivery instruction is likely to mislead reasonable
24 consumers to believe the product is legal to purchase.
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1 63. Defendant profited from its sale of the falsely, deceptively, and
2 unlawfully advertised and packaged Products to unwary consumers.

3 64. Plaintiff and Class Members are likely to continue to be damaged by
4 Defendant's deceptive trade practices, because Defendant continues to disseminate
5 misleading information on the Products' packaging. Thus, injunctive relief
6 enjoining Defendant's deceptive practices is proper.
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8 65. Defendant's conduct caused and continues to cause substantial injury
9 to Plaintiff and the other Class Members. Plaintiff has suffered injury in fact as a
10 result of Defendant's unlawful conduct.
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12 66. In accordance with Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203, Plaintiff seeks an order
13 enjoining Defendant from continuing to conduct business through unlawful, unfair,
14 and/or fraudulent acts and practices, and to commence a corrective advertising
15 campaign.
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18 67. Plaintiff and the Class also seek an order for and restitution of all
19 monies from the sale of the Products, which were unjustly acquired through acts of
20 unlawful competition.
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COUNT II
California's False Advertising Law
Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 ("FAL")
(On Behalf of the California State Sub-Class)

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4 68. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 53 as if fully set forth
5 herein.

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7 69. The FAL provides that "[i]t is unlawful for any person, firm,
8 corporation or association, or any employee thereof with intent directly or indirectly
9 to dispose of real or personal property or to perform services" to disseminate any
10 statement "which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the
11 exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading." Cal. Bus.
12 & Prof. Code § 17500.
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15 70. It is also unlawful under the FAL to disseminate statements concerning
16 property or services that are "untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which
17 by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading." Id.
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19 71. As alleged herein, the advertisements, labeling, policies, acts, and
20 practices of Defendant relating to the Products misled consumers acting reasonably
21 as to the ingredients and effectiveness of the Products.
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23 72. Plaintiff suffered injury in fact as a result of Defendant's actions as set
24 forth herein because he purchased the Products in reliance on Defendant's false and
25 misleading labeling claims that the Products, among other things, that the Products
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1 contained the ingredients stated on the Products' labeling and moreover that the
2 Products were labeled as illegal dietary supplements with illegal delivery instruction
3 as claimed on the Products' labeling and Defendant's website.
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5 73. Defendant's business practices as alleged herein constitute deceptive,
6 untrue, and misleading advertising pursuant to the FAL because Defendant has
7 advertised the Products in a manner that is untrue and misleading, which Defendant
8 knew or reasonably should have known, and omitted material information from its
9 advertising.
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11 74. Defendant profited from its sale of the falsely and deceptively
12 advertised Products to unwary consumers.
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14 75. As a result, Plaintiff, the California Class, and the general public are
15 entitled to injunctive and equitable relief, restitution, and an order for the
16 disgorgement of the funds by which Defendant was unjustly enriched.
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18 76. Pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17535, Plaintiff, on behalf of
19 himself and the California Class, seeks an order enjoining Defendant from
20 continuing to engage in deceptive business practices, false advertising, and any other
21 act prohibited by law, including those set forth in this Complaint.
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COUNT III

**California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act
Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq. ("CLRA")
(On Behalf of the California State Sub-Class)**

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4 77. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 53 as if fully set forth
5 herein.

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7 78. The CLRA prohibits deceptive practices in connection with the conduct
8 of a business that provides goods, property, or services primarily for personal,
9 family, or household purposes.

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11 79. Defendant's false and misleading labeling and other policies, acts, and
12 practices were designed to, and did, induce the purchase and use of the Products for
13 personal, family, or household purposes by Plaintiff and Class Members, and
14 violated and continue to violate the following sections of the CLRA:

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16 a. § 1770(a)(5): representing that goods have characteristics, uses, or
17 benefits which they do not have;
- 18 b. § 1770(a)(7): representing that goods are of a particular standard,
19 quality, or grade if they are of another;
- 20 c. § 1770(a)(9): advertising goods with intent not to sell them as
21 advertised; and
- 22 d. § 1770(a)(16): representing the subject of a transaction has been
23 supplied in accordance with a previous representation when it has not.

24 80. Defendant profited from the sale of the falsely, deceptively, and
25 unlawfully advertised Products to unwary consumers.
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1 81. Defendant's wrongful business practices constituted, and constitute, a
2 continuing course of conduct in violation of the CLRA.

3 82. Pursuant to the provisions of Cal. Civ. Code § 1782(a), Plaintiff will
4 provide a letter to Defendant concurrently with the filing of this Class Action
5 Complaint or shortly thereafter with notice of its alleged violations of the CLRA,
6 demanding that Defendant correct such violations, and providing it with the
7 opportunity to correct its business practices. If Defendant does not thereafter correct
8 its business practices, Plaintiff will amend (or seek leave to amend) the complaint to
9 add claims for monetary relief, including restitution and actual damages under the
10 Consumers Legal Remedies Act.
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14 83. Pursuant to California Civil Code § 1780, Plaintiff seeks injunctive
15 relief, their reasonable attorney fees and costs, and any other relief that the Court
16 deems proper.
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18 **COUNT IV**
19 **Breach of Express Warranties**
20 **Cal. Com. Code § 2313(1)**
21 **(On Behalf of the California State Sub-Class)**

22 84. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 53 as if fully set forth
23 herein.

24 85. Through the Products' labels and advertising, Defendant made
25 affirmations of fact or promises, or description of goods, described above, which
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1 were “part of the basis of the bargain,” in that Plaintiff and the Class purchased the
2 Products in reasonable reliance on those statements. Cal. Com. Code § 2313(1).

3 86. Defendant breached the express warranties by selling Products that do
4 not and cannot provide the promised benefits.
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6 87. Plaintiff and the Class Members would not have purchased the Products
7 had they known the true nature of the Products’ ingredients and benefits and what
8 the Products contained.
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10 88. That breach actually and proximately caused injury in the form of the
11 lost purchase price that Plaintiff and Class members paid for the Products.
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13 89. Furthermore, Defendant had actual knowledge of the defect in the
14 Products purchased by Plaintiff, as well as the Products purchased by other members
15 of the Class, because: (a) it has knowledge of the FDA’s warning letter; and (b) it
16 had actual knowledge of the ingredients and qualities of the ingredients in its
17 Products by virtue of its own Products’ testing and it knows that the affirmations and
18 representations it makes concerning the benefits, ingredients and quantities on the
19 Products’ labeling and Defendant’s website and advertising is false.
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22 90. As a result of Defendant’s breach of warranty, Plaintiff and Class
23 Members have been damaged in the amount of the purchase price of the Products
24 and any consequential damages resulting from the purchases.
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COUNT V
Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability
Cal. Com. Code § 2314
(On Behalf of the California State Sub-Class)

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4 91. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-53 as if fully set forth herein.

5 92. Defendant, through its acts and omissions set forth herein, in the sale,
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7 marketing, and promotion of the Products, made representations to Plaintiff and the
8 Class that, among other things, that the Products were labeled as illegal dietary
9 supplements with illegal delivery instruction.

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11 93. Plaintiff and the Class bought the Products manufactured, advertised,
12 and sold by Defendant, as described herein.

13 94. Defendant is a merchant with respect to the goods of this kind which
14 were sold to Plaintiff and the Class, and there was, in the sale to Plaintiff and other
15 consumers, an implied warranty that those goods were merchantable.

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17 95. However, Defendant breached that implied warranty in that the
18 Products provide no benefits, as set forth in detail herein.

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20 96. As an actual and proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff and
21 the Class did not receive goods as impliedly warranted by Defendant to be
22 merchantable in that they did not conform to promises and affirmations made on the
23 container or label of the goods nor are they fit for their ordinary purpose of providing
24 the benefits as promised.
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1 97. Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages as a proximate result of
2 the foregoing breach of implied warranty in the amount of the Products' purchase
3 prices.
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5 **COUNT VI**
6 **Declaratory Relief Under the Declaratory Judgment Act**
7 **(On Behalf of the Nationwide Class or,**
8 **Alternatively, the California State Sub-Class)**

9 98. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-53 as if fully set forth herein.

10 99. Plaintiff brings this cause of action on behalf of the Nationwide Class
11 and/or the California Subclass.

12 100. Declaratory relief is intended to minimize “the danger of avoidable loss
13 and unnecessary accrual of damages.” 10B Charles Alan Wright, Arthur R. Miller
14 & Mary Kay Kane, Federal Practice and Procedure § 2751 (3d ed. 1998).

15 101. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201, *et seq.*, there is an actual controversy
16 between Defendant and Plaintiff concerning whether:
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- 19 a. Defendant has misrepresented the ingredients and effectiveness of the
20 Products; and
 - 21 b. Defendant knew or should have known of the misrepresentations
22 regarding the efficacy of the Products.

23 102. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201, the Court may “declare the rights and
24 legal relations of any interested party seeking such declaration, whether or not
25 further relief is or could be sought.”
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1 103. Despite the studies which have proven Defendant's representations
2 false, Defendant continues to represent the ingredients and effectiveness of the
3 Products, and has otherwise failed to correct those misrepresentations.
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5 104. Accordingly, based on Defendant's repeated and continued
6 misrepresentations, Plaintiff seeks a declaration that Defendant has misrepresented
7 the ingredients and effectiveness of the Products and that its actions are unlawful.
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9 105. The declaratory relief requested herein will generate common answers
10 that will settle the controversy related to the misrepresented labeling of the Products.
11 There is an economy to resolving these issues as they have the potential to eliminate
12 the need for continued and repeated litigation.
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14 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

15 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this case be certified and maintained as a
16 class action and for judgment to be entered against Defendant as follows:
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- 19 A. Enter an order certifying the proposed Class (and subclasses, if
20 applicable), designating Plaintiff as the class representative, and
designating the undersigned as class counsel;
 - 21 B. Enter an order awarding Plaintiff and the class members their actual
22 damages, treble damages, and/or any other form of monetary relief
23 provided by law, except that no monetary relief is presently sought for
24 violations of the Consumers Legal Remedies Act;
 - 25 C. Declare that Defendant is financially responsible for notifying all Class
26 members of the problems with the Products;
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- 1 D. Declare that Defendant must disgorge, for the benefit of the Class, all
- 2 or part of the ill-gotten profits it received from the sale of the Products,
- 3 or order Defendant to make full restitution to Plaintiff and the members
- 4 of the Class, except that no monetary relief is presently sought for
- 5 violations of the Consumers Legal Remedies Act;
- 6 E. Defendant shall audit and reassess all prior customer claims regarding
- 7 the Products, including claims previously denied in whole or in part;
- 8 F. An order awarding Plaintiff and the classes pre-judgment and post-
- 9 judgment interest as allowed under the law;
- 10 G. For reasonable attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of all costs for the
- 11 prosecution of this action, including expert witness fees; and
- 12 H. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and
- 13 appropriate.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

14 Dated: November 27, 2019

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