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10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT				
10	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA				
12	LEONARDO LEON and LOUIE Case No.: <u>'19CV2375 JLS BGS</u>				
13	NEVAREZ, individually, and on behalf ) of a class of other similarly situated ) individuals, )				
14	) <u>CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT</u>				
15	Plaintiffs,				
16	V. )				
17	SUBARU OF AMERICA, INC., $\binom{9}{1}$				
18	Defendant.				
19	) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED				
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22	The allegations contained in this Complaint are based on Plaintiffs' personal				
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	knowledge as to Plaintiffs' own conduct and on information and belief as to all				
24	other matters based on an investigation by Plaintiffs' Counsel.				
25	NATURE OF THE ACTION				
26	1. Plaintiffs Leonardo Leon and Louie Nevarez bring this class action				

27 against Defendant Subaru of America, Inc. ("Subaru" or "Defendant") because 28 Defendant is manufacturing, marketing and selling new vehicles with defective and

dangerous windshields that are spontaneously and/or unreasonably cracking,
chipping and otherwise breaking, often within weeks or a few months of purchase
(the "defect"). Further, replacement windshields provided by Defendant and paid
for by Class Members (as defined below) suffer from the same defect and therefore
are equally defective and dangerous.

6 2. Plaintiffs demand that Defendant accept responsibility for replacing
7 damaged windshields under Subaru's new vehicle warranty at no charge to Class
8 Members and reimburse Class Members for losses suffered as a result of the
9 defect. In addition, or alternatively, Subaru should be required to buy back the
10 Class Vehicles.

3. Subaru has built a loyal customer base by marketing itself as "More
than a car company.<sup>TM</sup>" As part of that image, Subaru emphasizes that it cares
about its customers and is committed to their safety. Indeed, Subaru touts its
"industry-leading safety innovations" on its website and elsewhere:

There's safe, and then there's

SUBARU SAFE

When you choose a Subaru, you're not just choosing a car. You're choosing a company with a lifetime commitment to protecting those you love. Learn more about our industry-leading safety innovations, and why

Subaru is a leading choice among parents with teen drivers.

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4. Subaru emphasizes in its advertising that consumers should trust the
company, should trust that its vehicles are reliable, and should know that Subaru is
working for "a greater good." This is reflected on its website, where Subaru states:

As Kelley Blue Book's Most Trusted Brand for five years running<sup>11</sup>, Subaru of America is committed to building vehicles our customers can rely on while being a part of a greater good.

5. A windshield that is chipped or cracked poses a significant safety
hazard. "Even a small crack on glass means your windshield's structural integrity

has been compromised, which means it is now a safety hazard to you and your 1 passengers." https://info.glass.com/can-a-cracked-windshield-shatter (last visited 2 December 9, 2019). "Driving with a damaged or cracked windshield can hinder a 3 motorist's visibility and also compromise the structural integrity of the automobile 4 during a roll-over incident." http://news.aaa-calif.com/news/07-01-19-windshield-5 damage (last visited December 9, 2019). In addition, "[a]uto glass is supposed to 6 meet federal safety standards and is imperative for airbags to function properly." 7 Id. 8

- 6. Selling vehicles with dangerously defective windshields and refusing
  to take responsibility for the defects is directly contrary to the safety conscious,
  trustworthy, and reliable image Subaru projects.
- Subaru is well aware from customer complaints, reports from its 7. 12 dealers, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA") filings 13 that windshields are prematurely and unreasonably breaking in Class Vehicles 14 (defined below) all across the country, often spontaneously or under circumstances 15 that should not cause a break. Nevertheless, Subaru refuses to honor its 16 commitment to its loyal customers, is jeopardizing the safety of the public, and is 17 forcing its customers to bear the expense of Subaru's mistakes and malfeasance. 18

8. Plaintiffs bring their claims individually and on behalf of all persons
 or entities in the United States and/or California who purchased or leased a model
 year: (1) 2017-2020 Subaru Outback; (2) 2017-2020 Subaru Forester; (3) 2017 2020 Subaru Crosstrek; (4) 2017-2020 Impreza; (5) 2017-2020 Legacy; and (6)
 2019-2020 Ascent (the "Class Vehicles"), as well as those who purchased or leased
 a Class Vehicle and suffered losses as a result of the defect during the period they
 possessed the vehicle.

9. Upon information and belief, the Class Vehicles all contain the same
or substantially similar type of windshields. The Class Vehicles pose an imminent
and significant safety hazard to vehicle operators and the public because the

windshields are suddenly and unreasonably breaking without cause, they are
dangerously distracting drivers, impairing vision through the windshields,
impeding the safe operation of the vehicles, and preventing the safe and proper
operation of driver assist systems such as Eyesight<sup>®</sup> Driver Assist Technology
("Eyesight"). In addition, the defective windshields are causing Class Members to
incur substantial monetary losses and other damages.

7 10. Defendant has been on notice of this defect in the windshields used in
8 the Class Vehicles for years but has concealed its knowledge from the public and
9 continues to deny the existence of the defect while forcing consumers to bear the
10 costs and expenses associated with the defect.

11 11. In addition to impairing vision, decreasing the structural integrity of 12 the vehicle and jeopardizing the proper operation of the airbags, another danger 13 and damage associated with the defective windshields is that cracks in the 14 windshield prevent the safe and proper operation of Subaru's "Eyesight<sup>®</sup> Driver 15 Assist Technology." This is a safety feature that customers pay for and rely upon. 16 According to Subaru, the Eyesight system:

> [I]s the culmination of everything Subaru engineers know about safety, and Subaru has sold over 1 million EyeSightequipped vehicles. Adding confidence to every trip, EyeSight monitors traffic movement, optimizes cruise control, and warns you if you sway outside your lane. EyeSight has been found to reduce the rate of rear-end crashes with injuries by up to 85%.

- 12. Without the EyeSight system, consumers are deprived of an important
  safety feature, for which they pay when purchasing their vehicles. Indeed, Subaru
  advertises the importance of this system on its website as follows:
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9 13. When the broken windshields in the Class Vehicles are replaced,
10 vehicle owners incur substantial additional expenses beyond the cost of replacing
11 the windshield to have the Eyesight system recalibrated.

12 14. In addition to having their personal safety and that of the public put at 13 risk, owners of Class Vehicles are incurring substantial monetary losses because 14 Defendant refuses to replace the broken windshields under warranty or to 15 reimburse consumers for the broken windshields and other losses resulting from 16 the defect.

17 15. Class Members have brought this defect to the attention of Defendant
18 but Defendant has refused to accept liability, thereby necessitating the filing of this
19 class action.

16. Plaintiffs and Class Members assert claims under the Magnuson-Moss
Warranty Act, breach of express warranty, breach of implied warranty, negligent
misrepresentation/omission, breach of California law, and unjust enrichment.

17. As a direct result of Defendant's business practices and wrongful
conduct, Plaintiffs and Class Members have been harmed and have suffered actual
damages, including repair and replacement costs, loss of use of their Class
Vehicles, loss of the benefit of their bargain, and costs and lost time associated
with the defect and bringing in their Class Vehicles for diagnosis and repair.

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### **JURISDICTION**

18. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the
Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d), because the proposed
Class consists of 100 or more members; the amount in controversy exceeds
\$5,000,000, exclusive of costs and interest; and minimal diversity exists. This
Court also has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant to 28
U.S.C. § 1367.

### **VENUE**

9 19. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a
10 substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiff Leonardo Leon's
11 claims occurred in this District. In addition, Plaintiff Leonardo Leon purchased a
12 defective Class Vehicle in this District, and Defendant has marketed, advertised,
13 and sold Class Vehicles within this District.

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### PARTIES

A. <u>Plaintiffs</u>

20. Plaintiff Leonardo Leon is a resident of Vista, California. In August
2019, Plaintiff Leon purchased a used 2017 Subaru Legacy from Toyota of Poway
in Poway, California.

19 21. Plaintiff Louie Nevarez is a resident of Lancaster, California. On or
20 about May 9, 2018, Plaintiff Nevarez purchased a new 2018 Subaru Impreza Sport
21 vehicle from a Subaru dealership (Subaru Antelope Valley) in Lancaster,
22 California.

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### B. <u>Defendant</u>

24 22. Defendant Subaru is incorporated in New Jersey and has its principal 25 place of business and headquarters in Camden, New Jersey. It is there that Subaru 26 has a 250,000 square-foot headquarters campus wherein approximately 600 27 employees, including its officers, and the sales, marketing, and distribution 28 departments, among others, are based and carry out the business of Subaru. There

also is an approximately 100,000 square foot national service training center for Subaru adjacent to its headquarters campus which houses service training, service 2 engineering and product engineering functions. 3

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Subaru markets and distributes automobiles throughout the United 23. States and is a division of the Japanese conglomerate Subaru Corporation.

24. Subaru has a nationwide dealership network and operates offices and 6 facilities throughout the United States. 7

25. Subaru manufactured, marketed and sold the Class Vehicles, 8 including Plaintiffs' vehicles. 9

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### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

Plaintiffs purchased their respective Class Vehicles for personal, 26. 11 family or household purposes, and did so relying upon Subaru's representations in 12 its advertising, its website and/or in its dealerships that it is committed to selling 13 safe and reliable vehicles. 14

27. suffered a broken windshield Plaintiffs both that occurred 15 spontaneously and/or under circumstances in which non-defective windshields 16 would not have broken. 17

28. In September 2019, Plaintiff Leon first noticed a crack near the 18 bottom portion of his vehicle's windshield. Over the next few days, the crack 19 splintered and expanded to cover much of the windshield. The crack appears to 20 have occurred spontaneously and not as the result of the windshield being 21 impacted by a foreign object. Plaintiff Leon's vehicle is equipped with Subaru's 22 "Eyesight" technology. According to a Subaru dealership in San Diego County, it 23 would cost approximately \$1,300 to repair the damage to Plaintiff Leon's vehicle, 24 including recalibrating the "Eyesight" system. 25

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29. On or about August 15, 2019, Plaintiff Nevarez was driving his Subaru vehicle when, suddenly, the vehicle's windshield cracked. The crack stretched from the driver's side of the windshield all the way to the passenger's 28

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side. Mr. Nevarez does not know what caused the windshield to crack, and it appears to have occurred spontaneously, and not as a result of a foreign object impacting the windshield. At the time of the damage, the vehicle had approximately 15,000 miles, and was within the warranty period. Because of the severity of the crack, Mr. Nevarez had the windshield replaced by an independent repair shop, the cost of which replacement was over \$300.

30. At all relevant times, Defendant acted through its authorized agents and representatives in its dealer network while performing activities associated with advertising, marketing and selling Class Vehicles, and supplying and/or replacing broken windshields in Class Vehicles.

31. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant manufactured, distributed, sold, leased, and warranted the Class Vehicles under the Subaru brand name.

32. Defendant publicizes the safety benefits and innovativeness of its engineering group to consumers, specifically representing the following on its website:

# The strength of our ENGINEERING

Subaru engineers never stop thinking of new and innovative ways to keep our vehicles on the leading edge of safety.

33. Subaru provides a three-year/36,000 mile warranty for its new
vehicles ("new vehicle warranty" or "NVW"). The new vehicle warranty
expressly covers defects in materials or workmanship.

34. The new vehicle warranty for all of the Class Vehicles are the same,
or substantially similar. For example, the 2018 warranty provided in pertinent part:

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Warranties

### 2018 Warranty

Below is a brief description of the Subaru Limited Warranty for 2018 model year Subaru vehicles that is provided to each buyer by Subaru at no additional charge. Your Subaru Dealer has complete details concerning the warranty and any exclusions and/or restrictions that may apply. Please visit your nearest Subaru Dealer for this further information. Click here for optional extended protection beyond the warranty.

### 3 Who Makes These Warranties

4 These warranties are made by SUBARU of America, Inc. ("SOA")[1], One Subaru Drive, P.O. Box 9103, Camden, NJ 08101.

### When These Warranties Apply 5

These warranties only apply if the vehicle was imported or distributed by SOA and sold to the first retail purchaser by an Authorized SUBARU Retailer in the United States. Any and all repairs must be performed by an Authorized SUBARU Retailer located in the United States. Every owner of the vehicle during the warranty period shall be entitled to the benefits of these warranties. If the vehicle is sold or otherwise transferred, it is recommended and requested that the new owner promptly send written notice of the transfer of ownership to SOA at the address indicated above.

#### 7 Warranty Periods

Warranty coverage begins on the date the vehicle is delivered to the first retail purchaser. If the vehicle was used as a demonstrator or company vehicle before being sold at retail, warranty coverage begins on the date the vehicle was first placed in such service.

### What is Covered

These warranties cover any repairs needed to correct defects in material or workmanship reported during the applicable warranty period and which occur under normal use:

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. In any part of the 2018 model year SUBARU which is identified on the inside front cover of this Warranty & Maintenance Booklet (the "vehicle"). Any Genuine SUBARU Optional Accessories<sup>[2]</sup>

In addition, adjustment services are covered one time only during the first 36 months/36,000 miles of operation, whichever comes first.

### New Vehicle Limited Warranty

12 BASIC COVERAGE is 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first. Subject to the exclusions listed in this warranty, it covers the entire vehicle.

35. The windshields in the Class Vehicles are defective in materials 13 and/or workmanship. Unfortunately, the replacement windshields supplied by 14 Subaru for the Class Vehicles suffer from the same defect and likewise are 15 spontaneously and otherwise unreasonably breaking. 16

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36. Subaru, directly and through its authorized dealers, has advised consumers that it is not replacing broken windshields under the new vehicle 18 warranty that comes with the Class Vehicles. 19

Subaru represents as part of its new vehicle warranty terms that 37. 20 "Every owner of the vehicle during the warranty period shall be entitled to the 21 benefits of these warranties." In other words, the warranty remains with the 22 vehicle to the benefit of subsequent purchasers throughout the duration of the 23 warranty period. 24

38. In its advertising, Subaru emphasizes the safety, quality and reliability 25 of the Class Vehicles knowing that consumers, including Plaintiffs and Class 26 Members, rely upon such representations when purchasing or leasing vehicles. 27

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When Plaintiffs and Class Members purchased or leased their Class 39.

Vehicles, they relied on the reasonable expectation that the Class Vehicles would be safe to operate and equipped with windshields that were free from defects and did not pose a threat to their health or safety.

When Class Members replaced windshields in their Class Vehicles 40. 4 after breaks and other physical damage occurred, they reasonably expected that the Subaru-specific replacement windshields would be free of defects and otherwise 6 safe and merchantable.

41. Plaintiffs and the Class Members operated their Class Vehicles in a 8 reasonably foreseeable manner and as the Class Vehicles were intended to be used 9 but nevertheless suffered significant damages to their windshields as a result of the 10 defect. 11

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42. Plaintiffs and the Class Members have suffered ascertainable losses as a result of Defendant's wrongful acts and omissions.

43. Particularly given the involvement of its engineers in the design and 14 production of Subaru vehicles, Defendant has known for years of defects in the 15 windshields of earlier model Subaru vehicles, including by way of previous 16 lawsuits involving earlier model year vehicles, and Defendant is aware of a 17 tremendous volume of complaints of this defect in the windshields of the Class 18 Vehicles. 19

Upon information and belief, Defendant had pre-production testing, 44. 20 engineering studies and other analyses performed on the Class Vehicles, including 21 the windshields, before they were sold to consumers. 22

Upon information and belief, Defendant received pre-production 45. 23 reports, engineering studies, testing results and/or other analyses showing that the 24 windshields in the Class Vehicles were defective, but nevertheless allowed the 25 Class Vehicles to be sold to the public. 26

Upon information and belief, Defendant knows from prior litigation 46. 27 and consumer complaints concerning other Subaru vehicles that the windshields in 28

the Class Vehicles are defective.

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47. Upon information and belief, Defendant began receiving unusually
high volumes of complaints concerning the windshields in the Class Vehicles soon
after the vehicles were released for sale to the public; this includes claims lodged
with Subaru's dealer network around the country for repairs and coverage for the
broken windshields under their new vehicle warranties.

48. Owners of Class Vehicles have lodged numerous complaints
regarding the spontaneous cracking of windshields and the extremely unusual rate
and instances of failure of windshields in the Class Vehicles as compared to other
vehicles that they have owned. The use of a new type of "acoustic glass" in the
windshields of Class Vehicles coincides with the widespread problems.

49. There have been at least hundreds of complaints reported to the 12 NHTSA from consumers all across the country of the defective windshields in the 13 Class Vehicles. Consumers advise that windshields in the Class Vehicles are 14 breaking and cracking for no known reason or under circumstances in which it is 15 unreasonable and unexpected for a windshield to break. Because the majority of 16 owners do not take the time to complete a NHTSA report, it is reasonable to 17 presume that the number of consumers who have already experienced one or more 18 windshield failures in their Class Vehicles is many multiples higher than reported 19 to NHTSA. 20

50. The complaints to NHTSA include consumers' concerns for safety.
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1 2 3	Date Complaint Filed: 04/02/2019       Date of Incident: 03/15/2019         Component(s): VISIBILITY/WIPER       NHTSA ID Number: 11193473         Consumer Location: FORT COLLINS, CO       All Products Associated with this Complaint ▲
4	Vehicle Make Model Model Year(s)
5	SUBARU CROSSTREK 2019
6	Detelle
7	Details       0 Available Documents         Crash: No       Fire: No       Number of Injuries: 0         Number of Deaths: 0       Number of Deaths: 0
8	Manufacturer: Subaru of America, Inc.
9	Vehicle Identification No. (VIN): JF2GTAMC5K8
10	SUMMARY:
11	BOUGHT A BRAND NEW 2019 SUBARU CROSSTREK, A CRACK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WINDSHIELD JUST APPEARED ONE MORNING AFTER WARMING IT UP IN 20 DEGREE WEATHER, IN
12	MICHIGAN. CRACK STARTED IN THE WIPER HEATING ELEMENT AREA AND THE CRACK SPREAD ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP. NO ROCK CHIPS ARE PRESENT. THE CAR IS JUST OVER 3 MONTHS
13	OLD, 1700 MILES. I READ ELSEWHERE THAT THE NEWER OUTBACKS HAD THE SAME ISSUES.
14	DOES CROSSTREK HAVE THE SAME ISSUES? SUBARU WON'T COVER IT. TOTAL BS.
15 16 17	Date Complaint Filed: 10/29/2019Date of Incident: 05/23/2019Component(s): STRUCTURE , VISIBILITY/WIPERNHTSA ID Number: 11276956Consumer Location: OAK PARK, MINI
18	All Products Associated with this Complaint
19	Vehicle Make Model Model Year(s)
20	SUBARU OUTBACK 2019
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22	Details       0 Available Documents         Crash: No       Fire: No       Number of Injuries: 0         Number of Deaths: 0
23	Manufacturer: Subaru of America, Inc.
24	Vehicle Identification No. (VIN): 4S4BSAJC6K3
25	SUMMARY:
26	I PURCHASED A NEW 2019 OUTBACK AT THE END OF MARCH IN 2019. IN MAY 2019, MY WINDSHIELD SPONTANEOUSLY CRACKED, DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE ENTIRE WINDSHIELD. I
27	TOOK IT TO THE DEALERSHIP IN JULY TO NOTE THE CRACK AND REQUEST THEY REPLACE IT
28	SINCE IT SEEMED TO HAPPEN WITHOUT ANY IMPACT. THE CRACK BEGAN FROM THE TOP EDGE ON THE PASSENGER SIDE. I NEVER RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM SUBARU OR THE DEALERSHIP.
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1 2 3	Date Complaint Filed Component(s): VISIB Consumer Location:	ILITY/WIPER	Date of Incident: 10/25/2019 NHTSA ID Number: 11271431
4	All Products Assoc	iated with this Complaint	
5	Vehicle Make SUBARU	<b>Model</b> OUTBACK	Model Year(s) 2019
7	Details 🔺		0 Available Documents 👔
9	Crash: No Fire:	No Number of Injuries: 0	Number of Deaths: 0
10	Manufacturer: Suba Vehicle Identificatio	ru of America, Inc. n No. (VIN): 4S4BSAFC7K3	
11 12 13	SUMMARY: THE WINDSHIELD C RAMP AT WORK.	OF MY CAR CRACKED BY ITSEL	F WHILE IT WAS PARKED AT THE PARKING
14 15 16	Date Complaint Filed: Component(s): STRU Consumer Location: (	CTURE , UNKNOWN OR OTHER	Date of Incident: 10/09/2019 NHTSA ID Number: 11271451
17	All Products Associ	ated with this Complaint	
8	Vehicle Make SUBARU	Model OUTBACK	Model Year(s) 2019
) 1	Details 🔺		0 Available Documents 📀
2	Crash: No Fire:	No Number of Injuries: 0	Number of Deaths: 0
3	Manufacturer: Subart Vehicle Identification	i of America, Inc. No. (VIN): 4S4BSANC4K3	
4	SUMMARY:		
25			RENT CAUSE AND QUICKLY EXPANDED, K WHILE DRIVING ON CITY STREET. NO
26			INDSHIELD PRIOR TO APPEARANCE OF
27    28	CRACK.		
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Consumer Location: A		
	ated with this Complaint 🔺	
Vehicle Make SUBARU	Model OUTBACK	Model Year(s) 2019
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Details 🔺		0 Available Documents
Crash: No Fire:	No Number of Injuries: 0	Number of Deaths: 0
Manufacturer: Subaru	u of America, Inc.	
Vehicle Identification	No. (VIN): 4S4BSAJCXK3	
SUMMARY:		
	ED FOR NO APPARENT REASON, CITY STREETS WHEN THIS HAP	, LARGE CRACK ON PASSENGER SIDE. I WAS
DRIVING INT CAR ON	TOTT STREETS WHEN THIS HAP	FENED.
Date Complaint File	d: 10/28/2019	
Date Complaint Filed: 10/28/2019 Component(s): VISIBILITY/WIPER		Date of Incident: 05/29/201
	BILITY/WIPER	
Consumer Location	BILITY/WIPER : RANDOLPH, NJ	
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Consumer Location	BILITY/WIPER : RANDOLPH, NJ	
Consumer Location All Products Asso	BILITY/WIPER : RANDOLPH, NJ ciated with this Complaint A	Date of Incident: 05/29/201 NHTSA ID Number: 112714 Model Year(s) 2018
Consumer Location All Products Asso Vehicle Make SUBARU	BILITY/WIPER : RANDOLPH, NJ ciated with this Complaint A Model	NHTSA ID Number: 112714 Model Year(s) 2018
Consumer Location All Products Asso Vehicle Make SUBARU Details	BILITY/WIPER : RANDOLPH, NJ ciated with this Complaint Model OUTBACK	NHTSA ID Number: 112714 Model Year(s) 2018 0 Available Documents
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Consumer Location All Products Asso Vehicle Make SUBARU Details Crash: No Fire Manufacturer: Suba	BILITY/WIPER RANDOLPH, NJ ciated with this Complaint Model OUTBACK :: No Number of Injuries: 0 aru of America, Inc.	NHTSA ID Number: 112714 Model Year(s) 2018 0 Available Documents
Consumer Location All Products Asso Vehicle Make SUBARU Details A Crash: No Fire Manufacturer: Suba Vehicle Identificatio	BILITY/WIPER : RANDOLPH, NJ ciated with this Complaint  Model OUTBACK :: No Number of Injuries: 0	NHTSA ID Number: 112714 Model Year(s) 2018 0 Available Documents
Consumer Location All Products Asso Vehicle Make SUBARU Details A Crash: No Fire Manufacturer: Suba Vehicle Identificatio SUMMARY:	BILITY/WIPER : RANDOLPH, NJ ciated with this Complaint Model OUTBACK :: No Number of Injuries: 0 aru of America, Inc. on No. (VIN): 4S4BSANC9J3	NHTSA ID Number: 112714 Model Year(s) 2018 O Available Documents Number of Deaths: 0
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1 2 3	Date Complaint Filed Component(s): VISIB Consumer Location:	ILITY/WIPER	Date of Incident: 05/01/2019 NHTSA ID Number: 1127142	2
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5 6	Vehicle Make SUBARU	<b>Model</b> OUTBACK	Model Year(s) 2018	
7 8	Details 🔺		0 Available Documents	?)
10 11 12 13 14	SUMMARY: WINDSHIELD CRAC IT. WINDSHIELD NE	n No. (VIN): 4S4BSAFC1J3 KED AND NEEDED TO BE EDED TO BE REPLACED, 7	 REPLACED 2 TIMES IN FIRST 20 MONTHS WE OWNE AND DRIVER-ASSIST (EYESIGHT) SYSTEM ENED IN JANUARY 2018, AND MAY 2019	ED
15 16	Date Complaint File Component(s): VISIE Consumer Location:	BILITY/WIPER	Date of Incident: 10/18/2019 NHTSA ID Number: 1127178	
		SPRINGDALE, AR		6
17		SPRINGDALE, AR	nt 🛋	6
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18 19 20 21 22	All Products Assoc Vehicle Make SUBARU Details A Crash: No Fire Manufacturer: Suba	Model FORESTER	Model Year(s) 2019 0 Available Documents es: 0 Number of Deaths: 0	6 3)
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Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
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Crash: No Fire:	No Number of Injuries: 0	Number of Deaths: 0
Manufacturer: Subaru	ı of America, Inc.	
Vehicle Identification	No. (VIN): JF2SKAKC0KH	
SUMMARY:		
		NCE THEN WE HAVE HAD THE <mark>WINDSHIEL</mark> PED 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE
		TING BACK INTO THE VEHICLE WHILE IT W
		ED IN OCTOBER 2019. THE SECOND CRACI WAS EARLY IN THE MORNING AND THERE
WERE NO OTHER VE	EHICLES IN FRONT OF ME. I W	AS DRIVING AND HIT A SMALL BUMP IN TH
	RIGHT AFTER I NOTICE THE ( E DIRECTLY ACROSS THE LINE	CRACK DEVELOP. BOTH TIMES THE CRACI E OF SIGHT.
Date Complaint Filed:	10/28/2019	Date of Incident: 05/15/2
Component(s): VISIBI		NHTSA ID Number: 112
	MOUNT PROSPECT, IL	
All Products Associ	iated with this Complaint	
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SUBARU Details  Crash: No Fire: Manufacturer: Subaru	No <b>Number of Injuries:</b> 0 u of America, Inc.	
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SUBARU Details  Crash: No Fire: Manufacturer: Subaru Vehicle Identification SUMMARY:	No Number of Injuries: 0 u of America, Inc. No. (VIN): JF2SKAEC7KH	Number of Deaths: 0
SUBARU  Details  Crash: No Fire:  Manufacturer: Subaru Vehicle Identification  SUMMARY: A SEVERELY CRACK OWNERS DRIVEWAY	No <b>Number of Injuries:</b> 0 u of America, Inc. No. (VIN): JF2SKAEC7KH ED WINDSHIELD DEVELOPED THE CRACK WAS IN THE FOR	Number of Deaths: 0 OVERNIGHT WHILE CAR WAS STATIONAR RM OF A SPIDER WEB WITH NO EVIDENCE
SUBARU  Details  Crash: No Fire:  Manufacturer: Subard Vehicle Identification  SUMMARY:  A SEVERELY CRACK OWNERS DRIVEWAY IMPACT OF ANY KING	No <b>Number of Injuries:</b> 0 u of America, Inc. No. (VIN): JF2SKAEC7KH ED WINDSHIELD DEVELOPED THE CRACK WAS IN THE FOR D. THE AREA OF THE CRACKE	Number of Deaths: 0 OVERNIGHT WHILE CAR WAS STATIONAF RM OF A SPIDER WEB WITH NO EVIDENCE
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SUBARU  Details  Crash: No Fire:  Manufacturer: Subard Vehicle Identification  SUMMARY:  A SEVERELY CRACK OWNERS DRIVEWAY IMPACT OF ANY KING	No <b>Number of Injuries:</b> 0 u of America, Inc. No. (VIN): JF2SKAEC7KH ED WINDSHIELD DEVELOPED THE CRACK WAS IN THE FOR D. THE AREA OF THE CRACKE	

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Date Complaint Filed: 10/2 Component(s): VISIBILITY Consumer Location: ANK	/WIPER ENY, IA	aint 🔺	Date of Incident: 08/09/2019 NHTSA ID Number: 11271628
Vehicle Make SUBARU	Model FORESTER		Model Year(s) 2019
Details 🔺			0 Available Documents
I CALLED SAFE LIGHT AN WINDSHIELD NEEDING T	ND THEY CAME TO TO BE REPLACED. 1 NDER 35 MPH. I HA	REPAIR IT. THE	I NOTICED A CHIP ON THE <mark>WINDSHIELD</mark> , N IT CRACKED ACROSS MY I WEEK ANOTHER CHIP HAPPENED E <mark>WINDSHIELD</mark> REPLACED AND RE
Date Complaint Filed: 10/ Component(s): UNKNOW Consumer Location: WAU	28/2019 N OR OTHER , VISI	BILITY/WIPER	Date of Incident: 10/03/2019 NHTSA ID Number: 11271585
All Products Associate	d with this Comp	aint 🔺	
Vehicle Make SUBARU	Model FORESTER		Model Year(s) 2018
Details 🔺			0 Available Documents 📀
Crash: No Fire: No Manufacturer: Subaru of Vehicle Identification No	America, Inc.		mber of Deaths: 0
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1 2 3			Date of Incident: 10/15/2019 NHTSA ID Number: 11271479
4 5	Vehicle Make SUBARU	<b>Model</b> FORESTER	Model Year(s) 2020
6	Details 🔺		0 Available Documents 📀
7 8 9 10	Manufacturer: Suba Vehicle Identificatio	on No. (VIN): JF2SKAXC0LH	Number of Deaths: 0
11 12	WHILE DRIVING ON	A CITY STREET GOING LESS	THAN 30 MILES PER HOUR. I DID NOT SEE RACK AND SAW THE CRACK IN THE WINDSHIELD.
13 14 15			Date of Incident: 01/17/2019 NHTSA ID Number: 11271560
16 17 18	Vehicle Make SUBARU	<b>Model</b> FORESTER	Model Year(s) 2019
19	Details 🔺		0 Available Documents 📀
<ul> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> </ul>	Manufacturer: Suba Vehicle Identificatio SUMMARY: WINDSHIELD HAS MINOR ROCK CHIP THAT TURNED INTO	ON NO. (VIN): JF2SKAWC6KH CRACKED TWO TIMES IN LESS (INCURRED WHILE DRIVING O D A FULL-BLOWN CRACK WITH	Number of Deaths: 0 THAN A YEAR. IN ONE INSTANCE IT WAS A ON HIGHWAY NEXT TO CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE) IN 5 MINUTES, IN THE OTHER THERE APPEARS NIGHT, CRACK APPEARED IN AM)
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### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

51. Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rules 2 of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) and 23(b)(3) on behalf of themselves and all others 3 similarly situated, and as members of the Classes defined as follows: 4 5 Nationwide Class: All persons or entities who purchased or 6 leased a Class Vehicle in the United States and (i) suffered a 7 damaged windshield or (ii) who own or lease a Class Vehicle with the original or replacement windshield. 8 9 California Subclass: All persons or entities in the 10 Nationwide Class who reside in California or who purchased or leased a Class Vehicle in California and (i) 11 suffered a damaged windshield or (ii) who own or lease a 12 Class Vehicle with the original or replacement windshield. 13 ("Nationwide Class" and "California Subclass," collectively, "the Class"). 14 52. 15 Excluded from the Class are: (i) Defendant, its assigns, successors, and legal representatives; (ii) any entities in which Defendant has controlling 16 17 interests; (iii) federal, state, and/or local governments, including, but not limited to, 18 their departments, agencies, divisions, bureaus, boards, sections, groups, counsels, 19 and/or subdivisions; (iv) all persons presently in bankruptcy proceedings or who 20 obtained a bankruptcy discharge in the last three years; and (v) any judicial officer 21 presiding over this matter and person within the third degree of consanguinity to 22 such judicial officer. Plaintiffs reserve the right to amend or otherwise alter the class 23 53. definitions presented to the Court at the appropriate time in response to facts 24 learned through discovery, legal arguments advanced by Defendant, or otherwise. 25 26 54. This action is properly maintainable as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 for the reasons set forth below. 27 28

1	55. Numerosity: Members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of
2	all members is impracticable. Upon information and belief, the Nationwide Class
3	consists of tens of thousands of purchasers dispersed throughout the United States,
4	and the California Subclass likewise consists of thousands of purchasers
5	throughout the State of California. Accordingly, it would be impracticable to join
6	all members of the Class before the Court.

7 56. Common Questions Predominate: There are numerous and
8 substantial questions of law or fact common to all members of the Class that
9 predominate over any individual issues. Included within the common questions of
10 law or fact are:

- a. Whether Defendant made and breached express warranties concerning the windshields in the Class Vehicles;
- b. Whether Defendant made and breached implied warranties concerning the windshields in the Class Vehicles;
  - c. Whether the windshields in the Class Vehicles are defective;

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- d. Whether Defendant fraudulently omitted and/or concealed knowledge of the defect in the windshields in the Class Vehicles;
- e. Whether Defendant should accept responsibility for replacing the windshields in the Class Vehicles and/or buying back the Class Vehicles;

Whether monetary damages, exemplary damages, restitution, equitable, injunctive, compulsory, or other relief is warranted.

57. Typicality: Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Class
Members they seek to represent because Plaintiffs, like the Class Members,
purchased a defective Class Vehicle. Defendant's unlawful, unfair and/or
fraudulent actions concern the same business practices described herein
irrespective of where they occurred or were experienced. The defect inherent to

the Class Vehicles Plaintiffs purchased is identical to the defect in the Class
Vehicles purchased by Class Members. Plaintiffs and the Class sustained similar
injuries arising out of Defendant's conduct. Plaintiffs' and Class Members' claims
arise from the same practices and course of conduct and are based on the same
legal theories.

6 58. Adequacy: Plaintiffs are adequate representatives of the Class they 7 seeks to represent because their interests do not conflict with the interests of the 8 Class Members Plaintiffs seek to represent. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately 9 protect Class Members' interests and have retained counsel experienced and 10 competent in the prosecution of complex class actions, including complex 11 questions that arise in consumer protection litigation.

59. Superiority and Substantial Benefit: A class action is superior to
other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, since
individual joinder of all members of the Class is impracticable and no other group
method of adjudication of all claims asserted herein is more efficient and
manageable for at least the following reasons:

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a. The claims presented in this case predominate over any questions of law or fact, if any exists at all, affecting any individual member of the Class;

- b. Absent a Class, the members of the Class will continue to suffer damage and Defendant's unlawful conduct will continue without remedy while Defendant profits from and enjoys its ill-gotten gains;
- c. Given the size of individual Class Members' claims, few, if any, Class
   Members could afford to or would seek legal redress individually for the
   wrongs Defendant committed against them, and absent Class Members
   have no substantial interest in individually controlling the prosecution of
   individual actions;

# d. When the liability of Defendant has been adjudicated, claims of all members of the Class can be administered efficiently and/or determined

uniformly by the Court; and

e. This action presents no difficulty that would impede its management by the Court as a class action, which is the best available means by which Plaintiffs and Class Members can seek redress for the harm caused to them by Defendant.

6 60. Because Plaintiffs seek relief for all members of the Class, the
7 prosecution of separate actions by individual members would create a risk of
8 inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the
9 Class, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant.

10 61. The prerequisites to maintaining a class action for injunctive or
11 equitable relief pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2) are met as Defendant has acted
12 or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making
13 appropriate final injunctive or equitable relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

62. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' counsel are unaware of any difficulties that
are likely to be encountered in the management of this action that would preclude
its maintenance as a class action.

## COUNT ONE

## VIOLATION OF THE MAGNUSON-MOSS WARRANTY ACT (15. U.S.C. § 2301, et seq.)

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## (On behalf of the Nationwide Class and California Subclass)

21 63. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained
22 above as if fully set forth herein.

23 64. Plaintiffs bring this claim individually and on behalf of the
24 Nationwide Class and California Subclass.

25 65. Plaintiffs each is a "consumer" within the meaning of the Magnuson26 Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301(3).

27 66. Defendant is a "supplier" and "warrantor" within the meaning of the
28 Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301(4)-(5).

- 1 67. The Class Vehicles are "consumer products" within the meaning of
   2 the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1).
- 68. 15 U.S.C. § 2310(d)(1) provides a cause of action for any consumer
  who is damaged by the failure of a warrantor to comply with a written or implied
  warranty.

6 69. Subaru's new vehicle warranties and representations as to the quality
7 of the Class Vehicles are written warranties within the meaning of the Magnuson8 Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301(6)(A), (B).

9 70. The Class Vehicles' implied warranties are covered under 15 U.S.C.
10 § 2301(7).

71. Subaru breached these warranties, as described in more detail above. 11 Without limitation, the Class Vehicles are equipped with defective windshields that 12 are failing and put vehicle occupants' safety in jeopardy. The Class Vehicles share 13 a common defect in that the windshields are manufactured with defective materials 14 and/or with poor workmanship. Contrary to Subaru's representations about its 15 vehicles, the defective windshields are defective in manufacture, materials and/or 16 workmanship and are unsafe. The Class Vehicles share a common defect that 17 causes or allows the windshields to spontaneously and/or otherwise unreasonably 18 break under circumstances in which non-defective windshields would not. The 19 windshield failures are occurring within the warranty terms and period. 20

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72. Subaru further breached its written warranties by not repairing and replacing the broken windshields, or performing additional repairs such as recalibrating driver assist systems in the Class Vehicles, pursuant to the three year/36,000 mile new vehicle written warranty.

73. Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class and Subclass have
had sufficient dealings with either Subaru or its agents (e.g., dealerships and
technical support) to establish privity between Subaru on one hand, and Plaintiffs
and each of the Class Members on the other hand. Nonetheless, privity is not

required here because Plaintiffs and each of the other Class Members are intended third-party beneficiaries of contracts between Subaru and its dealers, and specifically, of Subaru's express and implied warranties. The dealers were not intended to be the ultimate consumers of the Class Vehicles and have no rights under the warranty agreements provided with the Class Vehicles; the warranty agreements were designed for and intended to benefit the consumers only.

7 74. Affording Subaru a reasonable opportunity to cure its breach of
8 written warranties would be unnecessary and futile here. Indeed, Subaru has
9 long been on notice of the claims of Plaintiffs and Class Members and has refused
10 to provide a remedy.

75. At the time of sale or lease of each Class Vehicle, Subaru knew, 11 should have known, or was reckless in not knowing of its misrepresentations and 12 omissions concerning the Class Vehicles' defective windshields and inability to 13 perform as warranted, but nonetheless failed to rectify the situation and/or disclose 14 the defect. Under the circumstances, the remedies available under any informal 15 settlement procedure would be inadequate and any requirement that Plaintiffs 16 resort to an informal dispute resolution procedure and/or afford Subaru a 17 reasonable opportunity to cure its breach of warranties is excused and thereby 18 deemed satisfied. 19

76. Plaintiffs and the other Class Members would suffer economic
hardship if they returned their Class Vehicles but did not receive the return of all
payments made by them. Because Subaru is refusing to acknowledge any
revocation of acceptance and return immediately any payments made, Plaintiffs
and the other Class Members have not re-accepted their Class Vehicles by
retaining them.

77. The amount in controversy of Plaintiffs' respective individual claims
meets or exceeds the sum of \$25. The amount in controversy of this action
exceeds the sum of \$50,000, exclusive of interest and costs, computed on the basis

1 of all claims to be determined in this lawsuit.

2 78. Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all members of the Class, seek
3 all damages permitted by law, in an amount to be proven at trial.

### COUNT TWO

### **BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY**

### (On behalf of the Nationwide Class and California Subclass)

7 79. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained
8 above as if fully set forth herein.

80. Plaintiff Nevarez brings this claim individually and on behalf of the
Nationwide Class and California Subclass.

81. Subaru is and was at all relevant times a merchant and seller of motor
vehicles within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code and relevant state
law.

82. With respect to leases, Subaru is and was at all relevant times a lessor
of motor vehicles within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code and
relevant state law.

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83. The Class Vehicles are and were at all relevant times goods within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code and relevant state law.

19 84. In connection with the purchase or lease of each one of its new
20 vehicles, Subaru provides an express new vehicle warranty for a period of three
21 years or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs first. This NVW exists to cover "defect in
22 materials or workmanship."

23 85. Subaru's NVW is uniform and made to all consumers across the
24 country who purchase or lease the Class Vehicles.

86. Subaru's NVW formed the basis of the bargain that was reached when
Plaintiff Nevarez and other members of the Class purchased or leased their Class
Vehicles equipped with the defective windshields.

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87. Plaintiff Nevarez and Class Members experienced defects within the

warranty period. Despite the existence of the NVW, Subaru failed to inform
and/or denied to Plaintiff Nevarez and Class Members that the Class Vehicles have
defective materials and/or workmanship, and have failed to fix, repair or replace
the defective windshields pursuant to the terms of the NVW and at no charge to the
Class.

88. Subaru breached the NVW promising to repair and correct a
manufacturing defect or defective materials or workmanship of any part of the
Class Vehicles.

89. Subaru was provided notice of the defect in the Class Vehicles' 9 windshields by numerous consumer complaints made to their authorized dealers 10 nationwide, complaints to NHTSA, and through Subaru's own testing. 11 Accordingly, affording Defendant a further reasonable opportunity to cure its 12 breach of written warranties would be unnecessary and futile here because 13 Defendant has known of and concealed and denied the existence of the defect in 14 the windshields and has failed to provide a suitable repair or replacement of the 15 defective windshields free of charge within a reasonable time. 16

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90. Affording Subaru any additional opportunity to cure its breach of written warranties would be unnecessary and futile.

91. Furthermore, the warranty promising to repair and/or correct a manufacturing or workmanship defect fails in its essential purpose because the remedy is insufficient to make Plaintiff Nevarez and Class Members whole, and because the replacement windshields that have and are being installed are likewise defective, and because Subaru has failed and/or has refused to adequately provide the promised remedies within a reasonable time.

92. Accordingly, recovery by Plaintiff Nevarez and the other Class
Members is not limited to the limited warranty promising to repair and/or correct a
manufacturing defect, and Plaintiff Nevarez, individually and on behalf of the
other Class Members, seeks all remedies as allowed by law.

93. Also, as alleged in more detail herein, at the time Subaru warranted
and sold the Class Vehicles, it knew that the Class Vehicles did not conform to
Subaru's warranties and were inherently defective, and Subaru wrongfully
concealed material facts regarding its Class Vehicles. Plaintiffs and the other Class
members were therefore induced to purchase or lease the Class Vehicles under
false and/or fraudulent pretense.

94. Moreover, many of the injuries flowing from the Class Vehicles
cannot be resolved through the limited remedy of "replacements or adjustments,"
as many incidental and consequential damages have already been suffered due to
Subaru's conduct as alleged herein. Due to Subaru's failure and/or continued
failure to provide such limited remedy within a reasonable time, any limitation on
Plaintiff's and the other Class Members' remedies would be insufficient to make
Plaintiff and the other Class Members whole.

95. Subaru was provided notice of these issues by numerous complaints
voiced by consumers, including those formal complaints submitted to NHTSA,
within a reasonable amount of time after the defect was discovered.

96. Because of Defendant's breach of express warranty as set forth herein,
Plaintiffs Nevarez and members of the Class assert, as additional and/or alternative
remedies, the revocation of acceptance of the goods and the return to Plaintiff and
members of the Class of the purchase or lease price of all Class Vehicles currently
owned or leased, and for such other incidental and consequential damages as
allowed.

97. As a direct and proximate result of Subaru's breach of express
warranties, Plaintiff Nevarez and all members of the Class have been damaged in
an amount to be determined at trial.

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### **COUNT THREE**

## BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY (On behalf of the Nationwide Class and California Subclass)

Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained 98. above as if fully set forth herein.

Plaintiffs bring this claim individually and on behalf of the 99. 6 Nationwide Class and California Subclass. 7

100. Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased or leased the Class 8 Vehicles from Defendant by and through Defendant's authorized agents for retail 9 sales, or were otherwise expected to be the eventual purchasers of the Class 10 Vehicles when bought from a third party. 11

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101. At all relevant times, Defendant was the manufacturer, distributor, warrantor, and/or seller of Class Vehicles. Defendant knew or had reason to know 13 of the specific use for which the Class Vehicles were purchased or leased. 14

102. Defendant is and was at all relevant times a merchant and seller of 15 motor vehicles within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code and relevant 16 state law. With respect to leases, Defendant is and was at all relevant times a 17 lessor of motor vehicles within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code and 18 relevant state law. 19

103. The Class Vehicles are and were at all relevant times goods within the 20 meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code and relevant state law. Defendant 21 impliedly warranted that the Class Vehicles were in merchantable condition and fit 22 for the ordinary purpose for which vehicles are used. The Class Vehicles, when 23 sold or leased and at all times thereafter, were not in merchantable condition and 24 were and are not fit for the ordinary purpose of providing safe and reliable 25 transportation. The Class Vehicles contain an inherent defect in the windshields 26 and present an undisclosed safety hazard to drivers, occupants and the public. 27 Thus, Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability. 28

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1 104. Defendant received notice of defective windshields by numerous 2 consumer complaints made to dealers and distributors and/or other public 3 complaints and through its own testing and investigations. Affording Defendant a 4 further opportunity to cure its breach of implied warranties would be unnecessary 5 and futile here because Defendant knew of and concealed the defect and has 6 refused to repair or replace the defective windshields, and additional losses, at no 7 cost to Plaintiffs and the Classes.

8 105. Any attempt by Defendant to disclaim or limit the implied warranty of
9 merchantability vis-à-vis consumers is unconscionable and unenforceable. A gross
10 disparity in bargaining power and knowledge existed between Defendant and
11 members of the Classes. Defendant knew or should have known that the Class
12 Vehicles and windshields were defective and posed a serious safety risk.

13 106. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breach of the implied
14 warranty of merchantability, Plaintiffs and all members of the Classes have been
15 damaged in an amount to be proven at trial.

### COUNT FOUR

### **NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION/OMISSION**

## (On behalf of the Nationwide Class and California Subclass)

19 107. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained
20 above as if fully set forth herein.

21 108. Plaintiffs bring this claim individually and on behalf of the
22 Nationwide Class and California Subclass.

109. Subaru intentionally or negligently concealed or omitted the abovedescribed safety and functionality information concerning the defects in the
windshields, which was material to consumers, or acted with reckless disregard for
the truth, and denied Plaintiffs and Class Members information that is highly
relevant to their purchasing decision.

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110. Subaru affirmatively misrepresented to Plaintiffs and Class Members

in advertising and other forms of communication, including standard and uniform
material provided with each car, that the Class Vehicles it was selling were new
and reliable, were safe to operate, were engineered and manufactured with safety
being a priority, had no significant defects, and would perform and operate
properly when driven in normal usage. Subaru knew at the time it actively
concealed or omitted the information about the defective windshields that this
information was material to consumers.

8 111. The Class Vehicles purchased or leased by Plaintiffs and the other
9 Class Members were, in fact, defective, unsafe, and unreliable because the Class
10 Vehicles contained faulty and defective windshields, as alleged herein.

112. Subaru owed Plaintiffs and Class Members a duty to disclose the true 11 safety, performance, and reliability of the Class Vehicles, and the devaluing of 12 safety and performance at Subaru, because Plaintiffs and other Class Members 13 relied on Subaru's material representations that the Class Vehicles were safe and 14 reliable. The aforementioned concealment and omissions were material because, if 15 they had been disclosed, Plaintiffs and other Class Members would not have 16 bought or leased the Class Vehicles, or would not have bought or leased those 17 Class Vehicles at the prices they paid. 18

19 113. Plaintiffs and Class Members relied on Subaru's reputation – along
20 with Subaru's failure to disclose the faulty and defective nature of the windshields
21 – in purchasing or leasing the Class Vehicles. As a result of their reliance,
22 Plaintiffs and the other Class Members have been injured in an amount to be
23 proven at trial, including, but not limited to, their lost benefit of the bargain and
24 overpayment at the time of purchase or lease and/or the diminished value of their
25 Class Vehicles.

114. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's misrepresentations
and omissions, Plaintiffs and all Class Members have been damaged in an amount
to be proven at trial.

1	<u>COUNT FIVE</u>
2	UNJUST ENRICHMENT
3	(On behalf of the Nationwide Class and California Subclass)
4	115. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained
5	above as if fully set forth herein.
6	116. Plaintiffs bring this claim individually and on behalf of the
7	Nationwide Class and California Subclass.
8	117. Subaru has received and retained a benefit from Plaintiffs and the
9	Class and inequity has resulted.
10	118. Subaru has benefitted from selling and leasing defective cars whose
11	value was artificially inflated by Subaru's concealment of the defective
12	windshields, and Plaintiffs and the Class have overpaid for the cars and have been
13	forced to pay other costs.
14	119. All Class Members conferred a benefit on Subaru.
15	120. It is inequitable for Subaru to retain these benefits.
16	121. Plaintiffs and the Class were not aware of the true facts about the
17	Class Vehicles, and did not benefit from Subaru's conduct.
18	122. Subaru knowingly accepted the benefits of its unjust conduct.
19	123. As a result of Subaru's conduct, the amount of its unjust enrichment
20	should be disgorged, in an amount according to proof.
21	124. Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all the members of the Class,
22	seek all relief permitted in accord with the proof at trial.
23	<u>COUNT SIX</u>
24	VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA'S UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW
25	(Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq.)
26	(On behalf of the California Subclass)
27	125. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained
28	above as if fully set forth herein.
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126. Plaintiffs bring this claim individually and on behalf of the California 1 Subclass. 2 127. California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. 3 Code § 17200, et seq., proscribes acts of unfair competition, including "any 4 unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice and unfair, deceptive, untrue 5 or misleading advertising." 6 128. Subaru's conduct violates the UCL in the following ways: 7 a. By knowingly and intentionally concealing from Plaintiffs and the 8 other Class Members that the Class Vehicles suffer from a windshield 9 defect while obtaining money from Plaintiffs and the Class; 10 b. By marketing the Class Vehicles as safe and reliable and possessing 11 fully functional and defect-free windshields; 12 c. By refusing or otherwise failing to repair and/or replace defective 13 windshields in Class Vehicles at no cost to Class Members; 14 d. By violating federal laws and/or regulations by failing to recall and 15 repair vehicles that contain a safety defect; 16 e. By violating other California laws, including California laws 17 governing false advertising and consumer protection. 18 129. Subaru's misrepresentations and omissions alleged herein caused 19 Plaintiffs and the other Subclass members to make their purchases or leases of their 20 Class Vehicles. Absent those misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiffs and the 21 other Subclass members would not have purchased or leased these vehicles, would 22 not have purchased or leased these Class Vehicles at the prices they paid, and/or 23 would have purchased or leased less expensive alternative vehicles that did not 24 contain defective windshields. 25 130. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and the other Subclass members have suffered 26 injury in fact, including lost money or property, as a result of Subaru's 27 misrepresentations and omissions. 28

131. Because Subaru fraudulently concealed the defective windshields and
 the true performance of vehicles equipped with the defective windshields, the
 Subclass members overpaid for their vehicles and did not receive vehicles of the
 value and quality represented.

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132. Plaintiffs seek to enjoin further unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent acts or practices by Subaru under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200.

133. Plaintiffs request that this Court enter such orders or judgments as
may be necessary to enjoin Subaru from continuing its unfair, unlawful, and/or
deceptive practices; to restore to Plaintiffs and members of the Subclass any
money it acquired by unfair competition, including restitution and/or restitutionary
disgorgement, as provided in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17203 & 3345; and for
such other relief as is just and appropriate.

### COUNT SEVEN

## Breach of Implied Warranty Under the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1790, *et seq.* and California Commercial Code § 2314 (On Behalf of the California Subclass)

17 134. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations of the preceding
18 paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

19 135. Plaintiffs bring this claim individually and on behalf of the California20 Subclass.

136. Under the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 21 22 1790, et seq., and California Commercial Code § 2314, every sale of consumer 23 goods in California is accompanied by both a manufacturer's and retail seller's 24 implied warranty that the goods are merchantable, as defined in that Act. In 25 addition, every sale of consumer goods in this State is accompanied by both a 26 manufacturer's and retail seller's implied warranty of fitness when the 27 manufacturer or retailer has reason to know that the goods as represented have a particular purpose and that the buyer is relying on the manufacturer's or retailer's 28

skill or judgment to furnish suitable goods consistent with that represented 1 purpose. 2

137. The Class Vehicles at issue here are "consumer goods" within the 3 meaning of Cal. Civ. Code § 1791(a). 4

138. Plaintiffs and California Subclass Members who purchased one or 5 more of the Class Vehicles are "retail buyers" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. 6 Code § 1791. 7

139. Defendant is in the business of manufacturing, assembling, producing 8 and/or selling the Class Vehicles to retail buyers, and therefore is a "manufacturer" 9 and "seller" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code § 1791. 10

140. Defendant impliedly warranted to retail buyers that the Class Vehicles 11 were merchantable in that they would: (a) pass without objection in the trade or 12 industry under the contract description, and (b) were fit for the ordinary purposes 13 for which the Class Vehicles are used. In order for a consumer good to be 14 "merchantable" under the Act, it must satisfy both of these elements. Defendant 15 breached these implied warranties because the Class Vehicles were unsafe and 16 defective. Therefore, the Class Vehicles would not pass without objection in the 17 trade or industry and were not fit for the ordinary purpose for which they are used. 18

141. Plaintiffs and California Subclass Members purchased the Class 19 Vehicles in reliance upon Defendant's skill and judgment to furnish suitable goods. 20

142. The Class Vehicles were not altered by Plaintiffs or California 21 Subclass Members. 22

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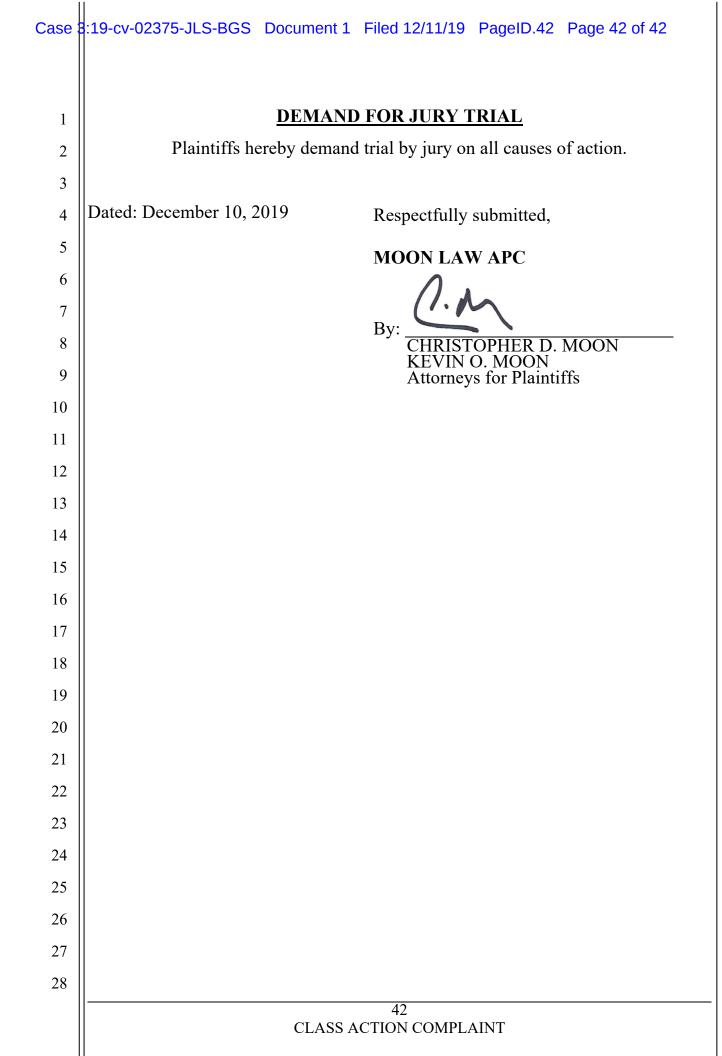
143. The Class Vehicles were defective at the time of sale when they left the exclusive control of Defendant. The defect described in this Complaint was 24 latent in the product and not discoverable at the time of sale. 25

144. Defendant knew that the Class Vehicles would be purchased and used 26 without additional testing by Plaintiffs and California Subclass Members. 27

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145. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendant's breach of the implied

1	warranty, Plaintiffs and California Subclass Members have been injured and
2	harmed because they would not have purchased the Class Vehicles if they knew
3	the truth about the products.
4	146. Plaintiffs seek the civil penalties described in Civil Code §1794(c),
5	including a penalty up to two times the amount of Plaintiffs' actual damages.
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8	1. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others
9	similarly situated, pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:
10	a. For an order certifying the Nationwide Class and the California Subclass under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
11	naming Plaintiffs as representatives of the Nationwide Class and California Subclass; and naming Plaintiffs' attorneys as Class Counsel
12	to represent the Nationwide Class and California Subclass;
13 14	b. For an order declaring that Defendant's conduct violates the statutes and laws referenced herein;
15 16 17	c. For an order awarding, as appropriate, compensatory and monetary damages, restitution or disgorgement to Plaintiffs and the Class for all causes of action;
18 19 20	d. For an order requiring Defendant to immediately cease and desist from selling its unlawful Class Vehicles in violation of law; enjoining Defendant from continuing to market, advertise, distribute, and sell the Class Vehicles in the unlawful manner described herein; and
21	ordering Defendant to engage in corrective action;
22	e. For an order awarding attorneys' fees and costs;
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25	g. For an order awarding pre-and post-judgment interest; and
26	h. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.
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