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1 2 3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON 4 FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH 5 6 Case No. 7 CONSOLIDATED CLASS ACTION **COMPLAINT** JULIETTE LUNDBORG, KATIE BEAVER, 8 and ANNEMARIE MCQUILLAN, each **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** individually and on behalf of all others 9 similarly situated, OREGON UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICES ACT 10 Plaintiffs, CALIFORNIA FALSE ADVERTISING 11 LAW CALIFORNIA CONSUMER LEGAL v. 12 REMEDIES ACT EVRY JEWELS, INC. CALIFORNIA UNFAIR COMPETITION 13 LAW Defendant. WASHINGTON CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 14 Claim for: Less than \$10 million 15 Fee authority: ORS 21.160(1)(d) Not subject to mandatory arbitration 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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Introduction.

1.

Advertised "sale" prices are important to consumers. Consumers are more likely to purchase an item if they know that they are getting a good deal. Further, if consumers think that a sale will end soon, they are likely to buy now, rather than wait, comparison shop, and buy something else.

2.

While there is nothing wrong with a legitimate sale, a fake one—that is, one with made-up regular or former prices (known as "reference prices"), made-up discounts, and made-up expirations—is deceptive and illegal. This case is about false and misleading reference prices, discounts, and sales.

3.

As the Federal Trade Commission advises in its *Guides Against Deceptive Pricing*, it is deceptive to make up "an artificial, inflated price ... for the purpose of enabling the subsequent offer of a large reduction" off that price. 16 C.F.R. § 233.1.

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In addition, Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act (UTPA) expressly prohibits businesses from making "false or misleading representations of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(j); "false or misleading representations of fact concerning the offering price of, or the person's cost for real estate, goods or services," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(s); representing that goods have "characteristics" that they do not have, O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(e); advertising "goods ... with intent not to provide the real estate, goods or services as advertised," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(i); and making "false or misleading statements about a ... promotion," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(p).

The UTPA also prohibits sellers from using misleading price comparisons to advertise their products. O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(ee).

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Furthermore, California's Unfair Competition Law bars unlawful, unfair, and deceptive business practices. *See* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200. Likewise, California's False Advertising Law prohibits businesses from making statements they know or should know to be untrue or misleading. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500. This includes statements falsely suggesting that a product is on sale, when it actually is not. Moreover, California's False Advertising Law specifically provides that "[n]o price shall be advertised as a former price ... unless the alleged former price was the prevailing market price ... within three months next immediately preceding" the advertising. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17501.

7.

California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act prohibits "advertising goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised" and specifically prohibits "false or misleading statements of fact concerning reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions." Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(9), (13).

8.

Likewise, Washington's consumer protection law prohibits deceptive and false discounting and pricing in a materially similar manner. For example, like California's Unfair Competition Law, the Washington Consumer Protection Act prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices." *See* Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 19.86.020.

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So, as numerous courts have found, fake sales violate these laws.

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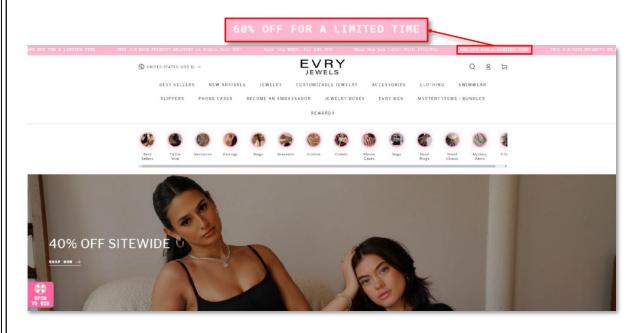
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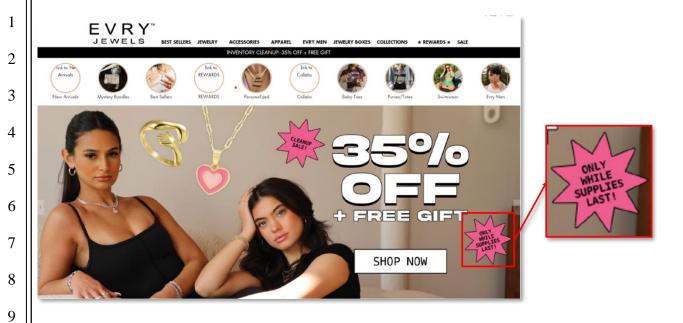
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Defendant Evry Jewels, Inc. ("Defendant" or "Evry Jewels") sells and markets jewelry products and accessories online. The products at issue are advertised at a discount and sold by Defendant through its website, Evryjewels.com (the "Products").

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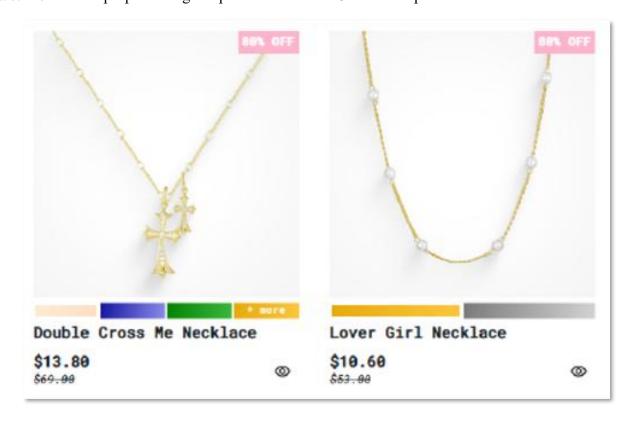
Defendant's website prominently advertises purportedly time-limited, sitewide or virtually sitewide, sales for the Products. These sales offer "X% OFF" and can be seen on the Evryjewels.com homepage. Representative examples of the sitewide sales are shown below.





12.

In addition, on individual Product listing pages, Defendant advertises purported discounts off regular and former prices. These advertisements include a purported discount price alongside a strike-out of a purported regular price and/or a "% OFF" descriptor:



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But these advertisements are false and misleading. Defendant routinely offers sitewide or virtually sitewide discounts off the purported regular and former prices previously charged on the website. In other words, the sales are not limited in time; instead, they routinely reset and continue to be available (albeit, in certain cases, with a different name or in different amounts). Plus, the reference prices Defendant advertises are not actually Defendant's regular prices (the prices it usually charges) or the prevailing market prices, because Defendant's Products are regularly available for less than those prices. The purported discounts Defendant advertises are not the true discount the customer is receiving, and are often not a discount at all, because customers can buy Defendant's Products at the discount price during an advertised sale or using a discount code.

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14.

Plaintiffs purchased Products from Defendant online on Evryjewels.com. Like Defendant's other customers, when Plaintiffs bought the Products, Defendant advertised that a purported sale was going on, and that the Products were heavily discounted. Plaintiffs believed that the Products that they purchased usually retailed for the displayed regular price. They believed the reference prices were the regular and former prices charged by Defendant, in the recent past and for a substantial time. They further believed that they were getting a substantial discount from the regular price, that the sale would end soon, and that the Products had a market value of the advertised reference prices. These reasonable beliefs are what caused them to buy from Defendant. If they had known that the Products they purchased were not genuinely on sale, they would not have bought them or would have paid less.

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2 3	regular prices or the prevailing regular prices. The purported discounts were not true discounts.
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17	And the sales Defendant advertised were not really time-limited sales. Again, had Defendant
4	been truthful, Plaintiffs and other consumers would have paid less for the Products, or would not
5	have purchased them at all.
6	16.
7	Plaintiffs bring this case for themselves and the other customers who purchased Products
8	from Defendant's website.
9	<u>Parties.</u>
10	17.
11	Plaintiff Juliette Lundborg is domiciled in Corvallis, Oregon.
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13	Plaintiff Katie Beaver is domiciled in Danville, California.
14	19.
15	Plaintiff AnneMarie McQuillan is domiciled in Tacoma, Washington.
16	20.
17	The proposed Class includes citizens of Oregon, California, and Washington.
18	21.
19	Defendant Evry Jewels, Inc. is a foreign corporation. It is a Canadian company with its
20	principal place of business at 95 Boulevard Hymus, Pointe-Claire, Quebec H9R 1E2, Canada.
21	Jurisdiction and Venue.
22	22.
23	This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant under ORCP 4. Defendant does business in
24	this state. Defendant advertises and sells products to consumers in Oregon, and serves a market

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for their products in Oregon. Due to Defendant's actions, their products have been marketed and sold to consumers in Oregon and harmed consumers in Oregon. Plaintiffs' claims arise out of Defendant's actions in this forum. Due to Defendant's actions, Plaintiff Lundborg purchased Products from Defendant in Oregon, and was harmed in Oregon.

Facts.

Defendant's fake sales and discounts.

23.

Defendant makes, sells, and markets the Products. Defendant sells its Products directly to consumers online, through its website Evryjewels.com. Defendant's website creates an illusion that customers are receiving a limited-time discount and that the Products' advertised regular prices are higher than they truly are. Defendant does this by advertising fake limited-time sales, fake regular prices, and fake discounts based on the fake regular prices.

24.

On any given date, most if not all Products on the website are represented as being discounted from a substantially higher reference price.

25.

To confirm that Defendant always offers discounts off purported regular prices,

Plaintiffs' counsel performed an investigation of Defendant's advertising practices using the

Internet Archive's Wayback Machine. For example, 19 randomly selected archived copies of
the Evryjewels.com homepage were collected from the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine
during the January 12, 2024 to December 20, 2024 period. 100% of the 19 randomly selected
screenshots of Defendant's website, captured on the Wayback Machine, displayed a purportedly

¹ The Internet Archive is a library that archives web pages, available at https://web.archive.org/.

limited sitewide discount—e.g., "80% OFF SITEWIDE – NEW YEAR SALE" (January 21, 2024), "99% OFF SITEWIDE"; "\$3[.]99 USD SITEWIDE" (Nov. 29, 2024), and "HOLIDAY SALE 80% OFF SITEWIDE" (Dec. 20, 2024). Examples are shown below:



Captured January 21, 2024



Captured November 29, 2024



Captured December 20, 2024

discount on the Products they are purchasing if they purchase during the promotion period. In

other words, Defendant leads reasonable consumers to believe that if they buy now, they will get

a Product worth X at a discounted, lower price Y. This creates a sense of urgency: buy now, and

you will receive something worth more than you pay for it; wait, and you will pay more for the

Using these tactics, Defendant leads reasonable consumers to believe that they will get a

same thing later.

27.

Based on Defendant's advertisements, reasonable consumers reasonably believe that the references prices are Defendant's regular prices (that is, the prices at which the Products ordinarily or typically retail for), and their former prices (that is, the price at which the goods were consistently offered for sale before the limited-time offer went into effect). In other words, reasonable consumers believe that the reference prices Defendant advertises represent the amount that consumers usually have to pay for Defendant's goods, formerly had to pay for Defendant's goods, before the limited-time sale began, and will again have to pay for Defendant's goods when the sale ends. Said differently, reasonable consumers reasonably believe that, prior to the supposed sale, consumers had to pay the reference price to get the item and did not have the opportunity to get a discount from that reference price.

28.

Reasonable consumers also believe that the reference prices that Defendant advertises represent the true market value of the Products, and that they are the prevailing prices for those Products. Additionally, reasonable consumers believe that they are receiving reductions from Defendant's regular prices, and the market value of the Products, in the amounts advertised. Said differently, reasonable consumers reasonably interpret Defendant's advertisements to mean

that, if they buy now, they will receive a price reduction from the price at which Defendant ordinarily sells its Products and a price reduction from the Products' market value. In truth, however, Defendant routinely offers purported reductions off the reference prices it advertises on the website, and ordinarily sells its Products on the website at prices lower than the listed regular prices.

29.

Defendant's purported "regular" prices were not the prevailing prices during the 90 days immediately preceding Defendant's advertisement of the purported discounts. Defendant makes, and exclusively sells, its Products.

30.

Because Defendant makes and exclusively sells its Products, its own prices are the prevailing market prices. And, as explained above, because Defendant consistently sells its Products at a purported discount price on the website, the prevailing market prices in the last 90 days (and, for that matter, for any period) are consistently lower than the advertised reference prices or "regular prices."

31.

As a result, Defendant's reference pricing and purported discount advertising is false and misleading. The reference prices Defendant advertises on the website are not actually Defendant's regular prices, or the prevailing prices for the Products Defendant sells, and do not represent the true market value for the Products, because Defendant's Products are regularly available for less than that. The purported discounts Defendant advertises are not the true discount the customer is receiving. Nor are the purported discounts time-limited—they are regularly available.

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By listing false and misleading reference prices and discounts on its website, Defendant misleads consumers into believing that they are getting a good deal.

Defendant's advertisements are unfair, deceptive, and unlawful.

33.

Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act (UTPA) expressly prohibits businesses from making "false or misleading representations of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(j); "false or misleading representations of fact concerning the offering price of, or the person's cost for real estate, goods or services," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(s); representing that goods have "characteristics" that they do not have, O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(e); advertising "goods ... with intent not to provide the real estate, goods or services as advertised," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(i); and making "false or misleading statements about a ... promotion," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(p).

34.

In addition, California's Unfair Competition Law bans unlawful, unfair, and deceptive business practices. *See* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200.

35.

California's False Advertising Law also prohibits businesses from making statements they know or should know to be untrue or misleading. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500. This includes statements falsely suggesting that a product is on sale, when it actually is not.

Moreover, California's False Advertising Law specifically provides that "[n]o price shall be advertised as a former price ... unless the alleged former price was the prevailing market price ... within three months next immediately preceding" the advertising. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17501.

36.

Furthermore, California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act prohibits "advertising goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised" and specifically prohibits "false or misleading statements of fact concerning reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions." Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(9), (13).

37.

Like Oregon and California law, Washington's Consumer Protection Law prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 19.86.020. An act is unfair if "(1) it causes or is likely to cause substantial injury that (2) consumers cannot avoid and that (3) is not 'outweighed by countervailing benefits'" to consumers or competition. *Merriman v. Am. Guarantee & Liab. Ins. Co.*, 198 Wash. App. 594, 628 (2017). And an act is deceptive if it constitutes "a representation, omission or practice that is likely to mislead' a reasonable consumer." *Panag v. Farmers Ins. Co. of Wash.*, 166 Wash. 2d 27, 50 (2009).

38.

The Federal Trade Commission's regulations prohibit false or misleading "former price comparisons," for example, making up "an artificial, inflated price ... for the purpose of enabling the subsequent offer of a large reduction" off that price. 16 C.F.R. § 233.1. "Other illustrations" of "fictitious price comparisons" include: "An advertiser might use a price at which he never offered the article at all; he might feature a price which was not used in the regular course of business, or which was not used in the recent past but at some remote period in the past, without making disclosure of that fact; he might use a price that was not openly offered to the public, or that was not maintained for a reasonable length of time, but was immediately reduced." *Id*.

39.

Here, as described in detail above, Defendant made untrue and misleading statements about their prices. Defendant advertised regular and former prices that were not true former prices and were not the prevailing market prices in the three months immediately preceding the advertisement.

40.

In addition, Defendant advertised goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised, for example, by advertising goods having certain former prices and/or market values without the intent to sell goods having those former prices and/or market values. Defendant made false or misleading statements of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, and amounts of price reductions, including false statements regarding the existence of sitewide sales and the amounts of price reductions resulting from those sales. And Defendant engaged in unlawful, unfair, and deceptive business practices.

41.

The UTPA also prohibits sellers from using misleading price comparisons to advertise their products. O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(ee) (citing O.R.S. §§ 646.883 and 646.885). Specifically, it is illegal for a seller to include a price comparison in an advertisement unless "[t]he seller clearly and conspicuously identifies in the advertisement the origin of the price that the seller is comparing to the seller's current price." O.R.S. § 646.883(1). Use of the term "sale" is deemed to identify "the origin of the price that the seller is comparing to the seller's current price as the seller's own former price, or in the case of introductory advertisements, the seller's future price." O.R.S. § 646.885(1). And, unless otherwise stated, use of the terms "discount," "_____ percent discount," "_____ percent off," and "\$_____ off" are "considered to identify the origin of the price that the seller is comparing to the seller's current price as the seller's

1	former price, or in the case of introductory advertisements, the seller's future price." O.R.S. §
2	646.885(2).
3	42.
4	As alleged in greater detail above, Defendant uses misleading price comparisons.
5	43.
6	For example, Defendant uses strikethrough pricing without clearly and conspicuously
7	identifying in the advertisement the origin of the price that the seller is comparing to the current
8	price. As shown in the images above, Defendant uses strikethrough sale pricing without any
9	disclosures about where the strikethrough price comes from.
10	44.
11	In addition, as alleged in greater detail above, Defendant uses the words "sale" and
12	"% OFF" in its promotions, even when the Products are not offered at a discount as
13	compared to the seller's former price (or in the case of introductory products, a future price).
14	Defendant also makes no disclosure indicating that the price comparisons are to something other
15	than the former or future price.
16	Defendant's advertisements harm consumers.
17	45.
18	Based on Defendant's advertisements, reasonable consumers would expect that the listed
19	reference prices (the prices without the advertised discounts) are regular and former prices at
20	which Defendant consistently and recently sold its Products on the website; that they are the
21	prevailing prices for the Products; and that they represent the true market value of the Products.
22	46.
23	Reasonable consumers would also expect that, if they purchase during the sale, they will
24	receive (at a discount) an item whose regular price and/or market value is the advertised non-

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discounted price, and that they will receive the advertised discount from that regular price. For example, for items that are purportedly 19% off, reasonable consumers would expect that they are receiving a 19% discount as compared to the regular price, and that the items have a market value of 19% more than what they are spending.

47.

As explained above, however, Plaintiffs and Class members' reasonable expectations were not met. Instead of receiving Products with a market value equal to the alleged reference prices, they received items worth less. In addition, instead of receiving a significant discount, Plaintiffs and the Class received little or no discount. Thus, Defendant's false advertisements harm consumers by depriving them of the reasonable expectations to which they are entitled.

48.

In addition, consumers are more likely to buy a product if they believe that the product is on sale and that they are getting a product with a higher regular price and/or market value at a substantial discount.

49.

Academic studies support findings of consumer deception. "By creating an impression of savings, the presence of a higher reference price enhances subjects' perceived value and willingness to buy the product." Thus, "empirical studies indicate that, as discount size increases, consumers' perceptions of value and their willingness to buy the product increase, while their intention to search for a lower price decreases." [D]ecades of research support the conclusion that advertised reference prices do indeed enhance consumers' perceptions of the

² Dhruv Grewal & Larry D. Compeau, *Comparative Price Advertising: Informative or Deceptive?*, 11 J. Pub. Pol'y & Mktg. 52, 55 (Spring 1992).

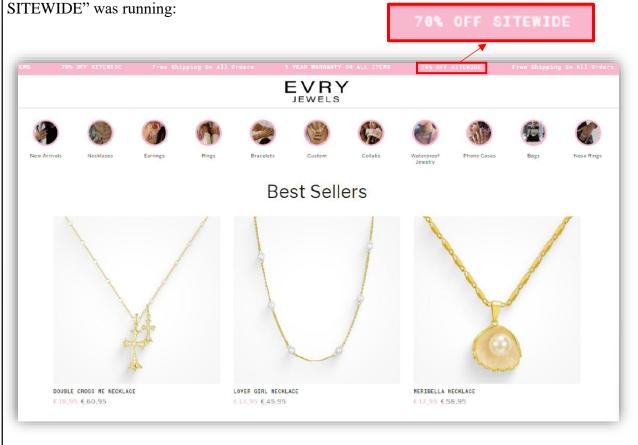
³ *Id.* at 56 (emphasis added).

value of the deal." Indeed, according to studies, "[c]onsumers are influenced by comparison 1 prices even when the stated reference prices are implausibly high." [R]esearch has shown that 2 3 retailer-supplied reference prices clearly enhance buyers' perceptions of value" and "have a significant impact on consumer purchasing decisions."6 4 5 50. 6 Similarly, when consumers believe that an offer is expiring soon, the sense of urgency makes them more likely to buy a product.⁷ 7 8 51. 9 Thus, Defendant's advertisements harm consumers by inducing them to make purchases they otherwise would not have made, based on false information. In addition, Defendant's 10 11 advertisements artificially increase consumer demand for Defendant's Products. This puts 12 upward pressure on the prices that Defendant can charge for its Products. As a result, Defendant can charge a price premium for its Products, that it would not be able to charge absent the 13 misrepresentations described above. So, due to Defendant's misrepresentations, Plaintiffs and 14 the Class paid more for the Products they bought than they otherwise would have. 15 Plaintiffs were misled by Defendant's misrepresentations. 16 17 Plaintiff Juliette Lundborg 18 52. 19 ⁴ Dhruv Grewal & Larry D. Compeau, Comparative Price Advertising: Believe It Or Not, J. of Consumer Affairs, Vol. 36, No. 2, at 287 (Winter 2002). 20 ⁵ *Id*. ⁶ Praveen K. Kopalle & Joan Lindsey-Mullikin, The Impact of External Reference Price 21 On Consumer Price Expectations, 79 J. of Retailing 225 (2003). ⁷ Marcus Taylor, How to Effectively Create Urgency in Sales (11 Best Ways) (Feb. 28, 22 2023), https://cxl.com/blog/creating-urgency/ (addition of a countdown timer increased conversion rates from 3.4%-10%); Dynamic email content leads to 400% increase in conversions 23 for Black Friday email, https://uplandsoftware.com/adestra/resources/success-story/dynamicemail-content-leads-to-400-increase-in-conversions-for-black-friday-email/ (400% higher 24 conversation rate for ad with countdown timer).

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On October 11, 2023, Defendant represented on its website that a discount of "70% OFF



53.

On October 30, 2023, during the above sale, Ms. Lundborg purchased a Silver Mr. Jones Bracelet, a Pink/Gold Honolulu Necklace, and pair of Gold Miami Hoops from Defendant online. She purchased the Products from Defendant's website, Evryjewels.com, while living in Corvallis, Oregon.

54.

At the time that Ms. Lundborg made her purchase, Defendant represented that the Mr. Jones Bracelet had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$4.70 plus tax, that the Honolulu Necklace had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$6.10 plus tax, and that the pair of Miami Hoops had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$4.80 plus tax. Consistent with archived copies of the website, Defendant represented that Ms.

Lundborg was receiving a discount for her items that she ordered. She then proceeded to purchase the Products with the understanding that she was receiving all advertised discounts off the former and regular prices charged by Defendant. Ms. Lundborg's order summary represented that Ms. Lundborg's discount was \$1.56 using a discount code and that the total discounted price was \$15.60 plus tax.

55.

Plaintiff Lundborg thus viewed and relied on the website's purported current and limited-time sale promotion. She relied on the above representations that the Products (1) had a former and regular price of the stated reference price, and (2) had been offered for sale on the website at the stated reference price, in the recent past, on a regular basis, for a substantial time. And she relied on the representations that the Products were truly on sale as being sold at a substantial discount for a limited time, such that the products were valued at the false reference price.

56.

The above-listed Products were not substantially marked down or discounted, and any discount she was receiving had been grossly exaggerated. For at least the 90-day period prior to Plaintiff's purchase, and months and years more, Defendant very rarely, if ever, offered any of the discounted items sold on its website at the reference prices.

57.

Plaintiff Lundborg would not have purchased the items at the advertised prices, or would not have paid as much as she did, had Defendant been truthful. Plaintiff was persuaded to make her purchase because of the misleading sale based on false reference prices.

Plaintiff Katie Beaver

58.

On February 2, 2022, Plaintiff Katie Beaver purchased a Gold Give me the Signs (222) Ring, a pair of Silver Omw Earrings, and a Silver Link Up Necklace. She purchased the Products from Defendant's website, Evryjewels.com, while living in Danville, California.

59.

At the time that Ms. Beaver made her purchase, Defendant represented that the Give me the Signs (222) Ring had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$16.90 plus tax, that the Omw Earrings had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$18.85 plus tax, and that the Link Up Necklace had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$16.25 plus tax. Consistent with archived copies of the website, Defendant represented that Ms. Beaver was receiving a discount for her items that she ordered. She then proceeded to purchase the Products with the understanding that she was receiving all advertised discounts off the former and regular prices charged by Defendant. Ms. Beaver's email confirmation represented that Ms. Beaver's discount was \$10.00 with a total discounted price of \$42.00 plus tax.

60.

On November 24, 2023, Ms. Beaver visited the Evry Jewels website again and purchased a Silver Effortless Ring, a Silver Dotted Ring, a White Pearly Ring, a Silver Baby Link Up Bracelet, a Silver Linked To You Bracelet, and a pair of Silver Itty Bitty Hoops. She purchased the Products from Defendant's website, Evryjewels.com, while living in Danville, California.

61.

At the time that Ms. Beaver made her second purchase, Defendant's website represented that the Effortless Ring had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$4.70 plus tax, that the Dotted Ring had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$4.90 plus tax, that the Pearly Ring had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$4.70 plus

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tax, that the Baby Link Up Bracelet had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$4.10 plus tax, that the Linked To You Bracelet had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$4.10 plus tax, and that the pair of Itty Bitty Hoops had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$4.10 plus tax. Consistent with archived copies of the website, Defendant represented that Ms. Beaver was receiving a discount for her items that she ordered. She then proceeded to purchase the products with the understanding that she was receiving all advertised discounts off the former and regular prices charged by Defendant. Ms. Beaver's email confirmation represented that Ms. Beaver's total discounted price was \$26.60 plus tax.

62.

Plaintiff Beaver thus viewed and relied on the website's purported current and limitedtime sale promotion. She relied on the above representations that the Products (1) had a former
and regular price of the stated reference price, and (2) had been offered for sale on the website at
the stated reference price, in the recent past, on a regular basis, for a substantial time. And she
relied on the representations that the Products were truly on sale as being sold at a substantial
discount for a limited time, such that the products were valued at the false reference price.

63.

The above-listed Products were not substantially marked down or discounted, and any discount she was receiving had been grossly exaggerated. For at least the 90-day period prior to Plaintiff's purchase, and months and years more, Defendant very rarely, if ever, offered any of the discounted items sold on its website at the reference prices.

64.

Plaintiff Beaver would not have purchased the items at the advertised prices, or would not have paid as much as she did, had Defendant been truthful. Plaintiff was persuaded to make her purchases because of the misleading sale based on false reference prices.

Plaintiff AnneMarie McQuillan

65.

On February 5, 2025, Defendant represented on its website Evryjewels.com that a discount of "\$11[.]99 USD SITEWIDE" was running:



66.

On February 6, 2025, during the above sale, Plaintiff McQuillan purchased a pair of Silver Off Duty Hoops, two Silver Mykonos Bracelets, a pair of Silver Hey Lover Earrings, a pair of Silver Crossed Off Earrings, a pair of Silver Full of Love Earrings, and a Clear/Silver Double Cross Me Necklace. Ms. McQuillan purchased these Products on Defendant's website, Evryjewels.com, while living in Tacoma, Washington.

67.

At the time that Ms. McQuillan made her purchase, Defendant's website represented that the pair of Off Duty Hoops had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$5.50 plus tax, that the two Mykonos Bracelets had a regular price, but were on sale for a total discounted price of \$11.20 plus tax, that the pair of Hey Lover Earrings had a regular price, but Page 22 - Class Action Complaint

was on sale for a discounted price of \$6.00 plus tax, that the pair of Crossed Off Earrings had a 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$4.70 plus tax, that the pair of Full of Love Earrings had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$4.70 plus tax, and that the Double Cross Me Necklace had a regular price, but was on sale for a discounted price of \$6.90 plus tax. Consistent with archived copies of the website, Defendant represented that Ms. McQuillan was receiving a discount for her items that she ordered. She then proceeded to purchase the Products with the understanding that she was receiving all advertised discounts off the former and regular prices charged by Defendant. Ms. McQuillan's email confirmation represented that Ms. McQuillan's total discounted price was \$39.00 plus tax.

68.

Plaintiff McQuillan thus viewed and relied on the website's purported current and limited-time sale promotion. She relied on the above representations that the Products (1) had a former and regular price of the stated reference price, and (2) had been offered for sale on the website at the stated reference price, in the recent past, on a regular basis, for a substantial time. And she relied on the representations that the Products were truly on sale as being sold at a substantial discount for a limited time, such that the Products were valued at the false reference price.

69.

The above-listed Products were not substantially marked down or discounted, and any discount she was receiving had been grossly exaggerated. For at least the 90-day period prior to Plaintiff's purchase, and months and years more, Defendant very rarely, if ever, offered any of the discounted items sold on its website at the reference prices.

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Plaintiff McQuillan would not have purchased the items at the advertised prices, or would not have paid as much as she did, had Defendant been truthful. Plaintiff was persuaded to make her purchase because of the misleading sale based on false reference prices.

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71.

Despite Defendant's representations, Plaintiffs did not receive Products with regular prices or market values equal to the list prices displayed for the Products they purchased. Nor did they receive the advertised discounts. As explained above, Defendant's Products are regularly on sale for a significant discount. And as a result, the advertised reference prices for all of Defendant's Products—including the Products Plaintiffs purchased—do not reflect true regular prices, and are in fact higher than the actual "regular" prices that the Products are sold for on the website. In other words, the advertised discounts for all Products—including the Products Plaintiffs purchased—were false and misleading, and consumers, like Plaintiffs, did not receive the advertised discount off of the true regular prices.

72.

Plaintiffs face an imminent threat of future harm. Plaintiffs would purchase Defendant's Products again if they could feel sure that Defendant's reference prices accurately reflected its regular prices and former prices, and the market value of the Products, and that Defendant's discounts were truthful. But without an injunction, Plaintiffs have no realistic way to know which—if any—of Defendant's reference prices, discounts, and sales are not false or deceptive. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are unable to rely on Defendant's advertising in the future, and so cannot purchase the Products they would like to.

Class Action Allegations.

73.

Plaintiffs bring the asserted claims on behalf of the following people (the "Class"):

- All persons who, while in the state of California and during the Class Period, purchased one or more products on Defendant's website Evryjewels.com ("California Settlement Subclass"); and
- All persons who, while in the state of Washington and during the Class Period, purchased one or more products on Defendant's website Evryjewels.com ("Washington Settlement Subclass"); and
- all persons who, while in the state of Oregon and during the Class Period, purchased one or more products on Defendant's website Evryjewels.com ("Oregon Settlement Subclass").

The Class Period comprises September 3, 2021, to September 3, 2024.

74.

The following people are excluded from the proposed Class: (1) any Judge or Magistrate Judge presiding over this action and the members of their family; (2) Defendant, Defendant's subsidiaries, parents, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which the Defendant or its parents have a controlling interest and their current employees, officers and directors; (3) persons who properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the Class; (4) persons whose claims in this matter have been finally adjudicated on the merits or otherwise released; (5) Plaintiffs' counsel and Defendant's counsel, and their experts and consultants; and (6) the legal representatives, successors, and assigns of any such excluded persons.

Numerosity

75.

The proposed Class contains members so numerous that separate joinder of each member of the Class is impractical. There are tens or hundreds of thousands of class members.

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2	Class members can be identified through Defendant's sales records and public notice.
3	Commonality
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5	There are questions of law and fact common to the proposed Class. Common questions
6	of law and fact include, without limitation:
7	(1) whether Defendant made false or misleading statements of fact in its advertisements;
8	(2) whether Defendant violated consumer protection statutes;
9	(3) damages needed to reasonably compensate Plaintiffs and the proposed Class.
10	Typicality & Adequacy
11	78.
12	Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the proposed Class. Like the proposed Class, Plaintiffs
13	purchased Products advertised at a discount on Defendant's website. There are no conflicts of
14	interest between Plaintiffs and the Class.
15	Notice of Action for Damages
16	79.
17	Plaintiff Juliette Lundborg gave notice to Defendant, pursuant to ORCP 32 H, of her
18	intent to seek damages by mailing a notice letter via FedEx to Defendant's headquarters and
19	registered agent on February 24, 2025.
20	80.
21	Plaintiff Katie Beaver gave notice to Defendant, pursuant to ORCP 32 H, of her intent to
22	seek damages by mailing a notice letter via certified mail, return receipt requested, to
23	Defendant's headquarters and registered agent on August 15, 2024.
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1	Plaintiff AnneMarie McQuillan gave notice to Defendant, pursuant to ORCP 32 H, of her
2	intent to seek damages by mailing a notice letter via FedEx to Defendant's headquarters and
3	registered agent on February 24, 2025.
4	Superiority
5	82.
6	A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient
7	adjudication of this litigation because individual litigation of each claim is impractical. It would
8	be unduly burdensome to have individual litigation of tens or hundreds of thousands of
9	individual claims in separate lawsuits, every one of which would present the issues presented in
10	this lawsuit.
11	<u>Claims.</u>
12	First Cause of Action:
13	Violation of the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act: O.R.S. §§ 646.605, et seq.
14	(By Plaintiff Lundberg and the Oregon Subclass)
15	83.
16	Plaintiffs incorporate each and every factual allegation set forth above.
17	84.
18	Plaintiff Lundberg brings this cause of action on behalf of herself and members of the
19	Oregon Subclass.
20	85.
21	Defendant has violated the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act (UTPA). O.R.S. §§
22	646.605, et seq.
23	86.
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The UTPA prohibits unlawful business and trade practices. O.R.S. § 646.608. Under the UTPA, "[a] person engages in an unlawful practice if in the course of the person's business, vocation or occupation the person does any of the following:"

- "Represents that ... goods ... have ... characteristics ... that the ... goods ... do not have," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(e);
- "Advertises ... goods ... with intent not to provide the real estate, goods or services as advertised," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(i);
- "Makes false or misleading representations of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(j);
- "Makes any false or misleading statement about a ... promotion used to publicize a product," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(p);
- "Makes false or misleading representations of fact concerning the offering price of, or the person's cost for real estate, goods or services," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(s); 87.

Defendant is a "person," under the UTPA, as defined by O.R.S. § 646.605(4). The definition of "person" includes "incorporated or unincorporated associations" and, as alleged above, Defendant is an incorporated association.

88.

Defendant engages in the conduct of "trade" and "commerce" under the UTPA. Defendant does this by advertising, offering, and distributing, by sale, goods in a manner that directly and indirectly affects people of the state of Oregon. O.R.S. § 646.605(8). Defendant advertises and sells the Products in Oregon, and serves a market for its Products in Oregon. Due to Defendant's actions, its Products have been marketed and sold to consumers in Oregon, and harmed consumers in Oregon, including Oregon Subclass Members. Defendant's unlawful

methods, acts, and practices described above were committed in the course of Defendant's 1 2

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business. O.R.S. § 646.608(1).

89.

The Products advertised, offered, and sold by Defendant are "goods" that are or may be obtained primarily for personal, family, or household as defined by O.R.S. § 646.605(6). Members of the Oregon Subclass purchased the Products advertised by Defendant for personal, family, or household purposes.

90.

As alleged in greater detail above, Defendant makes "false or misleading representations of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions." O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(j). Defendant does this by advertising fake sales, fake reference prices, and fake limited time discounts. By advertising regular prices and supposedly time-limited discounts, Defendant's website creates an illusion that consumers are receiving a discount if they buy now. In truth, however, Defendant's Products are routinely on sale, and these sales persist indefinitely. As a result, Defendant's reference prices are not Defendant's true prices, former prices, or prevailing market prices for Defendant's Products. Nor are its purported price reductions true price reductions. Because Defendant routinely offers sitewide or virtually sitewide discounts, as well as discounts on certain items, it does not ordinarily or typically sell its Products at the purported regular prices.

91.

As alleged in greater detail above, Defendant also makes "false or misleading representations of fact concerning the offering price of, or the person's cost for real estate, goods or services." O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(s). As described above, Defendant's website purports to advertise its Products with regular prices, and discounted "sale" prices. But Defendant's listed

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prices are not Defendant's true prices, former prices, or prevailing market prices for those Products. In addition, the purported price reductions are not true price reductions.

92.

As alleged in greater detail above, Defendant also "advertises ... goods ... with intent not to provide the ... goods ... as advertised," O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(i). Defendant advertises Products at a sale price, or discount, as compared to a regular list price. But the purported discounts that Defendant advertises are not the true discounts that the customer receives. In many cases, the customer receives no discount at all.

93.

As alleged in greater detail above, Defendant also represents that its goods have characteristics that they do not have. O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(e). Defendant represents that the value of its Products is greater than it actually is by advertising misleading discounts for the Products.

94.

As alleged in greater detail above, Defendant makes false and misleading statements about the promotions used to publicize its Products. O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(p). As described above, Defendant advertises Products at a sale price, or discount, as compared to the regular prices. But the purported discounts that Defendant advertises are not the true discounts that the customer receives. In many cases, the customer receives no discount at all. In addition, as described above, Defendant advertises limited-time discounts that are not in fact limited in time.

95.

The UTPA also prohibits sellers from using misleading price comparisons to advertise their products. O.R.S. § 646.608(1)(ee) (citing O.R.S. §§ 646.883 and 646.885). The UTPA expressly prohibits sellers from including "a price comparison in an advertisement unless" "[t]he

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seller clearly and conspicuously identifies in the advertisement the origin of the price that the 1 seller is comparing to the seller's current price." O.R.S. § 646.883(1). Use of term "sale" is 2 deemed to identify "the origin of the price that the seller is comparing to the seller's current price 3 as the seller's own former price, or in the case of introductory advertisements, the seller's future 4 price." O.R.S. § 646.885(1). And, unless otherwise stated, use of the terms "discount," " 5 percent discount," "\$ discount," " percent off," and "\$_____ off" are "considered to 6 7 identify the origin of the price that the seller is comparing to the seller's current price as the seller's former price, or in the case of introductory advertisements, the seller's future price." 8 9 O.R.S. § 646.885(2). 96. 10 11 As alleged in greater detail above, Defendant uses misleading price comparisons. For 12 example, Defendant uses strikethrough pricing without clearly and conspicuously identifying in 13 the advertisement the origin of the price that the seller is comparing to the current price. 14 Defendant's strikethrough pricing does not contain any disclosures at all about the origin of the strikethrough price. 15 97. 16 In addition, as alleged in greater detail above, Defendant uses the words "sale" and 17 % OFF" in its promotions, even when the Products are not offered at a discount as 18 19 compared to the seller's regular or former price (or in the case of introductory products, a future 20 price). Defendant also makes no disclosure indicating that the price comparisons are to something other than the former or future price. 21 22 98. 23 24

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Defendant's representations of regular prices, sales, and discounts on its website are "advertisements" as defined by O.R.S. § 646.881(1). These representations about the prices, sales, and discounts were made in connection with the sales of Defendant's Products.

99.

Defendant's use of reference prices, sitewide or virtually sitewide sales, and advertised discounts are "price comparisons" as defined by O.R.S. § 646.881(2). These statements make a claim that the current price is reduced as compared to a Product's typical or former price.

100.

Defendant's unlawful methods, acts and practices described above were "willful violations" of O.R.S. § 646.608 because Defendant knew or should have known that its conduct was a violation, as defined by O.R.S. § 646.605(10).

101.

Defendant, at all relevant times, had a duty to disclose that the discounts were not real, that the sales persisted and were not limited in time, and that the regular prices were not the true regular prices of the Products. Defendant had a duty because (1) Defendant had exclusive knowledge of material information that was not known to members of the Oregon Subclass; (2) Defendant concealed material information from members of the Oregon Subclass; and (3) Defendant made partial representations which were false and misleading absent the omitted information.

102.

Defendant's misrepresentations and nondisclosures deceive and have a tendency to deceive a reasonable consumer and the general public.

103.

1	Defendant's misrepresentations and nondisclosures are material. A reasonable person
2	would attach importance to the information and would be induced to act on the information in
3	making purchase decisions.
4	104.
5	Defendant engaged in the reckless or knowing use or employment of the unlawful
6	methods, acts, or practices alleged here, which are unlawful under O.R.S. § 646.608.
7	105.
8	As a direct, substantial and/or proximate result of Defendant's conduct, members of the
9	Oregon Subclass suffered ascertainable losses and injury to business or property.
10	106.
11	Members of the Oregon Subclass would not have purchased the Products at the prices
12	they paid, if they had known that the advertised prices and discounts were false.
13	107.
14	Members of the Oregon Subclass paid more than they otherwise would have paid for the
15	Products they purchased from Defendant. Defendant's false pricing scheme fraudulently
16	increased demand from consumers.
17	108.
18	The Products that members of the Oregon Subclass purchased were not, in fact, worth as
19	much as Defendant represented them to be worth.
20	109.
21	Plaintiff Lundberg seeks: (1) the greater of statutory damages of \$200 or actual damages
22	(2) punitive damages; (3) appropriate equitable relief and/or restitution; and (4) attorneys' fees
23	and costs. O.R.S. § 646.638(3); O.R.S. § 646.638(8).
24	110.

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The unlawful acts and omissions described here are, and continue to be, part of a pattern or generalized course of conduct. Defendant's conduct is ongoing and is likely to continue and recur absent a permanent injunction. Accordingly, Plaintiff Lundberg seeks an order enjoining Defendant from committing such unlawful practices. O.R.S. § 646.638(1); O.R.S. § 646.638(8)(c); O.R.S. § 646.636.

111.

The balance of the equities favors the entry of permanent injunctive relief against Defendant. Oregon Subclass Members, and the general public will be irreparably harmed absent the entry of permanent injunctive relief against Defendant. Oregon Subclass Members, and the general public lack an adequate remedy at law. A permanent injunction against Defendant is in the public's interest. Defendant's unlawful behavior is ongoing as of the date of the filing of this Complaint. If not enjoined by order of this Court, Defendant will or may continue to injure Oregon consumers through the misconduct alleged. Absent the entry of a permanent injunction, Defendant's unlawful behavior will not cease and, in the unlikely event that it voluntarily ceases, it is capable of repetition and is likely to reoccur.

112.

This action was brought "within one year after the discovery of the unlawful method, act or practice." O.R.S. § 646.638(6).

113.

The applicable limitations period is expansive and extends back decades based on the 'discovery' rule in the UTPA at O.R.S. § 646.638(6).

114.

Oregon Subclass Members, including Plaintiff Lundborg, did not know, and could not have known, that these reference prices and discount representations were false.

115.

Absent class members of the Oregon Subclass are still not aware, at the time of the filing of this Complaint, of Defendant's false discount advertising scheme. By Defendant's design, the false advertising scheme by its very nature is hidden and difficult for the typical consumer to discover without continuously examining the website daily. Consumers who shop on Defendant's website do not know the true historical prices or sales histories of the Products that they have viewed and purchased. They do not know that the discounts offered are false, or that the false discounting practices extend to all of Defendant's Products. Oregon Subclass Members have not discovered, and could not have reasonably discovered, Defendant's fake discounting scheme.

116.

Absent class members will learn of the scheme for the very first time upon court-ordered class notice in this case.

Second Cause of Action:

Violation of California's False Advertising Law ("FAL")

Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500 et seq.

(By Plaintiff Beaver and the California Subclass)

117.

Plaintiffs incorporate each and every factual allegation set forth above.

118.

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Plaintiff Beaver brings this cause of action on behalf of herself and members of the California Subclass.

119.

Defendant has violated sections 17500 and 17501 of the California Business and Professions Code.

120.

Defendant has violated, and continues to violate, section 17500 of the Business and Professions Code by disseminating untrue and misleading advertisements to California Subclass Members.

121.

As alleged more fully above, Defendant advertises former and regular prices on its website along with discounts. Defendant does this, for example, by crossing out a higher price (e.g., \$44) and displaying it next to the discount price. Reasonable consumers would understand prices denoted as "regular" prices from which time-limited discounts are calculated to denote "former" prices, i.e., the prices that Defendant regularly charged before the time-limited discount went into effect, in the recent past and for a substantial time. Reasonable consumers also expect the Products have a market value of the reference price.

122.

The prices advertised as regular and former prices by Defendant were not the true regular or former prices of the Products. As explained above, Defendant makes and exclusively sells its Products. As a result, its own prices are the prevailing market prices. And, because Defendant consistently sells its Products at purported discount prices, the true prevailing market prices for Defendant's Products in the last 90 days are consistently lower than the purported regular and

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1	former prices Defendant advertises. Accordingly, Defendant's statements about the regular and
2	former prices of its Products were untrue and misleading.
3	123.
4	In addition, Defendant's regular and former price advertisements did not state clearly,
5	exactly, and conspicuously when, if ever, the former prices prevailed. Defendant's
6	advertisements did not indicate whether or when the purported former prices were offered at all.
7	124.
8	Defendant's misrepresentations were intended to induce reliance, and Plaintiff Beaver
9	saw, read, and reasonably relied on the statements when purchasing Defendant's Products.
10	Defendant's misrepresentations were a substantial factor in consumers' purchase decisions.
11	125.
12	In addition, California Subclass-wide reliance can be inferred because Defendant's
13	misrepresentations were material, i.e., a reasonable consumer would consider them important in
14	deciding whether to buy the Products.
15	126.
16	Defendant's misrepresentations were a substantial factor and proximate cause in causing
17	damages and losses to Plaintiff Beaver and California Subclass Members.
18	127.
19	Plaintiff Beaver and California Subclass Members were injured as a direct and proximate
20	result of Defendant's conduct because (a) they would not have purchased the Products if they
21	had known the truth, and/or (b) they overpaid for the Products because the Products were sold at
22	a price premium due to the misrepresentation.
23	Third Cause of Action:
24	Violation of California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA")

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1	Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1750 et seq.
2	(By Plaintiff Beaver and the California Subclass)
3	128.
4	Plaintiffs incorporate each and every factual allegation set forth above.
5	129.
6	Plaintiff Beaver brings this cause of action on behalf of herself and members of the
7	California Subclass.
8	130.
9	California Subclass Members are "consumers," as the term is defined by California Civil
0	Code § 1761(d).
1	131.
2	California Subclass Members have engaged in "transactions" with Defendant as that term
13	is defined by California Civil Code § 1761(e).
4	132.
5	The conduct alleged in this Complaint constitutes unfair methods of competition and
16	unfair and deceptive acts and practices for the purpose of the CLRA, and the conduct was
17	undertaken by Defendant in transactions intended to result in, and which did result in, the sale of
8	goods to consumers.
9	133.
20	As alleged more fully above, Defendant made and disseminated untrue and misleading
21	statements of facts in its advertisements to California Subclass Members. Defendant did this by
22	using false and misleading reference prices, i.e., regular and former prices that are not the
23	prevailing or market prices, and advertising fake discounts.
24	134.

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Defendant violated, and continues to violate, section 1770(a) of the California Civil Code.

135.

Defendant violated, and continues to violate, section 1770(a)(5) of the California Civil Code by representing that Products offered for sale on its website have characteristics or benefits that they do not have. Defendant represents that the value of its Products is greater than it actually is by advertising inflated regular prices and fake discounts for the Products.

136.

Defendant violated, and continues to violate, section 1770(a)(9) of the California Civil Code. Defendant violates this by advertising its Products as being offered at a discount, when in fact Defendant does not intend to sell the Products at a discount.

137.

And Defendant violated, and continue to violate section 1770(a)(13) by making false or misleading statements of fact concerning reasons for, existence of, or amounts of, price reductions on their website, including by (1) misrepresenting the regular and prevailing market price of Products on their website, (2) advertising discounts and savings that are exaggerated or nonexistent, and (3) misrepresenting that the discounts and savings are unusually large, when in fact they are regularly available.

138.

Defendant's representations were likely to deceive, and did deceive, California Subclass Members, including Plaintiff Beaver, and reasonable consumers. Defendant knew, or should have known through the exercise of reasonable care, that these statements were inaccurate and misleading.

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Defendant's misrepresentations were intended to induce reliance, and Plaintiff Beaver and California Subclass Members saw, read, and reasonably relied on them when purchasing the Products. Defendant's misrepresentations were a substantial factor in Plaintiff Beaver and California Subclass Members' purchase decisions.

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In addition, California Subclass-wide reliance can be inferred because Defendant's misrepresentations were material, i.e., a reasonable consumer would consider them important in deciding whether to buy the Products.

141.

Defendant's misrepresentations were a substantial factor and proximate cause in causing damages and losses to Plaintiff Beaver and California Subclass Members.

142.

Plaintiff Beaver and California Subclass Members were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct because (a) they would not have purchased the Products if they had known the discounts and/or regular prices were not real, (b) they overpaid for the Products because the Products were sold at a price premium due to the misrepresentation, and/or (c) they received Products with market values lower than the promised market values.

143.

Accordingly, pursuant to California Civil Code § 1780(a)(2), Plaintiff Beaver, on behalf of herself and all other members of the California Subclass, seek injunctive relief.

144.

CLRA § 1782 NOTICE. On August 15, 2024, a CLRA demand letter was sent to Defendant's Canada headquarters and to Defendant's registered agent via certified mail (return receipt requested). Defendant does not have headquarters in California. It has been more than 30

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1	days since Defendant received notice of its CLRA violations. In that time, it has not corrected the
2	problem. Accordingly, Plaintiff Beaver seeks all monetary relief available under the CLRA,
3	including restitution, damages (including compensatory damages, expectation damages, and
4	punitive damages), attorneys' fees, and all other forms of monetary relief available.
5	Fourth Cause of Action:
6	Violation of California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL")
7	Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et seq
8	(By Plaintiff Beaver and the California Subclass)
9	145.
10	Plaintiffs incorporate each and every factual allegation set forth above.
11	146.
12	Plaintiff Beaver brings this cause of action on behalf of herself and members of the
13	California Subclass.
14	147.
15	Defendant has violated California's Unfair Competition Law (UCL) by engaging in
16	unlawful, fraudulent, and unfair conduct (i.e., violating each of the three prongs of the UCL).
17	The Unlawful Prong
18	148.
19	Defendant engaged in unlawful conduct by violating the CLRA and FAL, as alleged
20	above and incorporated here. In addition, Defendant engaged in unlawful conduct by violating
21	the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTCA"). The FTCA prohibits "unfair or deceptive acts or
22	practices in or affecting commerce" and prohibits the dissemination of false advertisements. 15
23	U.S.C. § 45(a)(1). As the FTC's regulations make clear, Defendant's false pricing schemes
24	violate the FTCA. 16 C.F.R. § 233.1, § 233.2.

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1	The Deceptive Prong
2	149.
3	As alleged in detail above, Defendant's representations that its Products were on sale,
4	that the sale was limited in time, that the Products had a specific regular price, that the customers
5	were receiving discounts, and that the Products were valued in the marketplace at the reference
6	price, were false and misleading.
7	150.
8	Defendant's representations were misleading to Plaintiff Beaver and other reasonable
9	consumers.
10	151.
11	California Subclass members, including Plaintiff Beaver, relied upon Defendant's
12	misleading representations and omissions, as detailed above.
13	The Unfair Prong
14	152.
15	As alleged in detail above, Defendant committed "unfair" acts by falsely advertising that
16	its Products were on sale, that the sale was limited in time, that the Products had a specific
17	regular price, that the customers were receiving discounts, and that the Products were valued in
18	the marketplace at the reference price.
19	153.
20	Defendant violated established public policy by violating the CLRA, the FAL, and the
21	FTCA, as alleged above and incorporated here. The unfairness of this practice is tethered to a
22	legislatively declared policy (that of the CLRA and FAL).
23	154.
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1	The harm to Plaintiff Beaver and California Subclass Members greatly outweighs the
2	public utility of Defendant's conduct. There is no public utility to misrepresenting the price of a
3	consumer product. This injury was not outweighed by any countervailing benefits to consumers
4	or competition. Misleading consumer products only injure healthy competition and harm
5	consumers.
6	155.
7	California Subclass Members could not have reasonably avoided this injury. As alleged
8	above, Defendant's representations were deceptive to reasonable consumers like Plaintiff
9	Beaver.
10	156.
11	Defendant's conduct, as alleged above, was immoral, unethical, oppressive,
12	unscrupulous, and substantially injurious to consumers.
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14	157.
15	For all prongs, Defendant's representations were intended to induce reliance, and
16	Plaintiff Beaver saw, read, and reasonably relied on them when purchasing the Products.
17	Defendant's representations were a substantial factor in consumers' purchase decisions.
18	158.
19	In addition, California Subclass-wide reliance can be inferred because Defendant's
20	representations were material, i.e., a reasonable consumer would consider them important in
21	deciding whether to buy the Products.
22	159.
23	Defendant's representations were a substantial factor and proximate cause in causing
24	damages and losses to Plaintiff Beaver and California Subclass Members.
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Plaintiff Beaver and California Subclass Members were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct because (a) they would not have purchased the Products if they had known that they were not discounted, and/or (b) they overpaid for the Products because the Products were sold at the regular price and not at a discount.

Fifth Cause of Action:

Violation of Washington's Consumer Protection Act: RCW Chapter 19.86 (By Plaintiff McQuillan and the Washington Subclass)

161.

Plaintiffs incorporate each and every factual allegation set forth above.

162.

Plaintiff McQuillan bring this cause of action on behalf of herself and members of the Washington Subclass.

163.

Defendant has violated the Washington Consumer Protection Act (CPA), RCW Chapter 19.86. This statute is materially similar to California and Oregon law in that it prohibits unfair, unconscionable, and/or deceptive acts or practices in the course of trade or commerce or in connection with the sale of goods or services to consumers. Defendant's misleading ads violate Washington law for the same reasons they violate Oregon and California law.

164.

Section 19.86.020 of the CPA states, "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared unlawful." RCW § 19.86.020.

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Under the CPA, "[p]rivate rights of action may ... be maintained for recovery of actual damages, costs, and a reasonable attorney's fee. A private plaintiff may be eligible for treble damages," and "may obtain injunctive relief, even if the injunction would not directly affect the individual's own rights." Washington Pattern Jury Instruction Civil No. 310.00 (Consumer Protection Act—Introduction) (internal citations omitted); RCW § 1986.090.

166.

Defendant engages in the conduct of trade or commerce within the meaning of the CPA.

Defendant does this by selling the Products in a manner that directly and indirectly affects people of the state of Washington.

167.

As alleged more fully above, Defendant made and disseminated untrue and misleading statements of facts in its advertisements to members of the Washington Subclass, constituting acts of unfair methods of competition and/or unfair or deceptive acts or practices.

Unfair Acts or Practices

168.

As alleged in detail above, Defendant committed "unfair" acts by falsely advertising that its Products were on sale, that the sale was limited in time, that the Products had higher regular prices, and market values and that customers were receiving discounts, when none of this was true. This caused members of the Washington Subclass to make purchases they otherwise would not have made, pay more for their purchases, and deprived them of their expectancy interest in receiving the Products as advertised.

169.

The harm to members of the Washington Subclass greatly outweighs the public utility of Defendant's conduct. There is no public utility to misrepresenting the price of a consumer

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1	product. The Washington Subclass's injury was not outweighed by any countervailing benefits to
2	consumers or competition. Misleading consumer products only injure healthy competition and
3	harm consumers.
4	Deceptive Acts or Practices
5	170.
6	As alleged in detail above, Defendant's representations that its Products were on sale,
7	that the sale was limited in time, that the Products had a specific regular price, former price, and
8	market value, and that the customers were receiving discounts, were false and misleading.
9	171.
10	Defendant's representations were likely to deceive, and did deceive, members of the
11	Washington Subclass. Defendant knew, or should have known through the exercise of
12	reasonable care, that these statements were inaccurate and misleading.
13	172.
14	Defendant intended that Washington Subclass Members rely on these representations,
15	and Washington Subclass Members read and reasonably relied on them.
16	173.
17	In addition, Washington Subclass-wide reliance can be inferred because Defendant's
18	misrepresentations were material, i.e., a reasonable consumer would consider them important in
19	deciding whether to buy the Products.
20	174.
21	Defendant's misrepresentations were a substantial factor and proximate cause in causing
22	damages and losses to Washington Subclass Members.
23	175.
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Members of the Washington Subclass were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct because (a) they would not have purchased the Products if they had known the truth, (b) they overpaid for the Products because the Products were sold at a price premium due to the misrepresentation, and/or (c) they did not receive the discounts they were promised, and received Products with market values lower than the promised market values.

176.

Defendant's acts or omissions are injurious to the public interest because these practices were committed in the course of Defendant's business and were committed repeatedly before and after members of the Washington Subclass purchased Defendant's Products. They are part of a pattern of unfair and deceptive advertisements. These actions have injured other persons, and, if continued, have the capacity to injure additional persons.

Sixth Cause of Action:

Unjust Enrichment

(By Plaintiffs and the Class)

177.

Plaintiffs incorporate each and every factual allegation set forth above.

178.

As alleged in detail above, Defendant's false and misleading advertising caused Plaintiffs and the Class to purchase the Products and to pay a price premium for these Products.

179.

In this way, Defendant received a direct and unjust benefit, at Plaintiffs' expense.

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(In the alternative only), due to Defendant's misrepresentations, any of its contracts with Plaintiffs are void or voidable.

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1	181.
2	Plaintiffs and the Class seek restitution, and in the alternative, rescission.
3	Seventh Cause of Action:
4	Negligent Misrepresentation
5	(By Plaintiffs and the Class)
6	182.
7	Plaintiffs incorporate each and every factual allegation set forth above.
8	183.
9	Plaintiffs bring this cause of action on behalf of themselves and members of the Class.
0	184.
1	As alleged more fully above, Defendant made false representations and material
2	omissions of fact to Plaintiffs and Class members concerning the existence and/or nature of the
13	discounts and savings advertised on its website.
4	185.
15	These representations were false.
16	186.
7	When Defendant made these misrepresentations, it knew or should have known that the
18	were false. Defendant had no reasonable grounds for believing that these representations were
9	true when made.
20	187.
21	Defendant intended that Plaintiffs and Class Members rely on these representations, and
22	Plaintiffs and Class Members read and reasonably relied on them.
23	188.
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1	In addition, Class-wide reliance can be inferred because Defendant's misrepresentations
2	were material, i.e., a reasonable consumer would consider them important in deciding whether to
3	buy the Products.
4	189.
5	Defendant's misrepresentations were a substantial factor and proximate cause in causing
6	damages and losses to Plaintiffs and Class Members.
7	190.
8	Plaintiffs and the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's
9	conduct because (a) they would not have purchased the Products if they had known that the
10	representations were false, and/or (b) they overpaid for the Products because the Products were
11	sold at a price premium due to the misrepresentation.
12	Eighth Cause of Action:
13	Intentional Misrepresentation
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1	195.
2	When Defendant made these misrepresentations, it knew that they were false at the time
3	that it made them and/or acted recklessly in making the misrepresentations.
4	196.
5	Defendant intended that Plaintiffs and Class Members rely on these representations and
6	Plaintiffs and Class members read and reasonably relied on them.
7	197.
8	In addition, Class-wide reliance can be inferred because Defendant's misrepresentations
9	were material, i.e., a reasonable consumer would consider them important in deciding whether to
10	buy the Products.
11	198.
12	Defendant's misrepresentations were a substantial factor and proximate cause in causing
13	damages and losses to Plaintiffs and Class Members.
14	199.
15	Plaintiffs and the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's
16	conduct because (a) they would not have purchased the Products if they had known that the
17	representations were false, and/or (b) they overpaid for the Products because the Products were
18	sold at a price premium due to the misrepresentation.
19	Demand For Jury Trial.
20	200.
21	Plaintiffs demand the right to a jury trial on all claims so triable.
22	Relief.
23	201.
24	Plaintiffs seek the following relief for themselves and the proposed Class:
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1	•	An order certifying the asserted claims, or issues raised, as a class action;		
2	•	A judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the proposed Class;		
3	•	Damages, statutory damages, treble damages, and punitive damages where		
4		applicable;		
5	•	Restitution;		
6	•	Rescission;		
7	•	Disgorgement, and other just equitable relief;		
8	•	Pre- and post-judgment interest;		
9	•	An injunction prohibiting Defendant's deceptive conduct, as allowed by law;		
10	•	Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, as allowed by law;		
11	•	Any additional relief that the Court deems reasonable and just.		
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