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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 13 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
 14 **WESTERN DIVISION**

15 **ERIK SOLTER, and LORNE**  
 16 **BULLING, individually and on behalf of**  
 17 **all others similarly situated,**

18 **Plaintiffs,**

19 **v.**

20 **SPORTS WAREHOUSE, a California**  
 corporation d/b/a **TENNIS**  
 21 **WAREHOUSE; RUNNING**  
 22 **WAREHOUSE, LLC; WILDERNESS**  
**SPORTS WAREHOUSE LLC d/b/a**  
 23 **TACKLE WAREHOUSE; and SKATE**  
 24 **WAREHOUSE, LLC,**

25 **Defendants.**

Case No. 2:22-cv-00460

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

1 Plaintiffs Erik Solter and Lorne Bulling (collectively, “Plaintiffs”),  
2 individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, upon personal knowledge  
3 of facts pertaining to themselves and on information and belief as to all other matters,  
4 by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby file this Class Action Complaint  
5 against Sports Warehouse d/b/a Tennis Warehouse (“Tennis Warehouse”), Running  
6 Warehouse, LLC (“Running Warehouse”), Wilderness Sports Warehouse d/b/a  
7 Tackle Warehouse (“Tackle Warehouse”), and Skate Warehouse, LLC (“Skate  
8 Warehouse”) (collectively, “Defendants,” or the “Companies”).

9 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

10 1. This is a data breach class action on behalf of Defendants’ customers  
11 whose payment card information was stolen by cybercriminals as part of a cyber-  
12 attack on Defendants’ payment card environment and systems. Hackers infiltrated  
13 and accessed the Company’s inadequately protected payment card environment and  
14 systems on October 1, 2021, during which time they gained illegitimate access to  
15 customer data for four (4) affiliated sports gear online shopping websites operated by  
16 Defendants (tacklewarehouse.com, runningwarehouse.com, tennis-warehouse.com,  
17 and skatewarehouse.com). The threat actors were able to obtain the protected  
18 personal information of more than 1.8 million customers of Defendants by accessing  
19 Defendants’ payment card environment and computer systems and stealing  
20 customers’ personally identifiable information including payment card information  
21 (“PII”). The PII that was obtained reportedly included customers’ full names,  
22 financial account numbers, credit and debit card numbers with CVVs, and website  
23 login credentials (the “Data Breach”).<sup>1</sup>

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26 <sup>1</sup> See *Hackers Pilfer Credit Card Info of 1.8 Mn People from 4 Sports Gear Sites!*,  
27 [https://www.stealthlabs.com/news/hackers-pilfer-credit-card-info-of-1-8-mn-people-](https://www.stealthlabs.com/news/hackers-pilfer-credit-card-info-of-1-8-mn-people-from-4-sports-gear-sites/)  
28 [from-4-sports-gear-sites/](https://www.stealthlabs.com/news/hackers-pilfer-credit-card-info-of-1-8-mn-people-from-4-sports-gear-sites/) (last accessed January 21, 2022); *Credit card info of 1.8*  
(footnote continued)

1           2.       The Companies reportedly first learned of the breach on October 15,  
2 2021, and after an investigation, confirmed on November 29, 2021, which customers  
3 had their payment information stolen.

4           3.       On information and belief, the threat actors stole the PII of more than  
5 1.8 million customers of Defendants.

6           4.       According to Defendants’ notice to state attorneys general advising of  
7 the Data Breach, Defendants reportedly became aware of a potential data security  
8 incident on October 15, 2021 but did not determine that payment card information  
9 was obtained until November 6, 2021 and did not advise affected individuals of the  
10 Data Breach until December 16, 2021, two and a half (2 1/2) months after the Data  
11 Breach occurred.

12          5.       On or about December 16, 2021, Defendants began mailing breach  
13 notifications to affected customers. According to the notice letter Defendants sent to  
14 affected individuals, Defendants identified suspicious activity on their computer  
15 systems on October 15, 2021 and opened an internal investigation. Defendants’  
16 investigation determined the Companies suffered a “data security incident” on  
17 October 1, 2021, when highly sensitive customer payment card information was  
18 obtained without authorization.

19          6.       On information and belief, Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ PII was  
20 stolen in the cyberattack. Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ PII has already been and  
21 will continue to be used for criminal purposes, such as identity theft and fraudulent  
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24 *million people stolen from sports gear sites,*  
25 <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/credit-card-info-of-18-million-people-stolen-from-sports-gear-sites/> (last accessed January 21, 2022); and *Hackers*  
26 *steal credit cards from 1.8 million sports gear site customers,*  
27 <https://www.bitdefender.com/blog/hotforsecurity/hackers-steal-credit-cards-from-1-8-million-sports-gear-site-customers/> (last accessed January 21, 2022).  
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1 purchases and sold by the actors responsible for the Data Breach to other criminals  
2 on the dark web.

3 7. Defendants' conduct – failing to take adequate and reasonable measures  
4 to ensure that their customer data was protected, failing to take available steps to  
5 prevent and stop the Data Breach, failing to take adequate measures to detect the Data  
6 Breach, failing to provide timely notice of the Data Breach, and enabling the actors  
7 to execute the Data Breach and steal Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII – has caused  
8 substantial harm and injuries to their customers.

9 8. Defendants' material failures put Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII  
10 and interests at serious, immediate, and ongoing risk and, additionally, caused costs  
11 and expenses to Plaintiffs and Class members associated with time and money spent  
12 as a result of taking time and incurring costs to address and attempt to ameliorate,  
13 mitigate and deal with the actual and future consequences of the Data Breach.

14 9. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiffs and Class members have  
15 already suffered damages. For example, now that their PII has been released into the  
16 criminal cyber domains, Plaintiffs and Class members are at imminent and impending  
17 risk of identity theft. Additionally, Plaintiffs and Class members have already lost  
18 time and money responding to and mitigating the impact of the Data Breach, which  
19 efforts are continuous and ongoing.

20 10. As a result of the Data Breach, many class members have experienced  
21 and will continue to experience fraudulent credit and debit card transactions and other  
22 fraud related to their accounts. Class members have incurred and will continue to  
23 incur out-of-pocket costs, including costs relating to purchasing protective measures  
24 such as credit monitoring services, credit freezes, and credit reports, bank fees, late  
25 fees, or other costs directly or indirectly related to the Data Breach.

26 11. As discussed in more detail below, Plaintiffs have sustained actual,  
27 palpable misuse of their payment cards and have suffered other types of injuries and  
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1 damages as a result of the Data Breach. Plaintiffs and Class members have also been  
2 exposed to a heightened and imminent risk of fraud and identity theft. In addition to  
3 the significant inconvenience the breach has already caused, Plaintiffs and Class  
4 members must now and in the future closely monitor their financial accounts to guard  
5 against fraud. This is a burdensome and time-consuming process.

6 12. Plaintiffs seek to remedy these harms on behalf of themselves and all  
7 similarly situated individuals whose payment card information or PII was stolen in  
8 the Data Breach. Plaintiffs seek remedies including reimbursement of out-of-pocket  
9 losses, compensation for time spent in response to the Data Breach and other types  
10 of harm, free credit monitoring and identity theft insurance, and injunctive relief  
11 involving substantial improvements to Defendants' card payment data security  
12 systems.

13 13. Plaintiffs bring this action individually and on behalf of the Class and  
14 seek actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, and restitution, with  
15 attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses, and further sue Defendants for, among other  
16 causes of action, negligence, breach of implied contract, unjust enrichment, and  
17 California and Oregon consumer statutes. Plaintiffs also seek declaratory and  
18 injunctive relief, including significant improvements to Defendants' data security  
19 systems and protocols, future annual audits, Defendant-funded long-term credit  
20 monitoring services, and other remedies as the Court deems necessary and proper.

21 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

22 14. This Court has diversity jurisdiction under the Class Action Fairness  
23 Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2), because this is a class action involving more than 100  
24 class members, the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest  
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1 and costs, Plaintiff Bulling is a citizen of the State of Oregon, and many other  
2 members of the Class are citizens of states different from Defendants.

3 15. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because  
4 Defendants' principal place of business is located in this District and Defendants  
5 conduct substantial business in California and this District.

6 16. Venue is proper in the Central District of California District under 28  
7 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) because Defendants maintain their principal place of business in  
8 this District and therefore reside in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c)(2).

9 **PARTIES**

10 17. Plaintiff Erik Solter is a citizen of the State of California and resides in  
11 Los Angeles County, California. He received notice from Defendant Tennis  
12 Warehouse on or about December 22, 2021, informing him of the Data Breach.

13 18. Plaintiff Lorne Bulling is a citizen of the State of Oregon and resides in  
14 Washington County, Oregon. He received notice from Defendant Tennis Warehouse  
15 on or about December 17, 2021, informing him of the Data Breach.

16 19. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of all persons whose PII was  
17 compromised as a result of Defendants' failure to: (i) adequately protect the PII of  
18 Plaintiffs and Class members; (ii) warn Plaintiffs and Class members of Defendants'  
19 inadequate information security practices; and (iii) effectively secure hardware  
20 containing protected PII using reasonable and effective security procedures free of  
21 vulnerabilities and incidents. Defendants' conduct amounts to negligence and  
22 violates numerous state and federal laws.

23 20. Plaintiffs and Class members have suffered injury as a result of  
24 Defendants' conduct. These injuries include: (i) lost or diminished value of PII; (ii)  
25 out-of-pocket expenses associated with the prevention, detection, and recovery from  
26 identity theft, tax fraud, and/or unauthorized use of their PII; (iii) lost opportunity  
27 costs associated with attempting to mitigate the actual consequences of the Data  
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1 Breach, including but not limited to lost time; and (iv) the continued and certainly  
2 increased risk to their PII, which may remain in Defendants' possession and is subject  
3 to further unauthorized disclosures so long as Defendants fail to undertake  
4 appropriate and adequate measures to protect the PII.

5 21. Defendants obtained and continue to maintain Plaintiffs' PII and have  
6 a legal duty and obligation to protect that PII from unauthorized access and  
7 disclosure. Plaintiffs would not have entrusted their PII to Defendants had they  
8 known that Defendants would fail to maintain adequate data security. Plaintiffs' PII  
9 was compromised and disclosed as a result of the Data Breach.

10 22. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiffs have already spent, and  
11 anticipate spending, considerable time on an ongoing basis to try to mitigate and  
12 address harms caused by the Data Breach. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiffs  
13 will continue to be at increased risk of identity theft and fraud.

14 23. Like Plaintiffs, the other Class members have a continuing interest in  
15 ensuring that their PII is protected and safeguarded from future breaches.

16 24. The injuries suffered by Plaintiffs and Class members as a direct result  
17 of the Data Breach include one or more of the following:

- 18 a. unauthorized use of their PII;
- 19 b. theft of their PII;
- 20 c. costs associated with the detection and prevention of identity theft and  
21 unauthorized use of their PII;
- 22 d. damages arising from the inability to use their PII;
- 23 e. time spent and costs associated with the loss of productivity or the  
24 enjoyment of one's life from taking time to address and attempt to  
25 ameliorate, mitigate and deal with the actual and future consequences  
26 of the Data Breach, including researching the potential impact of the  
27 Data Breach, evaluating and enrolling in credit monitoring, purchasing  
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- 1 identity protection, reviewing bank account statements, credit card  
2 statements, credit reports, and online accounts, evaluating  
3 implementation of a credit freeze, and the stress, nuisance and  
4 annoyance of dealing with all issues resulting from the Data Breach;
- 5 f. damages arising from the theft of their PII, including addressing  
6 identity theft and fraudulent accounts and loans;
- 7 g. damages to and diminution in value of their PII entrusted to  
8 Defendants;
- 9 h. the loss of Plaintiffs' and Class members' privacy; and
- 10 i. ascertainable losses in the form of deprivation of the value of their PII  
11 for which there is a well-established and quantifiable national and  
12 international market.

13 25. Defendant Sports Warehouse d/b/a Tennis Warehouse is a California  
14 corporation with its principal place of business at 181 Suburban Road, San Luis  
15 Obispo, California, 93401. Defendant Tennis Warehouse's agent for service of  
16 process is Mark Adam Sczbecki, 181 Suburban Road, San Luis Obispo, California,  
17 93401. Defendant Sports Warehouse operates as a sporting goods business and  
18 generates \$89.46 million in annual revenue.<sup>2</sup> Defendant Sports Warehouse operates  
19 the website [www.tennis-warehouse.com](http://www.tennis-warehouse.com).

20 26. Defendant Running Warehouse, LLC is a California company with its  
21 principal place of business at 181 Suburban Road, San Luis Obispo, California,  
22 93401. Defendant Running Warehouse's agent for service of process is Mark  
23 Sczbecki, 181 Suburban Road, San Luis Obispo, California, 93401. Defendant  
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26 <sup>2</sup> See [https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-](https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-profiles.sports_warehouse.e03fc17750ced37157a9634b2ebd9b0a.html)  
27 [profiles.sports\\_warehouse.e03fc17750ced37157a9634b2ebd9b0a.html](https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-profiles.sports_warehouse.e03fc17750ced37157a9634b2ebd9b0a.html) (last  
28 accessed January 21, 2022).



1 Running Warehouse operates as an online shoe, clothing and running gear business  
2 through the website runningwarehouse.com and generate \$11.12 million in annual  
3 revenue.<sup>3</sup>

4 27. Defendant Wilderness Sports Warehouse LLC d/b/a Tackle Warehouse  
5 is a California company with its principal place of business at 181 Suburban Road,  
6 San Luis Obispo, California, 93401. Defendant Tackle Warehouse's agent for  
7 service of process is Mark Sczbecki, 181 Suburban Road, San Luis Obispo,  
8 California, 93401. Defendant Tackle Warehouse operates as an online fishing and  
9 sporting goods business through the website tacklewarehouse.com and generates  
10 \$15.91 million in annual revenue.<sup>4</sup>

11 28. Defendant Skate Warehouse, LLC is a California company with its  
12 principal place of business at 181 Suburban Road, San Luis Obispo, California,  
13 93401. Defendant Skate Warehouse's agent for service of process is Mark Sczbecki,  
14 181 Suburban Road, San Luis Obispo, California, 93401. Defendant Skate  
15 Warehouse operates as an online business selling skateboards, longboards, and skate  
16 clothing and footwear through the website skatewarehouse.com and generates \$1.06  
17 million in annual revenue.<sup>5</sup>

18 29. Defendants make sizeable profits at the expense of their customers;  
19 however, Defendants betrayed the trust of their customers by putting their PII at risk  
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21 <sup>3</sup> See [https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-](https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-profiles.running_warehouse_llc.b85ef65e193dcd63a641e7d6698d8e3b.html)  
22 [profiles.running\\_warehouse\\_llc.b85ef65e193dcd63a641e7d6698d8e3b.html](https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-profiles.running_warehouse_llc.b85ef65e193dcd63a641e7d6698d8e3b.html) (last  
23 accessed January 21, 2022).

24 <sup>4</sup> See [https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-](https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-profiles.wilderness_sports_warehouse_llc.ff2f2aa5fa8da12781f8ec955f2ca7f0.html)  
25 [profiles.wilderness\\_sports\\_warehouse\\_llc.ff2f2aa5fa8da12781f8ec955f2ca7f0.html](https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-profiles.wilderness_sports_warehouse_llc.ff2f2aa5fa8da12781f8ec955f2ca7f0.html)  
(last accessed January 21, 2022).

26 <sup>5</sup> See [https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-](https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-profiles.skate_warehouse_llc.e6159b715456b5145e4d5a5efd8e1dac.html)  
27 [profiles.skate\\_warehouse\\_llc.e6159b715456b5145e4d5a5efd8e1dac.html](https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-profiles.skate_warehouse_llc.e6159b715456b5145e4d5a5efd8e1dac.html) (last  
28 accessed January 21, 2022).

1 of attack by cybercriminals. Defendants’ actions and/or inaction exposed their  
2 customers’ PII, including highly sensitive PII, to cyberattack. Through this lawsuit,  
3 the numerous affected customers who entrusted their PII to Defendants have a voice  
4 in Plaintiffs.

5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

6 **I. The Data Breach**

7 30. On October 1, 2021, Defendants’ computer systems were subject to a  
8 data security incident through which threat actors gained unauthorized access to  
9 Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ PII, including highly sensitive payment card  
10 information.

11 31. Defendants discovered the Data Breach on October 15, 2021, but did  
12 not begin notifying affected individuals until on or around December 16, 2021, two  
13 and one-half (2 1/2) months after the Data Breach.

14 32. On or about December 16, 2021 – two (2) months after first learning of  
15 the Data Breach – Defendants began sending out Notifications of Data Security  
16 Incident to their customers whose information was accessed and exposed in the Data  
17 Breach.

18 33. It is apparent from the various notices and sample notices of the Data  
19 Breach sent to Plaintiffs, the Class, and state Attorneys General that the PII contained  
20 within its computer systems was not adequately secured and protected.

21 34. Following discovery of the Data Breach, Defendants began an internal  
22 investigation and engaged an independent computer forensics firm to address the  
23 Data Breach. Based upon the investigation, the attackers were able to access certain  
24 computer systems containing the PII at issue.

25 35. Upon information and belief, the unauthorized third-party  
26 cybercriminals gained access to the PII with the intent of engaging in misuse of the  
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1 PII, including marketing and selling Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII on the dark  
2 web.

3 36. Despite the severity of the Data Breach, Defendants have not  
4 adequately protected Plaintiffs and the Class. For example, upon information and  
5 belief, in the Notification of Data Security Incident, Defendants did not provide  
6 adequate identity theft or credit monitoring protection for the individuals affected by  
7 the Data Breach by having their payment card information exposed.

8 37. In effect, Defendants are shirking their responsibility for the harm and  
9 increased risk of harm they have caused Plaintiffs and members of the Class,  
10 including the distress and financial burdens the Data Breach has placed upon the  
11 shoulders of the Data Breach victims.

12 38. To make matters worse, Defendants' attackers gained access to, and  
13 possession of, Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII. While many data breach events  
14 merely involve the attacker gaining access to the computer or network without  
15 meaningful access to the victims' information, in this particular attack on Defendants'  
16 systems, hackers gained access to Plaintiffs' and Class members' highly sensitive PII,  
17 including financial account numbers, and credit and debit card numbers with CVVs.

18 39. Defendants failed to adequately safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class  
19 members' PII, allowing cyber criminals to access this sensitive financial information  
20 for over two and one-half (2 1/2) months before warning the criminals' victims to be  
21 on the lookout, and now offer them no remedy or relief.

22 40. Defendants failed to spend sufficient resources on cybersecurity  
23 training and adequate data security measures and protocols.

24 41. Plaintiffs and Class members provided their PII to Defendants with the  
25 reasonable expectation and mutual understanding that Defendants would comply with  
26 their obligations to keep such information confidential and secure from unauthorized  
27 access.

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1           42. Defendants had a duty pursuant to common law, industry standards, and  
2 payment card network rules to keep consumers' card information confidential and to  
3 protect it from unauthorized access.

4           43. Defendants failed to properly safeguard Class members' payment card  
5 information, allowing cybercriminals to access the credit and debit card information.

6 **II. Plaintiff Solter's Experience**

7           44. Plaintiff Solter purchased items from websites operated by Defendant  
8 Tennis Warehouse, specifically [www.racquetballwarehouse.com](http://www.racquetballwarehouse.com) for which he  
9 received confirmation from [tennis-warehouse.com](http://tennis-warehouse.com), prior to October 1, 2021. He used  
10 his Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union (Police Credit Union) payment card for  
11 his purchases. He received Defendants' Notice of Data Breach, dated December 22,  
12 2021, on or about that date.

13           45. In mid-December of 2021, following the Data Breach, the Police Credit  
14 Union notified Plaintiff Solter that fraudulent charges were made on his payment  
15 credit card and that the Police Credit Union would be replacing his credit card as a  
16 result. Plaintiff heavily relied on this payment card. He was without the use of his  
17 card for many days. He had his new payment card shipped to him by overnight mail  
18 at a cost in excess of \$25 to gain quicker access thereto.

19           46. In addition, many of Plaintiff Solter's bills were connected to the  
20 compromised payment card that had to be replaced, resulting in late payments and  
21 late fees associated with said payments. Solter has incurred at least \$25 in late fees  
22 associated with the compromised payment card account.

23           47. After receiving the Notification of Data Security Incident, Plaintiff  
24 Solter spent more than ten (10) hours dealing with the consequences of the Data  
25 Breach and continues to spend many hours dealing with the Data Breach, including  
26 reviewing and monitoring his bank accounts, credit card accounts, credit reports and  
27 other online accounts, evaluating freezing his credit with credit reporting agencies  
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1 and credit protection services, and evaluating credit monitoring services and identity  
2 protection services.

3 48. Plaintiff Solter has suffered out-of-pocket expenses, lost time,  
4 annoyance, interference, and inconvenience as a result of the Data Breach and has  
5 increased concerns for the loss of his privacy, which he would not have suffered had  
6 Defendants implemented the necessary and proper safeguards to protect their  
7 customers' PII from theft.

8 49. Plaintiff Solter has a continuing interest in ensuring that his PII, which,  
9 upon information and belief, remains in Defendants' possession, is protected and  
10 safeguarded from future breaches.

11 **III. Plaintiff Bulling's Experience**

12 50. Plaintiff Bulling purchased items from websites operated by Defendant  
13 Tennis Warehouse, specifically tennis-warehouse.com, prior to October 1, 2021. He  
14 used his payment card for the purchase(s). He received Defendants' Notice of Data  
15 Security Incident, dated December 17, 2021, on or about that date.

16 51. After receiving the Notice of Data Security Incident, Plaintiff Bulling  
17 canceled the payment card he had used at tennis-warehouse.com and requested a  
18 replacement as a result of the Data Breach. In addition, Bulling implemented a freeze  
19 on his credit with Equifax.

20 52. After receiving the Notice of Data Security Incident, Plaintiff Bulling  
21 spent more than five (5) hours dealing with the consequences of the Data Breach and  
22 continues to spend many hours dealing with the Data Breach, including reviewing  
23 and monitoring his bank accounts, credit card accounts, credit reports and other  
24 online accounts, researching the potential impact of the Data Breach, freezing his  
25 credit with credit reporting agencies and credit protection services, including  
26 TransUnion, and evaluating credit monitoring services and identity protection  
27 services.

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1           53. Plaintiff Bulling has suffered lost time, annoyance, interference, and  
2 inconvenience as a result of the Data Breach and has increased concerns for the loss  
3 of his privacy, which he would not have suffered had Defendants implemented the  
4 necessary and proper safeguards to protect their customers' PII from theft.

5           54. Plaintiff Bulling has a continuing interest in ensuring that his PII,  
6 which, upon information and belief, remains in Defendants' possession, is protected  
7 and safeguarded from future breaches.

8 **IV. Defendants Had a Duty to Safeguard the PII Within Their Possession**

9           55. Defendants are required to protect Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII,  
10 and further, to handle any data breach of the same in accordance with applicable  
11 federal and state law.

12           56. In addition to their obligations under federal and state law, Defendants  
13 owed a duty to Plaintiffs and Class members to exercise reasonable care in obtaining,  
14 retaining, securing, safeguarding, deleting, and protecting the PII in their possession  
15 from being compromised, lost, stolen, accessed, and misused by unauthorized  
16 persons. Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs and Class members to provide  
17 reasonable security, including consistency with industry standards and requirements,  
18 and to ensure that their computer systems, networks, and protocols adequately  
19 protected the PII of the Class.

20           57. Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs and the Class to design, maintain,  
21 and test their computer systems and networks to ensure that the PII in Defendants'  
22 possession was adequately secured and protected.

23           58. Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs and the Class to create and  
24 implement reasonable data security practices and procedures to protect the PII in their  
25 possession.

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1           59. Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs and the Class to implement  
2 processes that would detect a breach on their data security systems in a timely  
3 manner.

4           60. Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs and the Class to act upon data  
5 security warnings and alerts in a timely fashion.

6           61. Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs and the Class to disclose if their  
7 computer systems and data security practices were inadequate to safeguard  
8 individuals' PII from theft because such an inadequacy would be a material fact in  
9 the decision to entrust PII with Defendants.

10          62. Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs and the Class to disclose in a  
11 timely and accurate manner when data breaches occurred.

12          63. Defendants owed a duty of care to Plaintiffs and the Class because they  
13 were foreseeable and probable victims of any inadequate data security practices.

14          64. Plaintiffs and other Class members relied on Defendants to implement  
15 and maintain systems that kept their PII safe. Defendants had a duty to keep their  
16 customers' PII safe, particularly given the highly sensitive nature of the information  
17 stored on Defendants' computer systems. Defendants failed to comply with all of  
18 these foregoing duties.

19 **V. Defendants Were Well Aware of Their Data Security Obligations Given**  
20 **the Increase in Payment Card Data Breaches**

21          65. Defendants were well aware of their data security obligations given the  
22 substantial increase in payment card data breaches throughout the retail industry  
23 preceding the Data Breach. The increase in data breaches and the risk of future  
24 breaches were widely known throughout the retail industry, including to Defendants.  
25 For instance, Experian reported that 14.2 million Americans had their credit card  
26 numbers stolen in 2017, an 88% increase in the amount of credit cards numbers stolen  
27 in the United States from 2016.

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1           66.       Furthermore, Defendants’ data security obligations and promises were  
2 particularly important given the many high-profile payment card data breaches that  
3 have been reported in recent years, which were widely known to the public and to  
4 any entity, like Defendants, that conducts a substantial amount of business via  
5 payment cards. In recent years, massive payment card data breaches have impacted  
6 large retailers and restaurants, including Arby’s, Chipotle, Dairy Queen, Forever 21,  
7 GameStop, Harbor Freight Tools, Home Depot, Hy-Vee, Kmart, Lord & Taylor,  
8 Michael’s Stores, Neiman Marcus, Noodles & Co., P.F. Chang’s, Saks Fifth Avenue,  
9 Sally Beauty Supply, Schnuck Markets, SuperValu, Target, T.J. Maxx, Wendy’s, and  
10 many others. Large breaches have impacted not just retailers and restaurants, but also  
11 large companies responsible for housing important and sensitive consumer financial  
12 and medical data. The high-profile breaches that impacted Marriott, Equifax, Yahoo,  
13 Premera, and Anthem serve as additional examples of the consequences of inadequate  
14 data security, and these breaches put Defendants on further notice of the need to have  
15 robust data security protections in place.

16           67.       In addition, the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) has brought dozens  
17 of cases against companies that have “engaged in unfair or deceptive practices  
18 involving inadequate protection of consumers’ personal data,” including recent cases  
19 against Uber Technologies, Venmo, and VTech Electronics.<sup>6</sup> The FTC has publicized  
20 these and other enforcement actions so that companies entrusted with sensitive  
21 financial information are aware of their duty and can improve their practices for  
22 safeguarding customer information.<sup>7</sup>

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25 <sup>6</sup> Fed. Trade Comm’n, *Privacy & Data Security* (2018), at p.5,  
26 <https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/reports/privacy-data-security-update-2018/2018-privacy-data-security-report-508.pdf> (last accessed January 21, 2022).

27 <sup>7</sup> See Fed. Trade Comm’n, *Start With Security: A Guide For Business, Lessons*  
28 (footnote continued)



1 **VI. Cyber Criminals Will Use Plaintiffs’ and Class Members PII for**  
2 **Nefarious Purposes**

3 68. Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ highly sensitive PII is of great value to  
4 hackers and cyber criminals, and the data stolen in the Data Breach can be used in a  
5 variety of ways for criminals to exploit Plaintiffs and the Class members and to profit  
6 off their misfortune and stolen information. The cybercriminals’ motives for the Data  
7 Breach were purely nefarious and malicious in nature: their one goal was to access  
8 Defendants’ systems in order to obtain valuable PII to sell on the dark web.

9 69. Every year, identity theft causes tens of billions of dollars of losses to  
10 victims in the United States.<sup>8</sup> These criminal activities have resulted and will result  
11 in devastating financial and personal losses to Plaintiffs and Class members.

12 70. PII is such a valuable commodity to identity thieves that once it has  
13 been compromised, criminals will use it and trade the information on the cyber black-  
14 market for years.

15 71. These risks are both certainly impending and substantial. As the FTC  
16 has reported, if hackers get access to personally identifiable information, they will  
17 use it.<sup>9</sup>

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21 *Learned From FTC Cases* (2015), at p. 1,  
22 [https://www.bulkorder.ftc.gov/system/files/publications/pdf0205-  
startwithsecurity.pdf](https://www.bulkorder.ftc.gov/system/files/publications/pdf0205-startwithsecurity.pdf) (last accessed January 21, 2022).

23 <sup>8</sup> *See Facts + Statistics: Identity Theft and Cybercrime*, Insurance Info. Inst.,  
24 <https://www.iii.org/fact-statistic/facts-statistics-identity-theft-and-cybercrime>  
25 (discussing Javelin Strategy & Research’s report “2018 Identity Fraud: Fraud Enters  
a New Era of Complexity”) (last accessed on January 21, 2022).

26 <sup>9</sup> *See Ari Lazarus, How fast will identity thieves use stolen info?*, FED. TRADE  
27 COMM’N (May 24, 2017), [https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2017/05/how-fast-  
willidentity-thieves-use-stolen-info](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2017/05/how-fast-willidentity-thieves-use-stolen-info) (last accessed January 21, 2022).

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1           72.     Hackers might not use the information right away. According to the  
2 U.S. Government Accountability Office, which conducted a study regarding data  
3 breaches:

4           [I]n some cases, stolen data may be held for up to a year or more before  
5 being used to commit identity theft. Further, once stolen data have been  
6 sold or posted on the Web, fraudulent use of that information may  
7 continue for years. As a result, studies that attempt to measure the harm  
8 resulting from data breaches cannot necessarily rule out all future harm.<sup>10</sup>

9           73.     If cyber criminals manage to access financial information and other  
10 personally sensitive data—as they did here—there is no limit to the amount of fraud  
11 to which Defendants may expose the Plaintiffs and Class members and that fraud can  
12 occur for years following the Data Breach, thereby exposing Plaintiffs and Class  
13 members to years of risk and the need to carefully monitor all of their financial data  
14 and accounts every month.

15 **VII. Defendants Violated the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard**

16           74.     There is an extensive network of financial institutions, card-issuing  
17 banks, and card-processing companies involved in credit and debit card transactions.  
18 Card networks have issued detailed rules and standards governing the basic protective  
19 measures that merchants like Defendants must take to ensure that payment card  
20 information is properly safeguarded.

21           75.     Furthermore, the payment card networks (primarily MasterCard, Visa,  
22 American Express, and Discover) have issued card operating rules that are binding  
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25 <sup>10</sup> *Stolen Laptops Lead to Important HIPAA Settlements*, U.S. Dep’t of Health and  
26 Human Services (Apr. 22, 2014), available at  
27 <https://wayback.archiveit.org/3926/20170127085330/https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2014/04/22/stolenlaptops-lead-to-important-hipaa-settlements.html> (last  
28 accessed January 21, 2022).

1 on merchants, including Defendants, and require merchants to protect payment card  
 2 information. In particular, the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council  
 3 promulgates minimum standards that apply to all organizations that store, process, or  
 4 transmit payment card data, known as PCI DSS. PCI DSS is the universal industry  
 5 standard governing the security of credit and debit card data.

6 76. PCI DSS establishes detailed and comprehensive requirements for  
 7 satisfying each of the following twelve “high-level” mandates:<sup>11</sup>

8 **PCI Data Security Standard – High Level Overview**

<b>Build and Maintain a Secure Network and Systems</b>	1. Install and maintain a firewall configuration to protect cardholder data 2. Do not use vendor-supplied defaults for system passwords and other security parameters
<b>Protect Cardholder Data</b>	3. Protect stored cardholder data 4. Encrypt transmission of cardholder data across open, public networks
<b>Maintain a Vulnerability Management Program</b>	5. Protect all systems against malware and regularly update anti-virus software or programs 6. Develop and maintain secure systems and applications
<b>Implement Strong Access Control Measures</b>	7. Restrict access to cardholder data by business need to know 8. Identify and authenticate access to system components 9. Restrict physical access to cardholder data
<b>Regularly Monitor and Test Networks</b>	10. Track and monitor all access to network resources and cardholder data 11. Regularly test security systems and processes
<b>Maintain an Information Security Policy</b>	12. Maintain a policy that addresses information security for all personnel

18 77. PCI DSS sets the minimum level of what must be done to protect the  
 19 cardholder data environment (“CDE”). While PCI DSS compliance is an important  
 20 first step in securing cardholder data such as the payment card information  
 21 compromised in the Data Breach, it is not sufficient on its own to protect against  
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 25 <sup>11</sup> *Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard*, PCI SECURITY  
 26 STANDARDS COUNCIL (May 2018), at p. 5,  
 27 [https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/documents/PCI\\_DSS\\_v3-](https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/documents/PCI_DSS_v3-21.pdf?agreement=true&time=1577046042482)  
 28 [21.pdf?agreement=true&time=1577046042482](https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/documents/PCI_DSS_v3-21.pdf?agreement=true&time=1577046042482) (last accessed January 21, 2022).

1 compromises that may in turn breach the CDE, nor does it provide a safe harbor  
2 against civil liability for a data breach.

3 78. Defendants violated numerous provisions of PCI DSS, including  
4 subsections underlying the high-level mandates in the chart above. Those deficiencies  
5 will be revealed during discovery.

6 79. Industry experts acknowledge that a data breach is indicative of data  
7 security failures. For example, research and advisory firm Aite Group has stated: “‘If  
8 your data was stolen through a data breach that means you were somewhere out of  
9 compliance’ with payment industry data security standards.”<sup>12</sup>

10 80. Defendants were active participants in the payment card networks as  
11 they collected and transmitted numerous sets of payment card data per day. At all  
12 relevant times, Defendants knew of their PCI DSS obligations to protect cardholder  
13 data such as the payment card information compromised in the Data Breach, but  
14 Defendants failed to uphold their data security obligations.

15 **VIII. Damages Sustained by Plaintiffs and Class Members**

16 81. Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class have suffered injury and  
17 damages, including, but not limited to one or more of the following:

- 18 a. unauthorized use of their PII;  
19 b. damages arising from the inability to use their PII;  
20 c. monetary costs associated with their attempts to ameliorate, mitigate  
21 and deal with the actual and future consequences of the breach,  
22 including the freezing of their credit, and enrolling in credit or identity  
23 monitoring services;

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26 <sup>12</sup> Lisa Baertlein, *Chipotle Says Hackers Hit Most Restaurants in Data Breach*,  
27 REUTERS (May 26, 2017, 2:29 PM), <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-chipotle-cyber-idUSKBN18M2BY> (last accessed January 21, 2022).

- 1 d. time spent and monetary and other costs associated with the loss of
- 2 productivity or the enjoyment of one’s life from taking time to address
- 3 an attempt to ameliorate, mitigate and deal with the actual and future
- 4 consequences of the Data Breach, and the stress, nuisance and
- 5 annoyance of dealing with all issues resulting from the Data Breach
- 6 (which time spent on those activities Plaintiffs and Class members could
- 7 have been working and earning a living, therefore suffering further
- 8 actual injury);
- 9 e. the imminent and impending injury flowing from actual and potential
- 10 fraud and identity theft posed by their PII being placed in the hands of
- 11 criminals;
- 12 f. damages to and diminution in value of their PII entrusted to
- 13 Defendants for the sole purpose of purchasing products and services
- 14 from websites operated by Defendants; and
- 15 g. the loss of Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ privacy.

16 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

17 82. Plaintiffs bring certain counts, as set forth below, on behalf of

18 themselves and as a class action, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal

19 Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of a nationwide Class defined as:

20 **All natural persons residing in the United States of America whose**

21 **PII was compromised in the Data Breach that occurred in October**

22 **2021 (the “Nationwide Class” or “Class”), including all United**

23 **States residents who were sent a notice of the Data Breach.**

24 83. In addition, Plaintiff Bulling brings this action on behalf of himself and

25 on behalf of a subclass defined as:

26 **All natural persons residing in the State of Oregon whose PII was**

27 **compromised in the Data Breach that occurred in October 2021 (the**

28 **“Oregon Subclass”), including all United States residents who were**

**sent a notice of the Data Breach.**

1           84. Excluded from the Class are Defendants and their affiliates, parents,  
2 subsidiaries, officers, and directors. Also excluded is any judicial officer presiding  
3 over this matter and the members of their immediate families and judicial staff.

4           85. Certification of Plaintiffs' claims for class-wide treatment is appropriate  
5 because Plaintiffs can prove the elements of their claims on a class-wide basis using  
6 the same evidence as would be used to prove those elements in individual actions  
7 alleging the same claims.

8           86. **Numerosity—Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(1).** The  
9 members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all Class members would be  
10 impracticable. On information and belief, Class members number at least in the tens  
11 of thousands and likely more.

12           87. **Commonality and Predominance—Federal Rule of Civil Procedure**  
13 **23(a)(2) and 23(b)(3).** Common questions of law and fact exist as to all Class  
14 members and predominate over questions affecting only individual Class members.  
15 Such common questions of law or fact include, *inter alia*:

- 16           a. Whether Defendants failed to use reasonable care and reasonable  
17 methods to secure and safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII;  
18           b. Whether Defendants properly implemented their purported security  
19 measures to protect Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII from  
20 unauthorized capture, dissemination, and misuse;  
21           c. Whether Defendants took reasonable measures to determine the extent  
22 of the Data Breach after they first learned of same;  
23           d. Whether Defendants disclosed Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII in  
24 violation of the understanding that the PII was being disclosed in  
25 confidence and should be maintained;  
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- 1 e. Whether Defendants failed to maintain and execute reasonable
- 2 procedures designed to prevent unauthorized access to Plaintiffs' and
- 3 Class members' PII;
- 4 f. Whether Defendants were negligent in failing to properly secure and
- 5 protect Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII; and
- 6 g. Whether Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class are entitled to
- 7 damages, injunctive relief, or other equitable relief, and the measure of
- 8 such damages and relief.

9 88. Defendants engaged in a common course of conduct giving rise to the  
10 legal rights sought to be enforced by Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and other  
11 Class members. Similar or identical common law violations, business practices, and  
12 injuries are involved. Individual questions, if any, pale by comparison, in both quality  
13 and quantity, to the numerous common questions that predominate in this action.

14 89. **Typicality—Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(3).** Plaintiffs'  
15 claims are typical of the claims of the other Class members because, among other  
16 things, all Class members were similarly injured through Defendants' uniform  
17 misconduct described above and were thus all subject to the Data Breach alleged  
18 herein. Further, there are no defenses available to Defendants that are unique to  
19 Plaintiffs.

20 90. **Adequacy of Representation—Federal Rule of Civil Procedure**  
21 **23(a)(4).** Plaintiffs are adequate Class representatives because their interests do not  
22 conflict with the interests of the other Class members they seek to represent, they  
23 have retained counsel competent and experienced in complex class action litigation,  
24 and Plaintiffs will prosecute this action vigorously. The Class' interests will be fairly  
25 and adequately protected by Plaintiffs and their counsel.

26 91. **Injunctive Relief-Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2).**  
27 Defendants have acted and/or refused to act on grounds that apply generally to the

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1 Class, making injunctive and/or declaratory relief appropriate with respect to the  
2 Class under Fed. Civ. P. 23(b)(2).

3       92. **Superiority—Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3).** A class  
4 action is superior to any other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication  
5 of this controversy, and no unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered in the  
6 management of this class action. The damages or other financial detriment suffered  
7 by Plaintiffs and the other Class members are relatively small compared to the burden  
8 and expense that would be required to individually litigate their claims against  
9 Defendants, so it would be impracticable for Class members to individually seek  
10 redress for Defendants’ wrongful conduct. Even if Class members could afford  
11 individual litigation, the court system could not. Individualized litigation creates a  
12 potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and increases the delay and  
13 expense to all parties and the court system. By contrast, the class action device  
14 presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of a single  
15 adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court.

16                               **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

17   **Negligence**

18                               ***(On Behalf of Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class)***

19       93. Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the Class, repeat and re-allege  
20 the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 92 as though fully set forth herein.

21       94. By virtue of their express undertaking to protect Class members’ PII  
22 and upon accepting and storing Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ PII, Defendants  
23 undertook and owed a duty to Plaintiffs and Class members to exercise reasonable  
24 care to secure and safeguard that information and to use reasonable methods to do  
25 so. Defendants knew that the PII was confidential and should be protected as private  
26 and confidential.

27       95. Defendants owed a duty of care not to subject Plaintiffs’ and Class  
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1 members' PII to an unreasonable risk of harm because they were foreseeable and  
2 probable victims of any inadequate security practices.

3 96. Defendants owed numerous duties to their customers, Plaintiffs and  
4 Class members, including the following:

- 5 a. to exercise reasonable care in obtaining, retaining, securing,  
6 safeguarding, deleting and protecting PII;
- 7 b. to protect PII using reasonable and adequate security procedures and  
8 systems that are compliant with industry-standard practices; and
- 9 c. to implement processes to quickly detect a data breach and to timely act  
10 on warnings about data breaches on their own systems and those of their  
11 third parties.

12 97. Defendants failed to provide adequate supervision and oversight of the  
13 PII with which they were, and are, entrusted, in spite of the known risk and foreseeable  
14 likelihood of breach and misuse, which permitted a malicious third party to gather  
15 Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII, misuse the PII and intentionally disclose it to  
16 others without consent.

17 98. Defendants knew, or should have known, of the risks inherent in  
18 collecting and storing PII, the vulnerabilities of their data collection and/or storage  
19 systems, and the importance of adequate security.

20 99. Defendants knew, or should have known, that their data collection  
21 and/or storage systems and networks, including their third-party affiliates, did not  
22 adequately safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII.

23 100. Defendants breached their duties to Plaintiffs and Class members by  
24 failing to ensure that their agents and affiliates were providing fair, reasonable, or  
25 adequate computer systems and data security practices to safeguard Plaintiffs' and  
26 Class members' PII.

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1           101. Because Defendants knew that a breach of their systems would damage  
2 an untold number of their customers, including Plaintiffs and Class members,  
3 Defendants had a duty to adequately safeguard their data systems and the PII  
4 contained thereon. Moreover, only Defendants had the ability to protect their systems  
5 and those of their affiliates, and the PII they stored on them, from attack.

6           102. Defendants also had independent duties under state and federal laws  
7 that required them to reasonably safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII and  
8 promptly notify them about the Data Breach.

9           103. Through Defendants' acts and omissions described in this Complaint,  
10 including their failure to provide adequate security and their failure to protect  
11 Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII from being foreseeably captured, accessed,  
12 disseminated, stolen and misused, Defendants unlawfully breached their duty to use  
13 reasonable care to adequately protect and secure Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII  
14 during the time it was within Defendants' possession or within their control or in the  
15 possession of their agent.

16           104. The law further imposes an affirmative duty on Defendants to timely  
17 disclose the unauthorized access and theft of the PII to Plaintiffs and the Class  
18 members so that they can take appropriate measures to mitigate damages, protect  
19 against adverse consequences, and thwart future misuse of their PII. Defendants failed  
20 to do so, only disclosing the Data Breach two and a half (2 1/2) months after it  
21 occurred.

22           105. Upon information and belief, Defendants improperly and inadequately  
23 safeguarded Plaintiffs' and Class members' PII in deviation of standard industry rules,  
24 regulations, and practices at the time of the unauthorized access. Defendants' failure  
25 to take proper security measures to protect Plaintiffs' and Class members' sensitive  
26 PII, as described in this Complaint, created conditions conducive to a foreseeable,  
27 intentional criminal act, namely the unauthorized access of the PII.

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1           106. Upon information and belief, neither Plaintiffs nor the other Class  
2 members contributed to the Data Breach and subsequent misuse of their PII as  
3 described in this Complaint.

4           107. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants’ conduct, Plaintiffs and  
5 Class members have suffered and will suffer damages and injury, including but not  
6 limited to:

- 7           a. unauthorized use of their PII;
- 8           b. theft of their PII;
- 9           c. monetary costs associated with the detection and prevention of identity  
10 theft and unauthorized use of their PII;
- 11           d. damages arising from the inability to use their PII;
- 12           e. time spent and monetary and other costs associated with the loss of  
13 productivity or the enjoyment of one’s life from taking time to address  
14 and attempt to ameliorate, mitigate and deal with the actual and future  
15 consequences of the Data Breach, and the stress, nuisance and  
16 annoyance of dealing with all issues resulting from the Data Breach  
17 (which time spent on those activities Plaintiffs and Class members could  
18 have been working and earning a living, therefore suffering further  
19 actual injury);
- 20           f. the imminent and impending injury flowing from their PII being placed  
21 in the hands of criminals;
- 22           g. damages to and diminution in value of their PII entrusted to Defendants  
23 for the sole purpose of purchasing products and services from website  
24 operated by Defendants; and
- 25           h. the loss of Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ privacy.

26           108. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants’ negligence, Plaintiffs  
27 and Class members have suffered and will continue to suffer other forms of injury

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1 and/or harm, including, but not limited to loss of privacy, and other economic and  
2 non- economic losses.

3 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
4 **Breach of Implied Contract**  
5 ***(On Behalf of Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class)***

6 109. Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the Nationwide Class, repeat  
7 and re-allege the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 92 as though fully set  
8 forth herein.

9 110. When Plaintiffs and Class members provided their PII, including  
10 payment card information, to Defendants in exchange for Defendants’ products, they  
11 entered into implied contracts with Defendants under which—and by mutual assent  
12 of the parties—Defendants agreed to take reasonable steps to protect the payment  
13 card information and other PII.

14 111. Defendants solicited and invited Plaintiffs and Class members to  
15 provide their payment card information as part of Defendants’ regular business  
16 practices and as essential to the sales transaction process for card payment  
17 transactions. This conduct thus created implied contracts between Plaintiffs and  
18 Class members on one hand, and Defendants on the other hand. Plaintiffs and Class  
19 members accepted Defendants’ offers by providing their payment card information  
20 to Defendants in connection with purchases at Defendants.

21 112. Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class provided their personal and  
22 financial information to Defendants in the course of purchasing products from  
23 Defendants. In so doing, Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class entered into implied  
24 contracts with Defendants by which Defendants agreed to safeguard and protect such  
25 information, to keep such information secure and confidential, and to timely and  
26 accurately notify Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class if their data had been breached  
27 and compromised or stolen.

1           113. When entering into the implied contracts, Plaintiffs and Class members  
2 reasonably believed and expected that Defendants’ data security practices complied  
3 with relevant laws, regulations, and industry standards.

4           114. Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class fully performed their obligations  
5 under the implied contracts with Defendants.

6           115. Defendants breached the implied contracts they made with Plaintiffs  
7 and the Nationwide Class by failing to safeguard and protect their personal and  
8 financial information, and by failing to provide timely and accurate notice to them  
9 that personal and financial information was compromised as a result of the data  
10 breach.

11           116. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ above-described breach  
12 of implied contract, Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class have suffered (and will  
13 continue to suffer) ongoing, imminent, and impending threat of identity theft crimes,  
14 fraud, and abuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm; actual identity theft  
15 crimes, fraud, and abuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm; loss of the  
16 confidentiality of the stolen confidential data; the illegal sale of the compromised data  
17 on the dark web; expenses and/or time spent on credit monitoring and identity theft  
18 insurance; time spent scrutinizing bank statements, credit card statements, and credit  
19 reports; expenses and/or time spent initiating fraud alerts, decreased credit scores and  
20 ratings; lost work time; and other economic harm.

21   **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
22   **Unjust Enrichment**  
23   ***(On Behalf of Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class)***

24           117. Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the Class, repeat and re-allege  
25 the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 92 as though fully set forth herein.

26           118. By engaging in the conduct described in this Complaint, Defendants  
27 have knowingly obtained benefits from Plaintiffs and the Class, and actual monies

1 and other benefits under circumstances such that it would be inequitable and unjust  
2 for these Defendants to retain them.

3 119. By engaging in the acts and failures to act described in this Complaint,  
4 Defendants have been knowingly enriched by the savings in costs that should have  
5 been reasonably expended to protect the PII of Plaintiffs and the Class. Defendants  
6 knew or should have known that theft of customer PII could happen, yet they failed  
7 to take reasonable steps to pay for the level of security required to have prevented the  
8 theft of their customers' PII.

9 120. By engaging in the conduct described in this Complaint, Defendants  
10 have knowingly obtained benefits from Plaintiffs and the Class under circumstances  
11 such that it would be inequitable and unjust for Defendants to retain them.

12 121. Defendants will be unjustly enriched if they are permitted to retain the  
13 benefits derived from the theft of Plaintiffs' and the Class' PII.

14 122. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class are therefore entitled to an  
15 award of compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial, or the  
16 imposition of a constructive trust upon the monies derived by Defendants by means  
17 of the above-described actions.

18 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
19 **Violations of the California Consumer Privacy Act**  
20 **Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1798.100, *et seq.***  
21 ***(On Behalf of Plaintiff Solter and the Nationwide Class)***

22 123. Plaintiff Solter, individually and on behalf of the Class, repeats and re-  
23 alleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 92 as though fully set forth  
24 herein.

25 124. Section 1798.150(a)(1) of the CCPA provides: "Any consumer whose  
26 nonencrypted or nonredacted personal information, as defined [by the CCPA] is  
27 subject to an unauthorized access and exfiltration, theft, or disclosure as a result of  
28 the business' violation of the duty to implement and maintain reasonable security

1 procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of the information to protect the  
2 personal information may institute a civil action for” statutory or actual damages,  
3 injunctive or declaratory relief, and any other relief the court deems proper.

4 125. Plaintiff Solter is a “consumer” as defined by Civ. Code § 1798.140(g)  
5 because he is a “natural person who is a California resident, as defined in Section  
6 17014 of Title 18 of the California Code of Regulations, as that section read on  
7 September 1, 2017.”

8 126. Defendants are “business[es]” as defined by Civ. Code § 1798.140(c)  
9 because each:

- 10 a. is a “sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company,  
11 corporation, association, or other legal entity that is organized or  
12 operated for the profit or financial benefit of its shareholders or other  
13 owners;”
- 14 b. “collects consumers’ personal information, or on the behalf of which is  
15 collected and that alone, or jointly with others, determines the purposes  
16 and means of the processing of consumers’ personal information;”
- 17 c. does business in and is headquartered in California; and
- 18 d. has annual gross revenues in excess of \$25 million; annually buys,  
19 receives for the business’ commercial purposes, sells or shares for  
20 commercial purposes, alone or in combination, the personal  
21 information of 50,000 or more consumers, households, or devices; or  
22 derives 50 percent or more of its annual revenues from selling  
23 consumers’ personal information.

24 127. Plaintiff Solter’s PII was subject to unauthorized access and  
25 exfiltration, theft or disclosure because of Defendants’ inadequate security measures.

26 128. Plaintiff Solter’s PII was in nonencrypted and nonredacted form,  
27 allowing criminals full access to it.

1 129. The Data Breach occurred as a result of Defendants’ failure to  
2 implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to  
3 the nature of the information. Defendants failed to implement reasonable security  
4 procedures to prevent unauthorized access of Plaintiff Solter’s and Class members’  
5 PII as a result of a cyber-attack.

6 130. Plaintiff Solter sent a written notice to Defendants pursuant to Civil  
7 Code § 1798.150(b)(1), identifying the specific provisions of the CCPA Plaintiff  
8 alleges Defendants have or are violating. Although a cure is not possible under the  
9 circumstances, if as expected Defendants are unable to cure or do not cure the  
10 violation within 30 days, Plaintiff will amend this complaint to pursue actual or  
11 statutory damages as permitted by Civil Code § 1798.150(a)(1)(A).

12 131. As a result of Defendants’ failure to implement and maintain reasonable  
13 security procedures and practices that resulted in the Data Breach, Plaintiff Solter  
14 seeks actual damages, injunctive and declaratory relief, and any other relief as  
15 deemed appropriate by the Court.

16 **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
17 **Violations of the California Unfair Competition Law**  
18 **Cal. Civ. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.***  
***(On Behalf of Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class)***

19 132. Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the Class, repeat and re-allege  
20 the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 92 as though fully set forth herein.

21 133. The California Unfair Competition Law, Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200,  
22 *et seq.*, prohibits any “unlawful,” “fraudulent,” or “unfair” business act or practice  
23 and any false or misleading advertising, as those terms are defined by the UCL and  
24 relevant case law. By virtue of the above-described wrongful actions, inaction,  
25 omissions, and want of ordinary care that directly and proximately caused the Data  
26 Breach, Defendants engaged in unlawful, unfair and fraudulent practices within the  
27 meaning, and in violation of, the UCL.

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1           134. In the course of conducting their business, Defendants committed  
2 “unlawful” business practices by, *inter alia*, knowingly failing to design, adopt,  
3 implement, control, direct, oversee, manage, monitor and audit appropriate data  
4 security processes, controls, policies, procedures, protocols, and software and  
5 hardware systems to safeguard and protect Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ PII, and  
6 by violating the statutory and common law alleged herein, including, *inter alia*, the  
7 CCPA, Section 5 of the FTCA and Article I, Section 1 of the California Constitution,  
8 California’s constitutional right to privacy. Plaintiff and Class members reserve the  
9 right to allege other violations of law by Defendants constituting other unlawful  
10 business acts or practices. Defendants’ above-described wrongful actions, inaction,  
11 omissions, and want of ordinary care are ongoing and continue to this date.

12           135. Defendants’ above-described wrongful actions, inaction, omissions,  
13 want of ordinary care, misrepresentations, practices, and non-disclosures also  
14 constitute “unfair” business acts and practices in violation of the UCL in that  
15 Defendants’ wrongful conduct is substantially injurious to consumers, offends  
16 legislatively declared public policy, and is immoral, unethical, oppressive, and  
17 unscrupulous. Defendants’ practices are also contrary to legislatively declared and  
18 public policies that seek to protect PII and ensure that entities who solicit or are  
19 entrusted with personal data utilize appropriate security measures, as reflected by  
20 laws such as the CCPA, Article I, Section 1 of the California Constitution  
21 (California’s constitutional right to privacy), and Section 5 of the FTCA. The gravity  
22 of Defendants’ wrongful conduct outweighs any alleged benefits attributable to such  
23 conduct. There were reasonably available alternatives to further Defendants’  
24 legitimate business interests other than engaging in the above-described wrongful  
25 conduct.

1 136. The UCL also prohibits any “fraudulent business act or practice.”  
2 Defendants’ inadequate data security practices as described herein were fraudulent,  
3 misleading and likely to deceive the consuming public in violation of the UCL.

4 137. The injury and harm that Plaintiffs and the other Class members  
5 suffered was the direct and proximate result of Defendants’ violations of the UCL.  
6 Plaintiffs and Class members have suffered (and will continue to suffer) economic  
7 damages and other injury and actual harm in the form of, *inter alia*: (i) a substantially  
8 increased risk of identity theft—risk justifying expenditures for protective and  
9 remedial services for which they are entitled to compensation; (ii) improper  
10 disclosure of their PII; (iii) breach of the confidentiality of their PII; (iv) deprivation  
11 of the value of their PII, for which there is a well-established national and  
12 international market; and/or (v) lost time and money incurred to mitigate and  
13 remediate the effects of the Data Breach, including the increased risks of identity  
14 theft they face and will continue to face.

15 138. Unless restrained and enjoined, Defendants will continue to engage in  
16 the above-described wrongful conduct, and more data breaches will occur. Plaintiffs,  
17 therefore, on behalf of themselves, Class members, and the general public, also seeks  
18 restitution and an injunction prohibiting Defendants from continuing such wrongful  
19 conduct, and requiring Defendants to design, adopt, implement, control, direct,  
20 oversee, manage, monitor and audit appropriate data security processes, controls,  
21 policies, procedures protocols, and software and hardware systems to safeguard and  
22 protect the PII entrusted to them, as well as all other relief the Court deems  
23 appropriate, consistent with Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203.

24 **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
25 **Oregon Consumer Identity Theft Protection Act,**  
26 **Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 646A.604(1), et seq.**  
27 **(On Behalf of Plaintiff Bulling and the Oregon Subclass)**

1           139. Plaintiff Bulling, individually and on behalf of the Oregon Subclass,  
2 repeats and re-alleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 92 as though  
3 fully set forth herein.

4           140. Defendants are businesses that maintain records which contain PII,  
5 within the meaning of Or. Rev. Stat. § 646A.622(1), about Plaintiff Bulling and  
6 Oregon Subclass members.

7           141. Pursuant to Or. Rev. Stat. § 646A.622(1), a business “that maintains  
8 records which contain Personal Information” of an Oregon resident “shall implement  
9 and maintain reasonable security measures to protect those records from unauthorized  
10 access, acquisition, destruction, use, modification or disclosure.”

11           142. Defendants violated Or. Rev. Stat. § 646A.622(1) by failing to  
12 implement reasonable measures to protect Plaintiff Bulling’s and Oregon Subclass  
13 members’ PII.

14           143. Defendants are businesses that own, maintain, or otherwise possess data  
15 that includes consumers’ Personal Information as defined by Or. Rev. Stat. §  
16 646A.604(1).

17           144. Plaintiff Bulling’s and Oregon Subclass members’ PII includes  
18 Personal Information as covered under Or. Rev. Stat. § 646A.604(1).

19           145. Defendants are required to accurately notify Plaintiff Bulling and  
20 Oregon Subclass members if they become aware of a breach of their data security  
21 system in the most expeditious time possible and without unreasonable delay under  
22 Or. Rev. Stat. § 646A.604(1).

23           146. Because Defendants discovered a breach of their security systems, they  
24 had an obligation to disclose the Data Breach in a timely and accurate fashion as  
25 mandated by Or. Rev. Stat. § 646A.604(1).

26           147. By failing to disclose the Data Breach in a timely and accurate manner,  
27 Defendants violated Or. Rev. Stat. § 646A.604(1).

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1 148. Pursuant to Or. Rev. Stat. § 646A.604(9), violations of Or. Rev. Stat.  
2 §§ 646A.604(1) and 646A.622(1) are unlawful practices under Or. Rev. Stat. §  
3 646.607.

4 149. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ violations of Or. Rev.  
5 Stat. §§ 646A.604(1) and 646A.622(1), Plaintiff Bulling and Oregon Subclass  
6 members suffered damages, as described above.

7 150. Plaintiff Bulling and Oregon Subclass members seek relief under Or.  
8 Rev. Stat. § 646.638, including actual damages, punitive damages, and injunctive  
9 relief.

10 **SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
11 **Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act,**  
12 **Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 646.608, et seq.**

13 *(On Behalf of Plaintiff Bulling and the Oregon Subclass)*

14 151. Plaintiff Bulling, individually and on behalf of the Oregon Subclass,  
15 repeats and re-alleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 92 as though  
16 fully set forth herein.

17 152. Defendants are “person[s],” as defined by Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.605(4).

18 153. Defendants engaged in the sale of “goods and services,” as defined by  
19 Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.605(6)(a).

20 154. Defendants advertised, offered, or sold goods or services in Oregon and  
21 engaged in trade or commerce directly or indirectly affecting the people of Oregon.

22 155. Defendants engaged in unlawful practices in the course of their  
23 business and occupation, in violation of Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.608, including the  
24 following:

25 a. Representing that their goods and services have approval,  
26 characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities that they do not have, in  
27 violation of Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.608(1)(e);

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- 1           b. Representing that their goods and services are of a particular standard
- 2           or quality if they are of another, in violation of Or. Rev. Stat. §
- 3           646.608(1)(g);
- 4           c. Advertising their goods or services with intent not to provide them as
- 5           advertised, in violation of Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.608(1)(i); and
- 6           d. Concurrent with tender or delivery of their goods and services, failing
- 7           to disclose any known material defect, in violation of Or. Rev. Stat. §
- 8           646.608(1)(t).

9       156. Defendants’ unlawful practices include:

- 10           a. Failing to implement and maintain reasonable security and privacy
- 11           measures to protect Plaintiff Bulling’s and Oregon Subclass members’
- 12           PII, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- 13           b. Failing to identify foreseeable security and privacy risks, remediate
- 14           identified security and privacy risks, and adequately improve security
- 15           and privacy measures, which was a direct and proximate cause of the
- 16           Data Breach;
- 17           c. Failing to comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to
- 18           the security and privacy of Plaintiff Bulling’s and Oregon Subclass
- 19           members’ PII, including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §
- 20           45, the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681e, the GLBA, 15 U.S.C. § 6801, *et seq.*,
- 21           and Oregon’s Consumer Identity Theft Protection Act, Or. Rev. Stat.
- 22           §§ 646A.600, *et seq.*, which was a direct and proximate cause of the
- 23           Data Breach;
- 24           d. Misrepresenting that they would protect the privacy and confidentiality
- 25           of Plaintiff Bulling’s and Oregon Subclass members’ PII, including by
- 26           implementing and maintaining reasonable security measures;
- 27           e. Misrepresenting that they would comply with common law and
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1 statutory duties pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff  
2 Bulling’s and Oregon Subclass members’ PII, including duties imposed  
3 by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681e, the  
4 GLBA, 15 U.S.C. § 6801, *et seq.*, and Oregon’s Consumer Identity  
5 Theft Protection Act, Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 646A.600, *et seq.*;

6 f. Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that they did  
7 not reasonably or adequately secure Plaintiff Bulling’s and Oregon  
8 Subclass members’ PII; and

9 g. Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that they did  
10 not comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the  
11 security and privacy of Plaintiff Bulling’s and Oregon Subclass  
12 members’ PII, including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §  
13 45, the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681e, the GLBA, 15 U.S.C. § 6801, *et seq.*,  
14 and Oregon’s Consumer Identity Theft Protection Act, Or. Rev. Stat.  
15 §§ 646A.600, *et seq.*

16 157. Defendants’ representations and omissions were material because they  
17 were likely to deceive reasonable consumers about the adequacy of Defendants’ data  
18 security and ability to protect the confidentiality of consumers’ PII.

19 158. Defendants intended to mislead Plaintiff Bulling and Oregon Subclass  
20 members and induce them to rely on Defendants’ misrepresentations and omissions.

21 159. Had Defendants disclosed to Plaintiff Bulling and Oregon Subclass  
22 members that their data systems were not secure and, thus, vulnerable to attack,  
23 Defendants would have been unable to continue in business and they would have  
24 been forced to adopt reasonable data security measures and comply with the law.

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1 160. Defendants acted intentionally, knowingly, and maliciously to violate  
2 Oregon’s Unlawful Trade Practices Act, and recklessly disregarded Plaintiff  
3 Bulling’s and Oregon Subclass members’ rights.

4 161. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful practices,  
5 Plaintiff Bulling and Oregon Subclass members have suffered and will continue to  
6 suffer injury, ascertainable losses of money or property, and monetary and non-  
7 monetary damages, including from fraud and identity theft; time and expenses related  
8 to monitoring their financial accounts for fraudulent activity; an increased, imminent  
9 risk of fraud and identity theft; and loss of value of their PII.

10 162. Plaintiff Bulling and Oregon Subclass members seek all monetary and  
11 non-monetary relief allowed by law, including equitable relief, actual damages or  
12 statutory damages of \$200 per violation (whichever is greater), punitive damages,  
13 and reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

14 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

15 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the members of the  
16 Classes, respectfully requests the Court to enter an Order:

17 A. Declaring that this action is a proper class action, certifying the Class  
18 as requested herein, designating Plaintiffs as Class Representatives, and appointing  
19 Class Counsel as requested in Plaintiffs’ expected motion for class certification;

20 B. Ordering Defendants to pay actual/statutory damages as appropriate to  
21 Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class;

22 C. Ordering Defendants to pay punitive damages, as allowable by law, to  
23 Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class;

24 D. Ordering Defendants to pay attorneys’ fees and litigation costs to  
25 Plaintiffs and their counsel;

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1 E. Ordering Defendants to pay equitable relief, in the form of  
2 disgorgement and restitution, and declaratory and injunctive relief as may be  
3 appropriate;

4 F. Ordering Defendants to pay both pre- and post-judgment interest on  
5 any amounts awarded; and

6 G. Ordering such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

7 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

8 Plaintiffs hereby demands a trial by jury on all claims so triable.

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10 Date: January 21, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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