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18	behalf of all others similarly situated,	CLASS ACTION
19	Plaintiff,	CLASS ACTION
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20	vs.	(1) VIOLATION OF
21		CALIFORNIA'S AUTOMATIC
22	BIRCHBOX, INC., a New York	RENEWAL LAW (CAL. BUS.
	Corporation,	PROF. CODE §§ 17600-17604);
23		(2) UCL VIOLATIONS (CAL.
24	Defendant.	BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 17200-
25		17204); AND (3) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND RESTITUTION
		(CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE
26		§ 17535)
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28		DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Tracy Davis ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, complains and alleges as follows:

OVERVIEW OF CLAIMS

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1. Plaintiff brings this class action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 on behalf of herself and a class of others similarly situated consisting of all persons in California that, since at least four years prior to the filing of this complaint, and continuing through the present (the "Class Period"), purchased subscriptions for the monthly delivery of make-up and personal care products from Birchbox, Inc. Herein, Birchbox, Inc. is referred to as "Birchbox" or "Defendant." The class of others similarly situated to Plaintiff are referred to herein as "Class Members." The claims for damages, restitution, injunctive and/or other equitable relief, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code") §§ 17602, 17603, 17604, 17535, and 17200, *et seq.*, and California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5. Plaintiff and Class Members are consumers for purposes of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17600-17606.

2. During the Class Period, Defendant made automatic renewal or continuous service offers to consumers in and throughout California and (a) at the time of making the automatic renewal or continuous service offers, failed to present the automatic renewal offer terms, or continuous service offer terms, in a clear and conspicuous manner and in visual proximity to the request for consent to the offer before the subscription or purchasing agreement was fulfilled in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1); (b) charged Plaintiff's and Class Members' credit or debit cards, or third-party account (hereinafter "Payment Method"), without first obtaining Plaintiff's and Class Members' affirmative consent to the agreement containing the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(2); and (c) failed to provide an acknowledgment that includes the

automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3). As a result, all goods, wares, merchandise, or products sent to Plaintiff and Class Members under the automatic renewal or continuous service agreements are deemed to be an unconditional gift pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603.

- 3. As a result of the above, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and Class Members, seeks damages, restitution, declaratory relief, injunctive relief and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17603, 17203, 17204, and 17535 and California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.
- 4. The "Class Period" is designated as the period from four years prior to the filing of this complaint through to the present. Defendant's violations of California's Business and Professions Code and unfair competition laws, as described more fully below, have been ongoing since four years prior to the filing of this complaint, and are continuing at present.

JURISDICTION

5. This Court has diversity jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 in that Plaintiff is a resident and citizen of the State of California while Defendant is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, and its principal place of business is in New York City. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant conducts business in the County of San Diego, State of California. Therefore, Defendant has sufficient minimum contacts with this state, and otherwise purposefully avails itself of the markets in this state through the promotion, sales, and marketing of its products in this state, to render the exercise of jurisdiction by this Court permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantive justice.

VENUE

6. Venue as to Defendant is proper in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391. Defendant is a Delaware corporation, and its principal place of business is in New York City. Defendant has made the automatic renewal or continuous service offers to thousands of persons within the County of San Diego. And many of the acts and transactions giving rise to this action occurred in this district because Defendant: (a) is authorized to conduct business in this district and has intentionally availed itself of the laws and markets within this district; (b) does substantive business within this district; and (c) is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district because it has availed itself of the laws and markets within this district.

PARTIES

- 7. Plaintiff Tracy Davis resides in Los Angeles, California. Plaintiff purchased a monthly subscription from Defendant in California during the Class Period. Following the purchase, Plaintiff's Payment Method was charged, and continues to be charged, every month on a recurring basis. During that time, Plaintiff was subject to Defendant's unlawful policies and/or practices set forth herein. Plaintiff and Class Members are consumers as defined under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17601(d).
- 8. Defendant Birchbox, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 28 E. 28th Street, New York, New York, 10016. Defendant operates and, at all times during the Class Period, has done business throughout California. Also during the Class Period, Defendant made, and continues to make, automatic renewal or continuous service offers to consumers in California. Defendant sells samples of make-up and personal care products on a monthly subscription basis to consumers throughout California. As of 2013, Defendant employs 250 people and has 800,000 subscribers. Defendant generates approximately \$125 million in annual sales.

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- 13. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(a) defines the term "Automatic renewal" as a "plan or arrangement in which a paid subscription or purchasing agreement is automatically renewed at the end of a definite term for a subsequent term."
- 14. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(b) defines the term "Automatic renewal offer terms" as "the following clear and conspicuous disclosures:

 (1) That the subscription or purchasing agreement will continue until the consumer cancels. (2) The description of the cancellation policy that applies to the offer. (3) The recurring charges that will be charged to the consumer's credit or debit card or payment account with a third party as part of the automatic renewal plan or arrangement, and that the amount of the charge may change, if that is the case, and the amount to which the charge will change, if known.

 (4) The length of the automatic renewal term or that the service is continuous, unless the length of the term is chosen by the consumer. (5) The minimum
- 15. Pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(c), "clear and conspicuous" or "clearly and conspicuously" mean "in larger type than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font, or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set off from the surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other marks, in a manner that clearly calls attention to the language."
- 16. Section 17603 of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code provides: "In any case in which a business sends any goods, wares, merchandise, or products to a consumer, under a continuous service agreement or automatic renewal of a purchase, without first obtaining the consumer's affirmative consent as described in Section 17602, the goods, wares, merchandise, or products shall for all purposes be deemed an unconditional gift to the consumer, who may use or dispose of the same in any manner he or she sees fit without any obligation whatsoever on the consumer's part to the business, including, but not limited to, bearing the cost of, or

purchase obligation, if any."

responsibility for, shipping any goods, wares, merchandise, or products to the business."

Defendant's Business

17. During the Class Period, Defendant offers, and has offered, subscription plans for the monthly delivery of beauty products, including sample make-up and personal care products through its website, www.Birchbox.com. Defendant's subscriptions for its protection plans are automatic renewal and/or continuous service plans or arrangements for the purposes of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601.

Defendant's Legal Agreement

During the Class Period, buried at the very bottom of Defendant's 18. webpage, there was an inconspicuous hyperlink, in smaller font than the surrounding text, to a document called "Terms" (hereinafter the "Terms and Conditions").

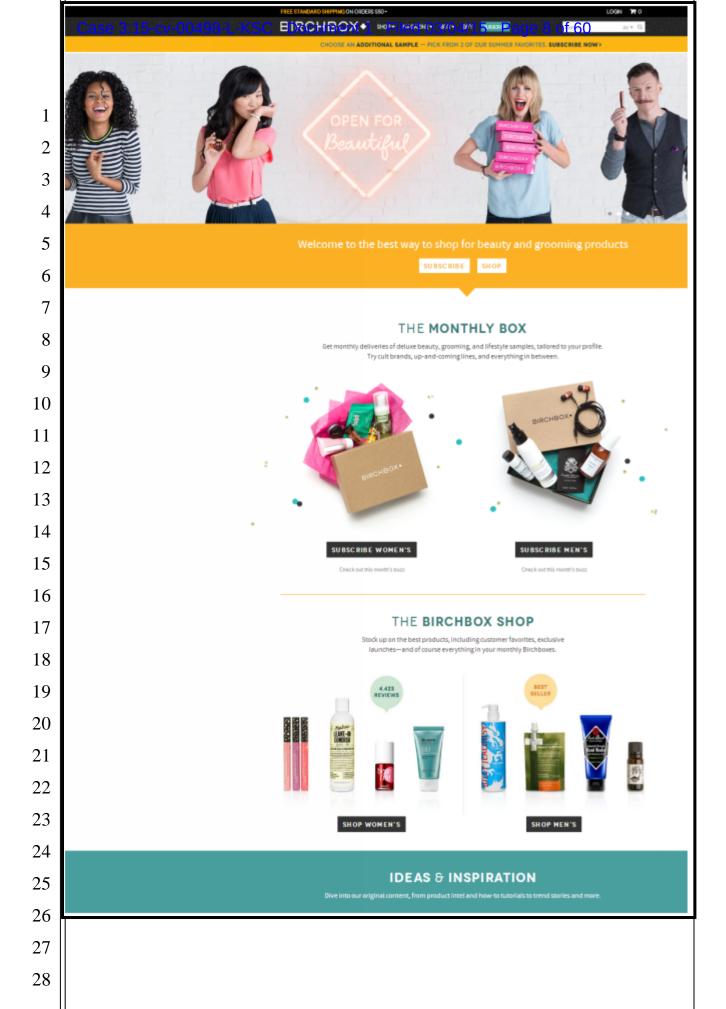
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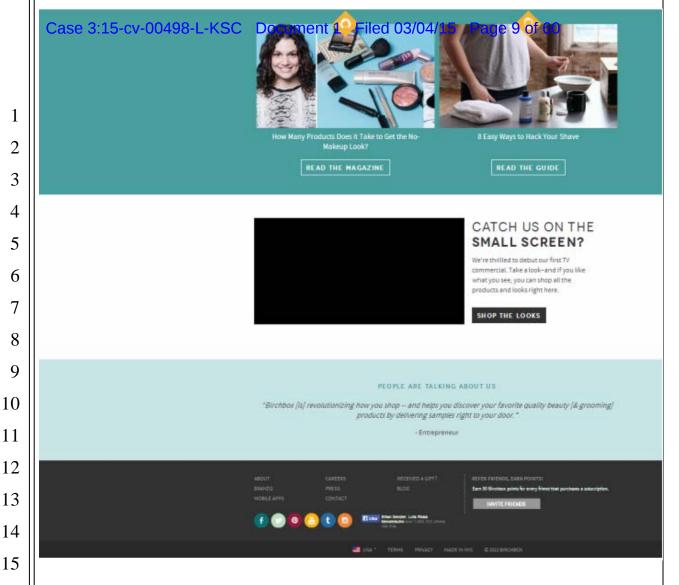
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CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT



See attached as Exhibits 1 and 2 true and correct screenshots of the above-shown webpage available at www.Birchbox.com, and the Terms and Conditions, respectively.

19. Defendant's Terms and Conditions provided as follows:

Welcome to www.Birchbox.com (the "Site"). This Site is maintained and operated by Birchbox, Inc. ("Birchbox" or "Company"). By accessing, browsing or using this Site, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agreed to be bound by these Terms of Use (these "Terms"). If you do not agree to these Terms, you should not use or access this Site. Birchbox reserves the right to revise these Terms at any time by updating this posting. You are encouraged to review these Terms each time you use the Site because your use of the Site after the posting of changes will constitute your acceptance of the changes. By agreeing to these Terms it also constitutes your agreement to the Rewards Points Terms and Conditions [(the "Rewards Points Terms")] and the Site Privacy Policy [(the "Privacy Policy")], which are incorporated herein. BY ACCESSING OR USING ANY PART OF THE SITE, YOU ACCEPT, WITHOUT LIMITATION OR QUALIFICATION, THESE TERMS. IF YOU DO NOT AGREE WITH ALL OF THE TERMS SET FORTH BELOW, YOU MAY NOT USE ANY PORTION OF THE SITE. PRICE INFORMATION FOUND ON THIS SITE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT

NOTICE. BIRCHBOX RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THESE 1 TERMS & CONDITIONS OF USE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE. 2 See Ex. 2, at p. 1. 3 20. Throughout the Terms and Conditions, Defendant used various 4 methods, including capital letters, to draw the reader's attention to important 5 language. For example, Defendant used all capital letters to exclude warranties: 9. Disclaimers 6 You assume all responsibility and risk with respect to your use of the Site. THE SITE, AND ALL CONTENT, MERCHANDISE, AND OTHER 8 INFORMATION ON OR ACCESSIBLE FROM OR THROUGH THIS SITE OR A "LINKED" SITE ARE PROVIDED ON AN "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE" BASIS WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, 9 EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED 10 TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT, SECURITY OR ACCURACY. SPECIFICALLY, BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION, BIRCHBOX DOES NOT WARRANT THAT: (1) THE INFORMATION ON THIS SITE IS CORRECT, ACCURATE OR RELIABLE; (2) THE FUNCTIONS CONTAINED ON THIS SITE WILL BE 11 12 13 UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE; OR (3) DEFECTS WILL BE CORRECTED, OR THAT THIS SITE OR THE SERVER THAT MAKES IT AVAILABLE IS FREE OF VIRUSES OR OTHER HARMFUL 14 COMPONENTS. 15 16 See Ex. 2, ¶ 9. 21. Defendant also used all capital letters to limit its liability: 17 18 12. Limitation of Liability 19 IN NO EVENT SHALL BIRCHBOX, ITS PARENT COMPANY. SUBSIDIARIES, AFFLIATES OR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS, SUBSIDIARIES, SUPPLIERS, AFFILIATES, OR THIRD PARTIES 20 21 PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THIS SITE BE LIABLE TO ANY USER OF THE SITE OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, 22 CONSEQUENTIAL ÓR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES (INCLÚDING, BUT 23 NOT LIMITED TO, DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF DATA, OR LOSS OF USE) ARISING OUT OF THE USE OR INABILITY TO USE THE SITE, WHETHER BASED UPON 24 WARRANTY, CONTRACT, TORT, OR OTHERWISE, EVEN IF 25 BIRCHBOX HAS BEEN ADVISED OF OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES OR LOSSES. IN NO

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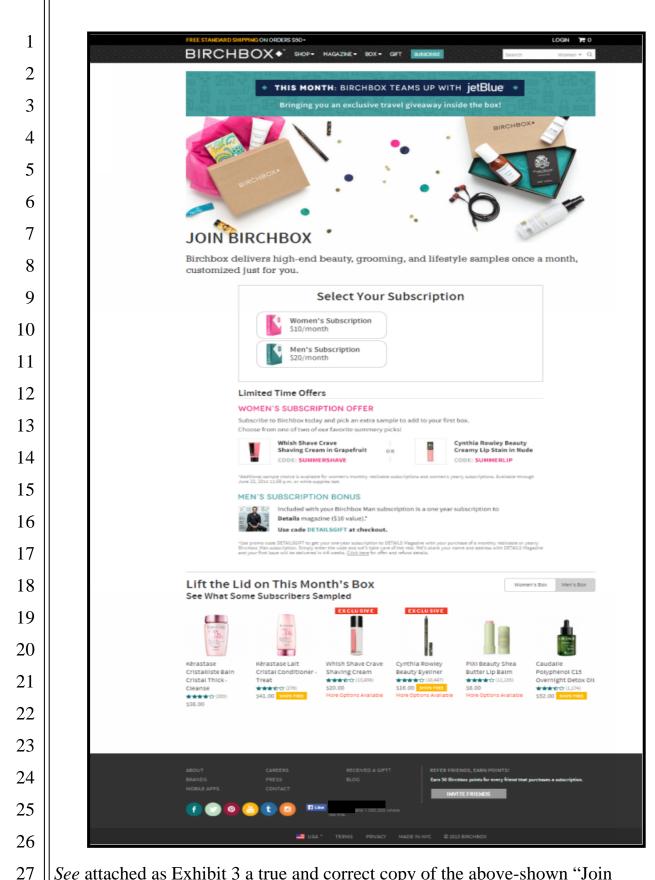
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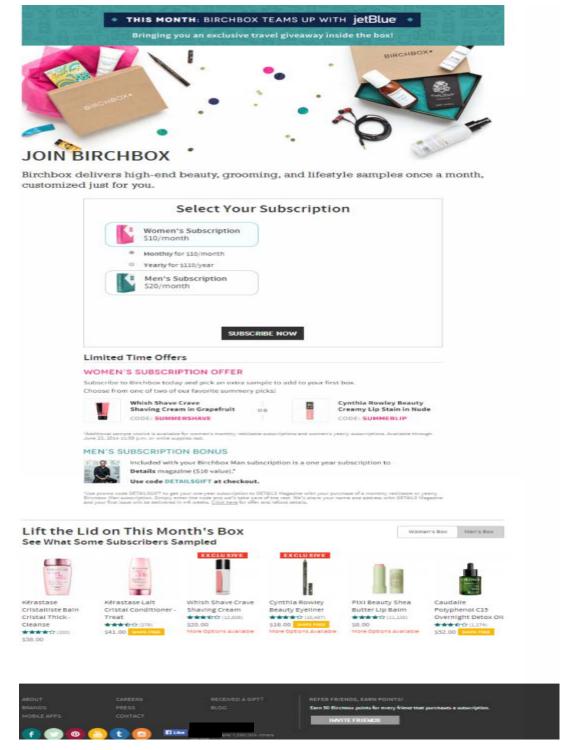
- The subscription or purchasing agreement will continue until the (i) consumer cancels.
- Describes the cancellation policy that applies to the offer. (ii)
- (iii) Recurring charges that will be charged to the consumer's Payment Method account with a third party as part of the automatic renewal plan or arrangement, and that the amount of the charge may change, if that is the case, and the amount to which the charge will change, if known.
- (iv) The length of the automatic renewal term or that the service is continuous, unless the length of the term is chosen by the consumer.
- There is a minimum purchase obligation, if any. (v) (Hereinafter "automatic renewal offer and continuous service offer disclosure failures.")
- 26. Moreover, the disclosures that Defendant actually makes are contained in a vague and ambiguous document, the Terms and Conditions. These Terms and Conditions are accessible through an inconspicuous hyperlink buried at the bottom of the Birchbox webpage. The font of the hyperlink itself is smaller and lighter in color than the remainder of the website. In addition, the disclosures that are actually provided are hidden in the lengthy, five-page, densely-worded, single-spaced Terms and Conditions. And the disclosures are buried in the middle of the Terms and Conditions itself.
- Defendant Failed to Present the Automatic Renewal Offer Terms or Continuous Service Offer Terms in a Clear and Conspicuous Manner Before the Subscription or Purchasing Agreement was Fulfilled and in Visual Proximity to the Request for Consent to the Offer in Violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1)
- During the Class Period, Defendant made, and continues to make, 27. an automatic renewal offer for its subscriptions plans to consumers in California,

from Defendant's website, Plaintiff and Class Members clicked on the "Subscribe" hyperlink on Defendant's main webpage. The "Subscribe" hyperlink navigated Plaintiff and Class Members to a multi-page enrollment process, the first step of which is and was a webpage titled "Join Birchbox." This page directed Plaintiff and Class Members to select a subscription plan. But this page did not and does not contain automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms as defined in Cal. Bus. Prof. Code



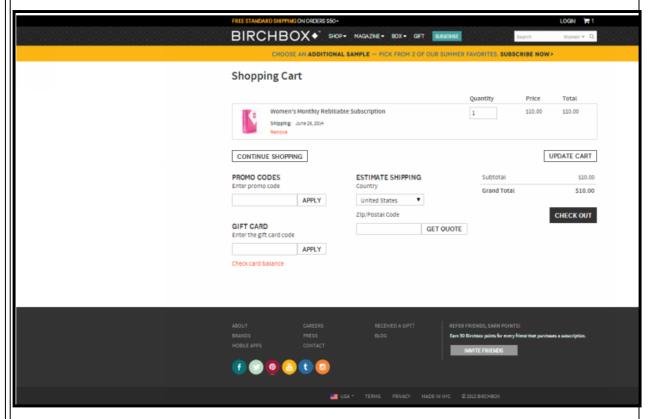
See attached as Exhibit 3 a true and correct copy of the above-shown "Join Birchbox" webpage.

29. After selecting a subscription plan, Plaintiff and Class Members are navigated to a webpage where they are directed to select a subscription length and click on the "Subscribe Now" hyperlink. This page did not and does not contain the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms as defined in Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17601(b).



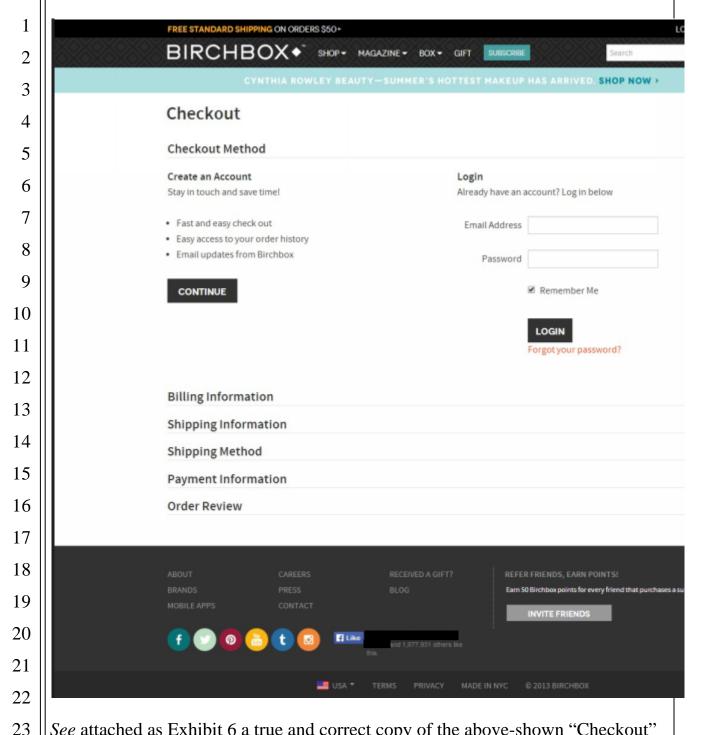
See attached as Exhibit 4 a true and correct copy of the above-shown "Select Your Subscription" webpage.

30. The "Subscribe Now" hyperlink navigated Plaintiff and Class Members to a webpage where they are directed to insert their shipping details and click on a "checkout" hyperlink. This page did not and does not contain the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms as defined in Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17601(b).

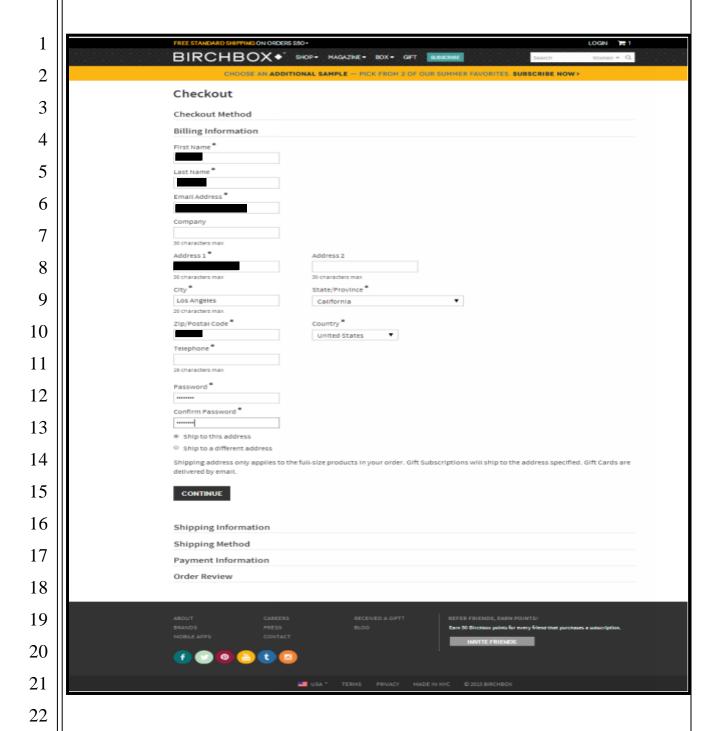


See attached as Exhibit 5 a true and correct copy of the above-shown "Shopping Cart" webpage.

31. Plaintiff and Class Members were next navigated to a webpage where they were and are directed to create an account. This page did not and does not contain the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms as defined in Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17601(b).

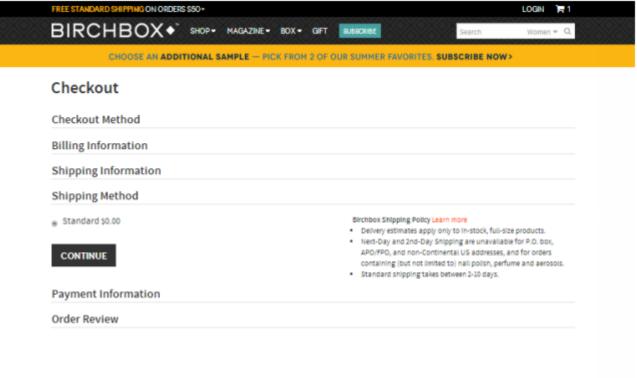


See attached as Exhibit 6 a true and correct copy of the above-shown "Checkout" webpage. After creating a Birchbox account, Plaintiff and Class Members were and are navigated to a webpage where Plaintiff and Class Members are directed to enter their billing information. This page did not and does not contain the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms as defined in Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17601(b).



See attached as Exhibit 7 a true and correct copy of the above-shown "Billing Information" webpage.

32. Plaintiff and Class Members were and are navigated to a checkout page, where they are provided with Birchbox's shipping policy. This page did not and does not contain the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms as defined in Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17601(b).





See attached as Exhibit 8 a true and correct copy of the above-shown "Shipping Information" webpage.

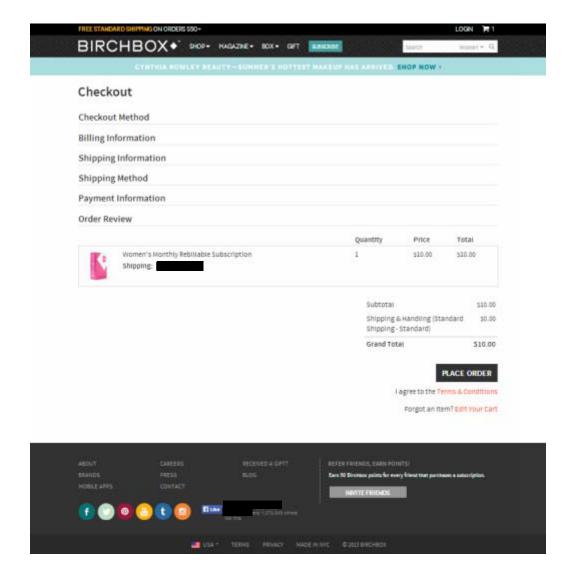
33. Plaintiff and Class Member were, and are navigated to a webpage on which they are directed to insert their payment method and click on a button labeled "Continue." This page did not, and does not contain the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms as defined in Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17601(b).

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See attached as Exhibit 9 a true and correct copy of the above-shown "Payment Information" webpage.

Plaintiff and Class Members were and are navigated to a page on 34. where they are directed to review their order and click on the button labeled "Place Order," after which Defendant charged and continues to charge Plaintiff and Class Members' payment method on a monthly basis thereafter. These pages did not and do not contain the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms as defined in Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17601(b).



See attached as Exhibit 10 a true and correct copy of the above-shown "Place Order" webpage.

35. In violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1), Defendant thus made, and continues to make, an automatic renewal or continuous service offer to consumers, including Plaintiff and Class Members in California, yet failed, and continues to fail, to present the automatic renewal offer terms, or continuous service offer terms, in a clear and conspicuous manner and in visual proximity to the request for consent to the offer before the subscription or purchasing agreement was and is fulfilled.

Defendant Failed to Obtain Affirmative Consent to the Terms and Conditions Containing the Automatic Renewal Offer Terms 36. Furthermore, and in addition to the above, throughout the Class

- Period, after clicking on the "Place Order" hyperlink, Plaintiff's and Class Members' Payment Method were, and are, charged the monthly subscription amount. Thereafter, Defendant charged, and continues to charge, Plaintiff's and Class Members' Payment Method on a monthly basis, and as such, is an automatic renewal plan within the meaning Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code. § 17601(a). Furthermore, the Birchbox subscription continues until cancelled, and therefore is, and was, a continuous service plan or arrangement as defined by Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(e).
- 37. As a result of the above (including the automatic renewal offer and continuous service offer disclosure failures referred to above), prior to charging Plaintiff's and Class Members' Payment Method, Defendant failed, and continues to fail, to obtain Plaintiff's and Class Members' affirmative consent to the Terms and Conditions containing the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms. Defendant failed, and continues to fail, to include the Terms and Conditions or provide a hyperlink to the Terms and Conditions on the webpage in which Defendant collected Plaintiff's and Class Members' Payment Method information.
- 38. As a result of the above, Defendant violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(2). As such, all goods, wares, merchandise, or products, sent to Plaintiff and Class Members under the automatic renewal or continuous service agreement are deemed to be an unconditional gift pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603, and Plaintiff and Class Members may use or dispose of the same in any manner they see fit without any obligation whatsoever on their part to Defendant, including, but not limited to, bearing the cost of, or responsibility for, shipping any goods, wares, merchandise, or products to the business.

Defendant Failed to Provide an Acknowledgment as Required by Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code \S 17602(a)(3)

39. Furthermore, and in addition to the above, after Plaintiff and Class Members subscribed to one of Defendant's subscription plans, Defendant sent, and continues to send, Plaintiff and Class Members an email. But that email failed, and continues to fail, to provide an acknowledgement that includes the automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information on how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by Plaintiff and Class Members, in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3). Moreover, Defendant failed to provide Plaintiff and Class Members with an acknowledgement regarding how to cancel the subscription and allow Plaintiff and Class Members to cancel before payment.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

40. Plaintiff brings this action, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, as a class action pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The proposed Class (the "Class") that Plaintiff seeks to represent is composed of and defined as:

All persons in California that, during the four years prior to the filing of this Complaint, and continuing through the present, purchased subscriptions from Birchbox. Inc.

- 41. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class action because there is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation, the proposed class is easily ascertainable, and Plaintiff is a proper representative of the Class:
- a. <u>Numerosity</u>: The potential members of the Class as defined are so numerous and so diversely located throughout California that joinder of all the members of the Class is impracticable. The Class Members are dispersed throughout California. Joinder of all members of the proposed class is therefore not practicable.

- b. <u>Commonality</u>: There are questions of law and fact common to the Plaintiff and the Class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class. These common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:
 - i. Whether Defendant failed to present the automatic renewal offer terms, or continuous service offer terms, in a clear and conspicuous manner before the subscription or purchasing agreement was fulfilled and in visual proximity to the request for consent to the offer in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1);
 - ii. Whether Defendant charged Plaintiff's and Class

 Members' Payment Method for an automatic renewal or
 continuous service without first obtaining the Plaintiff's
 and Class Members' affirmative consent to the Terms
 and Conditions containing the automatic renewal offer
 terms or continuous service offer terms in violation of
 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(2);
 - iii. Whether Defendant failed to provide an acknowledgement that included the automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information on how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by Plaintiff and Class Members, in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3);
 - iv. Whether Defendant's Terms and Conditions contained the automatic renewal offer terms and/or continuous service offer terms as defined by Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601;

1	individual members of the Class. Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered
2	losses, or may suffer losses in the future, by reason of Defendant's unlawful
3	policies and/or practices of not complying with Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17600-
4	17606. Certification of this case as a class action will allow those similarly
5	situated persons to litigate their claims in the manner that is most efficient and
6	economical for the parties and the judicial system. Certifying this case as a class
7	action is superior because it allows for efficient and full restitution to Class
8	Members, and will thereby effectuate California's strong public policy of
9	protecting the California public from violations of its laws. If this action is not
10	certified as a class action, it will be virtually impossible, as a practical matter, for
11	many or most Class Members to bring individual actions to recover monies due
12	from Defendant due to the relatively small amounts of such individual recoveries
13	relative to the costs and burdens of litigation.
14	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
15	FAILURE TO PRESENT THE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OFFER TERMS
16	OR CONTINUOUS SERVICE OFFER TERMS CLEARLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY AND IN VISUAL PROXIMITY TO THE REQUEST
17	FOR CONSENT OFFER (CAL BUS & DDOF CODE \$ 17602(a)(1))

(CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17602(a)(1))

- 42. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 41 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference, and Plaintiff alleges this cause of action on behalf of herself and the above-described class of similarly situated Class Members.
 - 43. Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1) provides:
 - (a) It shall be unlawful for any business making an automatic renewal or continuous service offer to a consumer in this state to do any of the following:
 - (1) Fail to present the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner before the subscription or purchasing agreement is fulfilled and in visual proximity, or in the case of an offer conveyed by voice, in temporal proximity, to the request for consent to the offer.

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without first obtaining Plaintiff's and Class Members' affirmative consent to the

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1	Terms and Conditions containing the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous
2	service offer terms.
3	50. As a result of Defendant's violations of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §
4	17602(a)(2), Defendant is liable to provide restitution to Plaintiff and Class
5	Members under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603.
6	51. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and Class Members, requests relief as
7	described below.
8	THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
9	FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACKNOWLEDGMENT WITH AUTOMATIC
10	RENEWAL TERMS AND INFORMATION REGARDING CANCELLATION POLICY
11	(CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17602(a)(3))
12	52. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 51 are realleged and
13	incorporated herein by reference, and Plaintiff alleges this cause of action on
14	behalf of herself and the above-described class of similarly-situated Class
15	Members.
16	53. Cal. Bus.& Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3) provides:
17	(a) It shall be unlawful for any business making an automatic renewal or continuous service offer to a consumer in this state to do any of the
18	following:
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20	(3) Fail to provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic
21	renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer. If the offer includes a free trial, the
22	being retained by the consumer. If the offer includes a free trial, the business shall also disclose in the acknowledgment how to cancel and allow the consumer to cancel before the consumer pays for the goods
23	or services.
24	54. Defendant failed to provide an acknowledgement that includes the
25	automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and
26	information on how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by
27	Plaintiff and Class Members.
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55. As a result of Defendant's violations of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3), Defendant is subject under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17604 to all civil remedies that apply to a violation of Article 9, of Chapter 1 of Part 3, of Division 7 of the Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code.

56. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and Class Members, requests relief as described below.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW VIOLATIONS (CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17200 et. seq.)

- 57. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 56 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference, and Plaintiff alleges this cause of action on behalf of herself and the above-described class of similarly-situated Class Members.
- 58. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, *et seq.* (the "UCL") prohibits unfair competition in the form of any unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business act or practice. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17204 allows "a person who has suffered injury in fact and has lost money or property" to prosecute a civil action for violation of the UCL. Such a person may bring such an action on behalf of herself or herself and others similarly situated who are affected by the unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business practice.
- 59. Since at least four years prior to the filing of this complaint, and continuing to the present, Defendant has committed unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent business acts and practices as defined by the UCL, by violating Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17602(a)(1), (2), and (3).
- 60. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent acts and practices described herein, Defendant has received, and continues to hold, unlawfully obtained property and money belonging to Plaintiff and Class Members in the form of payments made for subscription agreements by

Plaintiff and Class Members. Defendant has profited from its unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent acts and practices in the amount of those business expenses and interest accrued thereon.

- 61. Plaintiff and similarly situated Class Members are entitled to restitution pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17203 and 17208 for all monies paid by Class Members under the subscription agreements from four years prior to the filing of this complaint to the date of such restitution, at rates specified by law. Defendant should be required to disgorge all the profits and gains it has reaped and restore such profits and gains to Plaintiff and Class Members, from whom they were unlawfully taken.
- 62. Plaintiff and similarly situated Class Members are entitled to enforce all applicable penalty provisions pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17202.
- 63. Plaintiff has assumed the responsibility of enforcement of the laws and public policies specified herein by suing on behalf of herself and other similarly situated Class Members. Plaintiff's success in this action will enforce important rights affecting the public interest. Plaintiff will incur a financial burden in pursuing this action in the public interest. An award of reasonable attorneys' fees to Plaintiff is thus appropriate pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.
- 64. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and Class Members, request relief as described below.

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FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND RESTITUTION (CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17535)

- 65. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 64 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference, and Plaintiff alleges this cause of action on behalf of herself and the above-described class of similarly-situated Class Members.
- 66. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17535 allows "any person who has suffered injury in fact and has lost money or property" to prosecute a civil action for violation of the UCL. Such a person may bring such an action on behalf of herself or herself and others similarly situated who are affected by the unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business practice.
- 67. Since four years prior to the filing of this complaint, and continuing to the present, Defendant has committed unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent business acts and practices as defined by the UCL, by violating Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602.
- 68. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent acts and practices described herein, Defendant has received and continues to hold unlawfully obtained property and money belonging to Plaintiff and Class Members in the form of payments made for a paid subscription to Defendant's protection plans by Plaintiff and Class Members. Defendant has profited from its unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent acts and practices in the amount of those business expenses and interest accrued thereon.
- 69. Plaintiff and similarly situated Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief and/or restitution pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17535 for all monies paid by Class Members under the subscription agreements from four years prior to the filing of this complaint to the date of such restitution, at rates specified by law. Defendant should be required to disgorge all the profits and

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- 70. Plaintiff and similarly situated Class Members are entitled to enforce all applicable penalty provisions pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17202.
- 71. Plaintiff has assumed the responsibility of enforcement of the laws and public policies specified herein by suing on behalf of herself and other similarly situated Class Members. Plaintiff's success in this action will enforce important rights affecting the public interest. Plaintiff will incur a financial burden in pursuing this action in the public interest. Therefore, an award of reasonable attorneys' fees to Plaintiff is appropriate pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure §1021.5.
- 72. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and similarly situated Class Members, request relief as described below.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests the following relief:

- That the Court determine that this action may be maintained as a A. class action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, and define the Class as requested herein;
- That the Court find and declare that Defendant has violated Cal. Bus. В. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1) by failing to present the automatic renewal offer terms, or continuous service offer terms, in a clear and conspicuous manner and in visual proximity to the request for consent to the offer before the subscription or purchasing agreement was fulfilled;
- C. That the Court find and declare that Defendant has violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(2) by charging Plaintiff's and Class Members' Payment Method without first obtaining their affirmative consent to the Terms and

Conditions containing the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service terms;

- D. That the Court find and declare that Defendant has violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3) by failing to provide an acknowledgement that includes the automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information on how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by Plaintiff and Class Members;
- E. That the Court find and declare that Defendant has violated the UCL and committed unfair and unlawful business practices by violating Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602;
- F. That the Court award to Plaintiff and Class Members damages and full restitution in the amount of the subscription payments made by them pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603, in an amount to be proved at trial;
- G. That Defendant be ordered to pay restitution to Plaintiff and the Class due to Defendant's UCL violations, pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200-17205 in the amount of their subscription agreement payments;
- H. That the Court find that Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17535;
- I. That Plaintiff and the Class be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, and/or other applicable law; and
- J. That the Court award such other and further relief as this Court may deem appropriate.

1 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 2 Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the Class Members, hereby demands a jury trial on all causes of action and claims with respect to which they have a right 3 to jury trial. 4 Dated: March 4, 2015 5 Respectfully submitted, 6 **BERMAN DEVALERIO** 7 By: /s/ Todd A. Seaver Todd A. Seaver 8 9 Victor S. Elias One California St., Suite 900 San Francisco, CA 94111 10 Telephone: (415) 433-3200 Facsimile: (415) 433-6382 tseaver@bermandevalerio.com 11 12 velias@bermandevalerio.com 13 Julian Hammond HAMMOND LAW, PC 14 1829 Reisterstown Rd., Suite 410 Baltimore, MD 21208 Telephone: (310) 601-6766 Facsimile: (310) 295-2385 Hammond.julian@gmail.com 15 16 17 Attorneys for Plaintiff and the Putative Class 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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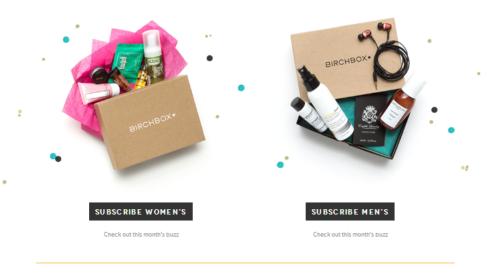
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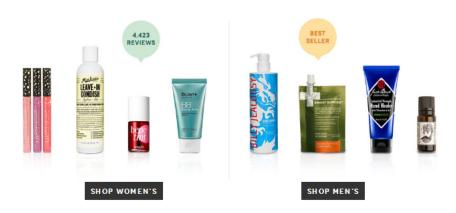
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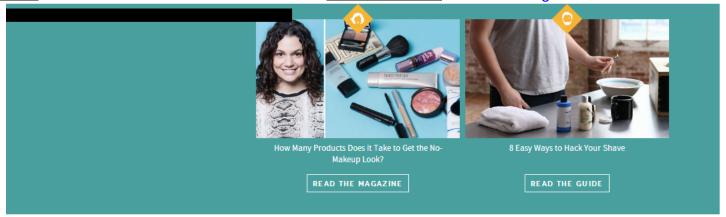
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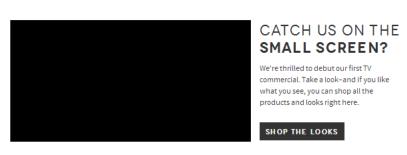
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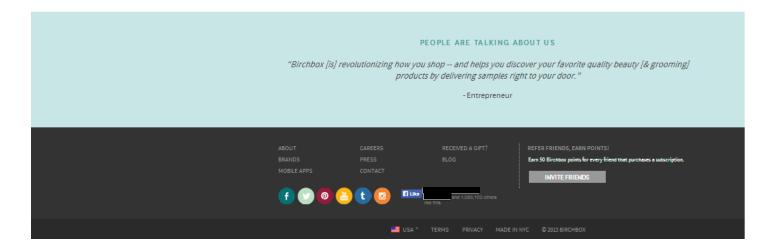


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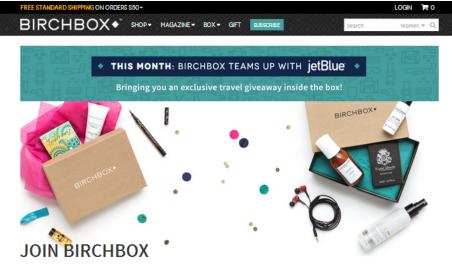
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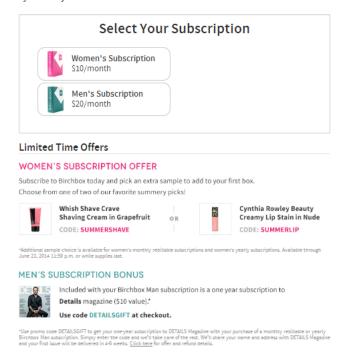
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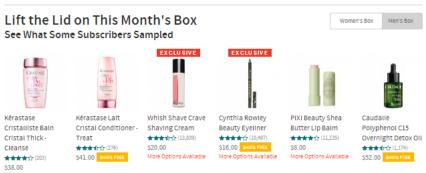
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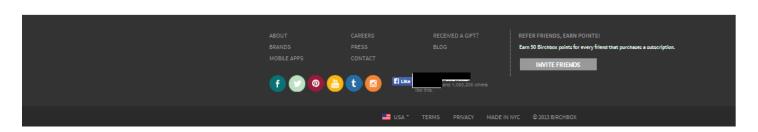
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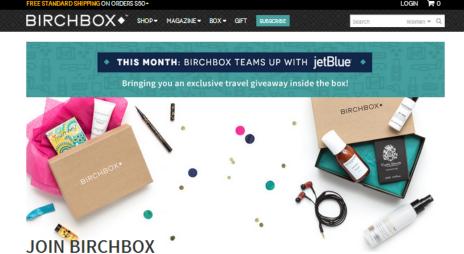


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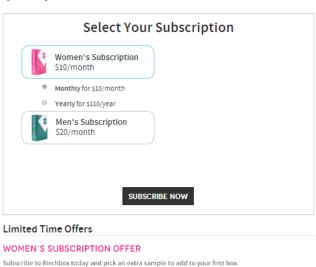








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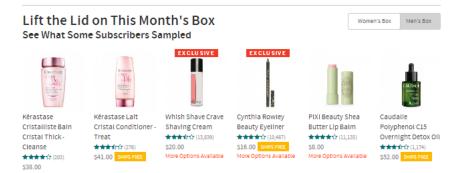


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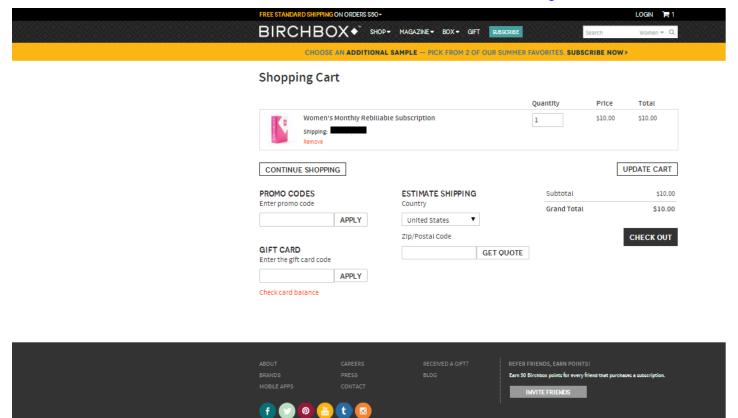
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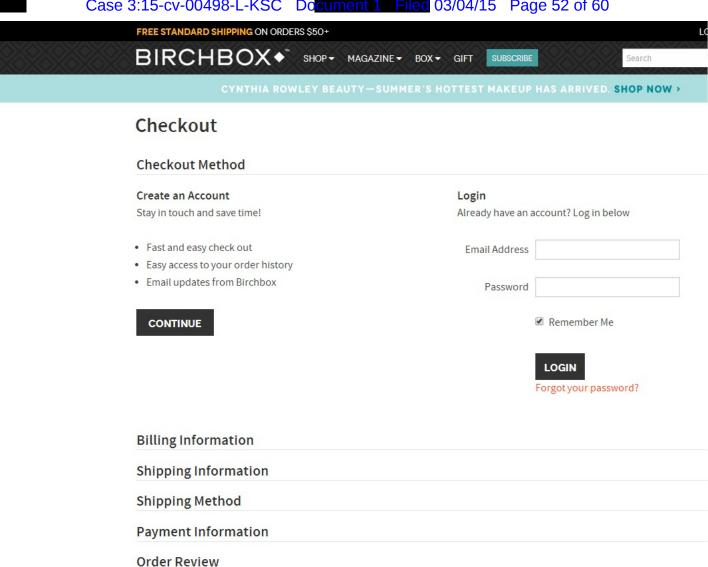


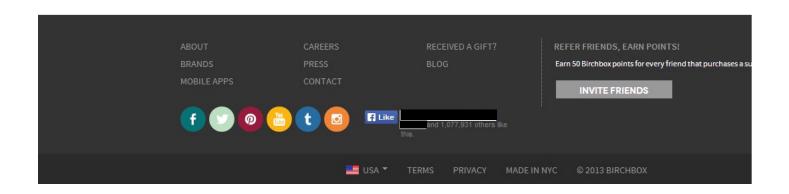
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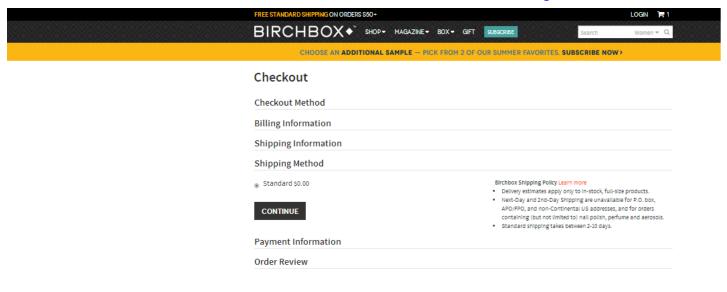


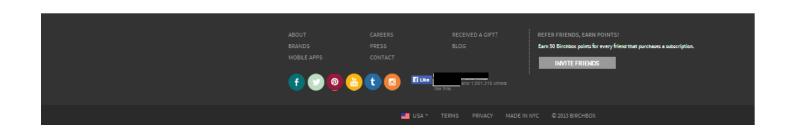
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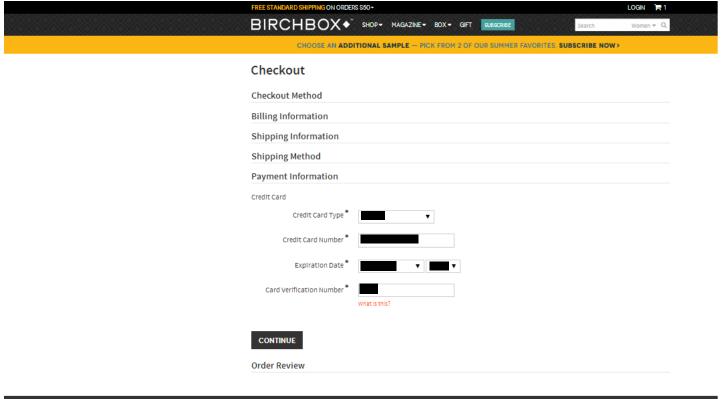




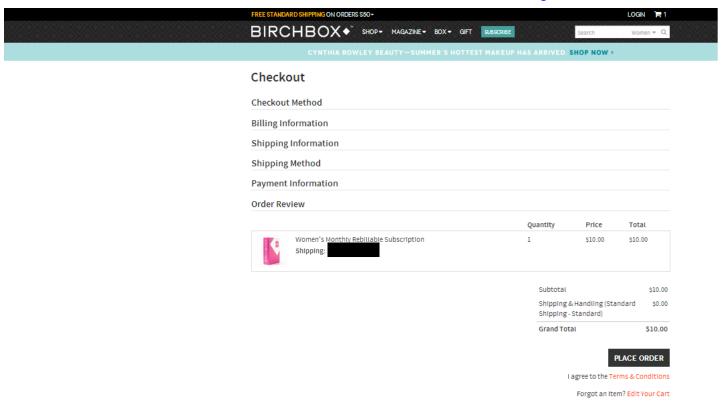
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