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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**EASTERN DIVISION**

12 BERTHA MEZA, individually and on  
13 behalf of all others similarly situated,

14 *Plaintiff,*

15 v.

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17 THE PROCTER & GAMBLE  
18 COMPANY,

19 *Defendant.*

Case No. 5:23-cv-00091

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

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1 **I. Introduction.**

2 1. Defendant makes, sells, and markets “DayQuil” over-the-counter cough,  
3 cold and flu medicine (the “Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products” or “Products”).<sup>1</sup> These  
4 medicines contain the active ingredient Dextromethorphan Hydrobromide (“DXM”),  
5 an ingredient that causes drowsiness.

6 2. Defendant’s Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products state prominently on the  
7 front of their label that they are “Non-Drowsy” products. By prominently labeling  
8 these products as “Non-Drowsy,” Defendant led Plaintiff and other reasonable  
9 consumers to believe that the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products do not cause  
10 drowsiness, and that drowsiness is not a side effect of those products.

11 3. But the truth is that products containing DXM—including the Non-  
12 Drowsy DayQuil Products—do cause drowsiness, and that drowsiness is a common  
13 side effect of DXM (a fact not known by the average consumer).

14 4. In this way, Defendant misled and overcharged Plaintiff and other  
15 reasonable consumers.

16 **II. Parties.**

17 5. Plaintiff Bertha Meza is a citizen of California (domiciled in Moreno  
18 Valley). The proposed class (identified below) includes citizens of every state within  
19 the United States.

20 6. Defendant The Procter & Gamble Company is a citizen of Ohio. It is an  
21 Ohio corporation with its principal place of business at Procter & Gamble Plaza,  
22 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Directly and through its agents, Procter & Gamble has  
23 substantial contacts with, and receives substantial benefits and income from, the State  
24 of California.

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28 <sup>1</sup> The Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products include all DayQuil products sold by Defendant  
that are labeled “Non-Drowsy” and that contain Dextromethorphan Hydrobromide.

1 **III. Jurisdiction and Venue.**

2 7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).  
3 The amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of  
4 interest and costs, and the matter is a class action in which one or more members of  
5 the proposed class are citizens of a state different from Defendant.

6 8. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because it sold the  
7 Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products to consumers in California, including Ms. Meza.

8 9. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial part  
9 of Defendant’s conduct giving rise to the claims occurred in this District, including  
10 selling the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products to Ms. Meza.

11 **IV. Facts.**

12 **A. Defendant makes, markets, and sells DayQuil products prominently**  
13 **labeled “Non-Drowsy.”**

14 10. Procter & Gamble manufactures, distributes, markets, and sells the Non-  
15 Drowsy DayQuil Products.

16 11. The front label of each Product prominently states that the product is  
17 “Non-Drowsy.” For example:

DayQuil and NyQuil two-packs:



Red annotations added

DayQuil Cold & Flu bottles:



*Red annotations added*

12. These representations are materially the same across all Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products.

13. In reality, however, the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products cause drowsiness, and drowsiness is a known side effect of the products.

14. Based on the prominent “Non-Drowsy” label included on the face of each product, a reasonable consumer would believe that the products do not cause

1 drowsiness. That is, a reasonable consumer would believe that drowsiness is *not* a  
2 side effect of the product.

3 **B. The Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products cause drowsiness.**

4 15. In truth, products containing DXM—like each of the Non-Drowsy  
5 DayQuil Products—do cause drowsiness. Drowsiness is a documented side effect of  
6 DXM at the recommended dosages.

7 16. To begin, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) provides “high quality”  
8 and “trusted” information about drug side effects, in the NIH Medline Plus database.

9 <sup>2</sup> The drug information on DXM states (in relevant part)<sup>3</sup>:

10 **What side effects can this medication cause?**

11 **Dextromethorphan may cause side effects. Tell your doctor if any of these**  
12 **symptoms are severe or do not go away:**

- 13 • dizziness
- 14 • lightheadedness
- 15 • drowsiness

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17 17. Indeed, by industry standards, drowsiness is a common side effect at the  
18 recommended dosages. According to a 2017 GlaxoSmithKline presentation on drug  
19 labeling, a “common” adverse reaction (i.e., side effect) is one that occurs in 3% or  
20 more of drug takers and a “very common” side effect occurs in 10% or more of drug  
21 takers.

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23 <sup>2</sup> <https://medlineplus.gov/druginfo/meds/a682492.html>; see  
24 <https://medlineplus.gov/about/> (“MedlinePlus is a service of the National Library of  
25 Medicine (NLM), the world’s largest medical library, which is part of the National  
26 Institutes of Health (NIH). ... Our mission is to present high-quality, relevant health  
and wellness information that is trusted”)

27 <sup>3</sup> [Dextromethorphan: MedlinePlus Drug Information](https://medlineplus.gov/druginfo/meds/a682492.html), National Library of Medicine,  
28 <https://medlineplus.gov/druginfo/meds/a682492.html>. Separately, this database also  
identifies drowsiness as a symptom of “overdose.” That is unsurprising—drowsiness  
is a side effect of normal use, so naturally is it also a side effect of overdose.

1 18. A study of DXM found that “[s]omnolence is a common side effect of  
 2 centrally acting antitussive drugs” like dextromethorphan, and that 10.4% of users of  
 3 products containing dextromethorphan develop drowsiness within three days of  
 4 starting treatment with DXM cough medicine.<sup>4</sup> The “cases of intense somnolence”  
 5 were “related only to dextromethorphan” and not to the other drug studied. And the  
 6 patients in this clinical study were given an even smaller dosage of DXM (15 mg  
 7 three times a day) than the recommended dose found in Non-Drowsy DayQuil  
 8 products.<sup>5</sup>

9 19. For this reason, the Federal Aviation Administration prohibits pilots  
 10 from flying after ingesting Dayquil because it “contains dextromethorphan.”<sup>6</sup>

Cough	Cough/cold products	Coricidin (allowed if no chlorpheniramine)  guaifenesin (found in Mucinex and Robitussin) Mucinex fast-max severe congestion and cough (liquid)  Identify combo vs isolated	dextromethorphan (Delsym)  Dayquil (contains dextromethorphan)  Most “night-time” or “PM” medications contain a sedating antihistamine: - Coricidin HBP cough & cold (contains chlorpheniramine) - Nyquil (contains doxylamine)	Most cough medications are safe for flight, but caution for combination products with sedating antihistamines. <b>If the label states PM (for nighttime use) or DM (containing dextromethorphan), you should not fly for at least 5 half-lives after the last dose (see above).</b>
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16 20. The FAA cautions against both (1) “combination products” that have  
 17 “sedating antihistamines” for “night-time” use and, independently (2) purportedly  
 18 daytime cough medicines that contain DXM. As noted, the FAA specifically warns  
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21 <sup>4</sup> E. Catena and L. Daffonchio, “Efficacy and Tolerability of Levodropropizine in  
 22 Adult Patients with Non-productive Cough, Comparison with Dextromethorphan,” 10  
 23 Pulmonary Pharmacology & Therapeutics 89-96 (1997). The study reports this side  
 24 effect as “somnolence.” Somnolence means “the quality or state of being drowsy.”  
 Merriam Webster Dictionary, [https://www.merriam-](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/somnolence)  
[webster.com/dictionary/somnolence](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/somnolence) (last accessed November 22, 2021).

25 <sup>5</sup> For example, DayQuil Cold & Flu Relief Liquid contains 20 mg of DXM per 30 ml  
 26 of liquid cough syrup and the recommended dosage for adults and children 12 and  
 27 over is 30 ml every 4 hours.

28 <sup>6</sup> [https://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/medical\\_certification/media/OTCMedicationsforPilots.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/medical_certification/media/OTCMedicationsforPilots.pdf)



1 against DayQuil, a DXM drug that is antihistamine free. This is because, as the FAA  
2 has recognized, DayQuil can cause drowsiness.

3 **C. Defendant’s Non-Drowsy representations misled reasonable**  
4 **consumers.**

5 21. The Food and Drug Administration prohibits drug labeling that is “false  
6 or misleading.” 21 C.F.R. § 201.6. It is misleading to label a product “Non-  
7 Drowsy” when it does cause drowsiness, or if drowsiness is a known side effect of  
8 one of its active ingredients.

9 22. This case is about Defendant’s affirmative, “Non-Drowsy”  
10 representation on the Product labels. No FDA regulation or rule allows antitussives  
11 containing DXM to be labeled “Non-Drowsy.” The FDA has never considered the  
12 “Non-Drowsy” claim (much less determined that it is truthful and not misleading).

13 23. Based on the fact that Defendant labels the Non-Drowsy DayQuil  
14 Products as “Non-Drowsy,” a reasonable consumer would expect that those products  
15 do not cause drowsiness. Similarly, a reasonable consumer would expect that  
16 drowsiness is not a side effect of the products (much less a common side effect).  
17 According to Consumer Reports, “‘Non-drowsy’ is code for antihistamines and other  
18 medications that don’t make you sleepy.”<sup>7</sup> This is the plain meaning of “non-  
19 drowsy,” which means “not causing or accompanied by drowsiness.”<sup>8</sup>

20 24. Unlike Defendant, some other drug makers do not falsely claim that  
21 DXM-products are non-drowsy. For example, DXM is an active ingredient in  
22 Mucinex DM, sold by Reckitt. But the Mucinex label does not claim that Mucinex  
23 DM is non-drowsy, because this is not the truth:

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26 <sup>7</sup> [“How to read over the counter \(OTC\) drug labels,” Consumer Reports,](https://www.consumerreports.org/cro/2014/04/how-to-read-over-the-counter-drug-labels/index.htm)  
27 [https://www.consumerreports.org/cro/2014/04/how-to-read-over-the-counter-drug-](https://www.consumerreports.org/cro/2014/04/how-to-read-over-the-counter-drug-labels/index.htm)  
28 [labels/index.htm](https://www.consumerreports.org/cro/2014/04/how-to-read-over-the-counter-drug-labels/index.htm)

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.merriam-webster.com/medical/nondrowsy>



25. Defendant could have simply omitted the false and misleading “Non-Drowsy” statements from its products.

26. Or, if Defendant wanted to say something to indicate that a Non-Drowsy DayQuil Product might cause *less* drowsiness than another product, it could have made a truthful statement to this effect, as other drug makers do.

27. For example, Dramamine contains an active ingredient that causes drowsiness, Dimenhydrinate. Dramamine also sells a “less drowsy” version that contains a different active ingredient, Meclizine, which causes less drowsiness. The front label of Dramamine Less Drowsy prominently displays that it is “less drowsy:”



1           28. Whether or not an over-the-counter drug causes drowsiness is material to  
2 a reasonable customer. In certain situations, consumers prefer over-the-counter drugs  
3 that will not make them drowsy to products that may make them drowsy. For  
4 example, all else equal, a reasonable consumer would prefer to take a drug that does  
5 not cause drowsiness to one that does cause drowsiness during the day (or any  
6 periods of time when they plan to be awake). As a second example, if a consumer is  
7 planning to engage in activities that require them to be alert, or during which they  
8 would prefer to be alert, that consumer would prefer to take a drug that does not  
9 cause drowsiness to one that does. Indeed, in many situations, taking a drug that does  
10 or can cause drowsiness can be dangerous. For example, taking a drug that causes  
11 drowsiness while driving, or flying a plane, is dangerous.

12           29. Defendant's false statements increased the demand for Non-Drowsy  
13 DayQuil Products and allowed Defendant to charge a price premium. As explained  
14 above, consumers specifically value the "Non-Drowsy" claim because consumers  
15 demand cough medicine that will not make them drowsy (e.g., during the day, at  
16 work or while driving) and that they can take during the day. As a result, Defendant  
17 was able to charge more for these products than it would have been able to had the  
18 labeling been truthful. Accordingly, as a direct result of Defendant's false  
19 statements, Defendant was able to charge a price premium for these products. As  
20 purchasers, Plaintiff and each class member paid this price premium and sustained  
21 economic injury.

22           30. In addition, because the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products actually do  
23 cause drowsiness, Plaintiff and each class member did not get what they paid for: a  
24 cough medicine that does not cause drowsiness. Instead, they received something  
25 that is worth less: a cough medicine that does cause drowsiness. Plaintiff and each  
26 class member sustained an economic injury for this additional reason, i.e., they  
27 received something worth less than the price they paid for it.

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1           31. Moreover, the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products are sold specifically for  
2 use in situations where it is not acceptable for consumers to become drowsy (e.g.,  
3 while driving, working, or supervising children). As a result, the products that  
4 Plaintiff and each class member did receive in exchange for the price they paid—  
5 Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products that cause drowsiness—were not suitable for, and  
6 were thus worthless for, their intended purpose. So the economic injury Plaintiff and  
7 each class member sustained consists of the entire purchase price of the products,  
8 because what they received was worthless for its intended use.

9           **D. Plaintiff was misled by Defendant’s misrepresentations.**

10           32. In November 2022, Plaintiff bought a bottle of DayQuil “Non-Drowsy”  
11 Severe Cold & Flu Relief from a CVS store in Moreno Valley, California. The  
12 package said “Non-Drowsy” on the label, and she read and relied on those statements  
13 when purchasing the product. Accordingly, these representations were part of the  
14 basis of the bargain, in that she would not have purchased the DayQuil “Non-  
15 Drowsy” Daytime Severe Cold & Flu Relief on the same terms had she known these  
16 representations were not true. However, Plaintiff did not receive the benefit of her  
17 bargain because her Non-Drowsy DayQuil Product was not, in fact, a “Non-Drowsy”  
18 medication. When Plaintiff took the recommended dose of the medication as directed  
19 by Defendant, she became unexpectedly drowsy. Plaintiff was not on any other  
20 medication that would have caused drowsiness, she was not drowsy right before she  
21 took the medicine, and she became drowsy shortly after taking the medicine. Given  
22 the circumstances, there was no other potential cause of her drowsiness.

23           33. She would not have bought this product had she known that the product  
24 did, in fact, cause drowsiness, and that drowsiness was a known side effect of the  
25 product. The price Plaintiff paid for the DayQuil medication was inflated due to the  
26 misleading “Non-Drowsy” label, for the reasons explained above. In fact, because  
27 the product causes drowsiness, it was worthless to her.

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1           34. To be sure, Plaintiff would purchase Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products  
2 again if they were actually “Non-Drowsy” (i.e., if the product was sold as advertised).  
3 Plaintiff, however, faces an imminent threat of harm because she will not be able to  
4 rely on the labels in the future, and thus will not be able to purchase the products.

5           **E. Plaintiff lacks an adequate remedy at law.**

6           35. As described above, Plaintiff suffers an actual and imminent threat of  
7 future harm that cannot be cured with monetary damages. For this harm, Plaintiff  
8 lacks an adequate remedy at law and requires injunctive relief.

9           36. Also, a legal remedy is not adequate if it is not as certain as an equitable  
10 restitution. To obtain a full refund as damages, Plaintiff must show that the Products  
11 have essentially no market value. In contrast, Plaintiff can seek restitution without  
12 making this showing. This is because Plaintiff purchased a product she would not  
13 otherwise have purchased, but for Defendant’s misrepresentations. Obtaining a full  
14 refund at law is less certain than obtaining a refund in equity.

15           37. Plus, winning damages under the CLRA requires additional showings  
16 not required under the UCL and FAL. For example, to obtain damages under the  
17 CLRA, Plaintiff must prove that she complied with the CLRA’s notice requirement.  
18 No such requirements exist to obtain restitution under the UCL or FAL.

19           38. In addition, the CLRA prohibits only particular categories of deceptive  
20 conduct. By contrast, the UCL more broadly prohibits deceptive, unfair, or unlawful  
21 conduct. In particular, Plaintiff’s UCL “unlawful” prong claim incorporates  
22 Defendant’s violation of the California Sherman Act. This particular theory is not  
23 available for Plaintiffs’ legal claims and, in material respects, is easier to prove. In a  
24 similar vein, the FAL more broadly prohibits deceptive conduct, compared to the  
25 CLRA.  
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27           39. By the same token, Plaintiff’s warranty claim requires additional  
28 showings, compared to her UCL, FAL, or unjust enrichment claims. For example, to

1 prevail on her breach of warranty claim, Plaintiff needs to show that “Non-Drowsy”  
2 statement is a warranty and that the warranty was part of the basis of the bargain. No  
3 such showings are required by the UCL or FAL, or for an unjust enrichment theory.  
4 In fact, the UCL and the FAL were enacted specifically to create new claims and  
5 remedies not available at common law. And unjust enrichment exists in part because  
6 contractual claims (like warranty) are often more difficult to establish. In this way,  
7 Plaintiff’s UCL and FAL claims, and Plaintiff’s unjust enrichment claim, is more  
8 certain than her legal claims.

9 40. Finally, the remedies at law available to Plaintiffs are not equally prompt  
10 or otherwise efficient. The need to schedule a jury trial may result in delay. And a  
11 jury trial will take longer, and be more expensive, than a bench trial.

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13 **F. Class Action Allegations.**

14 41. Plaintiff brings certain claims for the proposed class of: all persons who  
15 purchased a Non-Drowsy DayQuil Product in the United States during the applicable  
16 statute of limitations period (the “**Nationwide Class**” or “**Class**”).

17 42. For additional claims, Plaintiff brings those claims for a subclass of  
18 consumers who, like Plaintiff, purchased Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products in  
19 California (the “**California Subclass**” or “**Subclass**”).

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

1           ***Numerosity***

2           44. The proposed class contains members so numerous that separate joinder  
3 of each member of the class is impractical. Based on the pervasive distribution of  
4 Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products, there are millions of proposed class members.

5           ***Commonality***

6           45. There are questions of law and fact common to the proposed class.  
7 Common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:

- 8           • Whether the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products cause drowsiness;  
9           • Whether Defendant’s labeling of the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products as  
10           “Non-Drowsy” is deceptive and misleading;  
11           • Whether Defendant breached its express “Non-Drowsy” warranty;  
12           • Damages or restitution needed to reasonably compensate Plaintiff and  
13           the proposed class.

14           ***Typicality***

15           46. Plaintiff’s claims are typical of the proposed class. Like the proposed  
16 class, Plaintiff purchased Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products. Like the proposed class,  
17 Plaintiff would not have purchased the products, or would have paid less for them,  
18 had she known that they cause drowsiness.

19           ***Predominance and Superiority***

20           47. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the  
21 proposed class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudication with  
22 respect to individual members, which would establish incompatible standards for the  
23 parties opposing the class.

24           48. Common questions of law and fact predominate over any questions  
25 affecting only individual members of the proposed class. These common legal and  
26 factual questions arise from certain central issues which do not vary from class  
27 member to class member, and which may be determined without reference to the  
28 individual circumstances of any particular class member. For example, a core



1 liability question is common: whether Defendant’s “Non-Drowsy” representations are  
2 false and misleading.

3 49. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and  
4 efficient adjudication of this litigation because individual litigation of each claim is  
5 impractical. It would be unduly burdensome to have individual litigation of millions  
6 of individual claims in separate lawsuits, every one of which would present the issues  
7 presented in this lawsuit.

8 ***Classwide injunctive relief***

9 50. Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds that apply generally to  
10 the class, so that final injunctive relief is appropriate respecting the class as a whole.

11 **V. Causes of Action.**

12 **Count 1: Breach of Express Warranty**

13 **(on behalf of Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class)**

14 51. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every factual allegation set  
15 forth in section I-IV above.

16 52. Plaintiff brings this cause of action on behalf of herself and the  
17 Nationwide Class.

18 53. Defendant, as the designer, manufacturer, marketer, distributor, supplier,  
19 and/or seller of the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products, issued material, written  
20 warranties by representing that the products were “Non-Drowsy.” This was an  
21 affirmation of fact about the products (i.e., a description of the effects of the  
22 ingredients) and a promise relating to the goods.

23 54. This warranty was part of the basis of the bargain for Plaintiff and Class  
24 members. Plaintiff herself read and relied on this warranty.

25 55. The Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products do not conform to the above-  
26 referenced representation because, as alleged in detail above, they cause drowsiness.  
27 Thus, the warranty was breached.

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1           56. Plaintiff and Class members were injured as a direct and proximate  
2 result of Defendant’s conduct because (a) they would not have purchased the  
3 Products if they had known that the products cause drowsiness; (b) they overpaid for  
4 the Products because the products are sold at a price premium due to Defendant’s  
5 false warranty; or (c) they received products that were worthless for their intended  
6 purpose.

7           **Count 2: Violation of California’s Unfair Competition Law (UCL)**

8           **(on behalf of Plaintiff and the California Subclass)**

9           57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every factual  
10 allegation set forth in Sections I-IV above.

11           58. Plaintiff brings this cause of action on behalf of herself and members of  
12 the California Subclass.

13           59. As alleged in detail above, Plaintiff lacks an adequate remedy at law.

14           60. Defendant has violated California’s Unfair Competition Law (UCL) by  
15 engaging in unlawful, fraudulent, and unfair conduct (i.e., violating each of the three  
16 prongs of the UCL).

17           ***The Unlawful Prong***

18           61. Defendant engaged in unlawful conduct violating the California  
19 Sherman Act, Cal. Health & Safety Code § 110390, which prohibits drug labeling  
20 that is “false or misleading in any particular.”

21           ***The Fraudulent Prong***

22           62. As alleged in detail above, Defendant’s “Non-Drowsy” representations  
23 were false and misleading. Defendant’s misrepresentations were likely to deceive,  
24 and did deceive, Plaintiff and reasonable consumers.

25           ***The Unfair Prong***

26           63. Defendant violated established public policy by violating the CLRA and  
27 FAL, as alleged below and incorporated here. The unfairness of this practice is  
28 tethered to a legislatively declared policy (that of the CLRA, FAL, and Sherman Act).



1                   **Count 3: Violation of California’s False Advertising Law (FAL)**

2                   **(on behalf of Plaintiff and the California Subclass)**

3           71. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every factual  
4 allegation set forth in Sections I-IV above.

5           72. Plaintiff brings this cause of action on behalf of herself and members of  
6 the California Subclass.

7           73. As alleged in more detail above, Plaintiff lacks an adequate remedy at  
8 law.

9           74. As alleged more fully above, Defendant has falsely advertised Non-  
10 Drowsy DayQuil Products by falsely representing that the products do not cause  
11 drowsiness and that drowsiness is not a side effect of the products.

12           75. Defendant’s representations were likely to deceive, and did deceive,  
13 Plaintiff and reasonable consumers. Defendant should have known, through the  
14 exercise of reasonable care, that these statements were inaccurate and misleading.

15           76. Plaintiff saw, read and reasonably relied on the “Non-Drowsy”  
16 representation when purchasing Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products. Defendant’s  
17 misrepresentations were a substantial factor in Plaintiff’s purchase decision.

18           77. In addition, classwide reliance can be inferred because Defendant’s  
19 misrepresentations were material, i.e., a reasonable consumer would consider them  
20 important in deciding whether to buy the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products.

21           78. Defendant’s misrepresentations were a substantial factor and proximate  
22 cause in causing damages and losses to Plaintiff and Subclass members.

23           79. Plaintiff and Subclass members were injured as a direct and proximate  
24 result of Defendant’s conduct because (a) they would not have purchased the  
25 Products if they had known that the products cause drowsiness; (b) they overpaid for  
26 the Products because the products are sold at a price premium due to Defendant’s  
27 misrepresentations; or (c) they received products that were worthless for their  
28 intended purpose.

1           **Count 4: Violation of California’s Consumer Legal Remedies Act (CLRA)**

2                           **(on behalf of Plaintiff and the California Subclass)**

3           80. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every factual  
4 allegation set forth in Section I-IV above.

5           81. Plaintiff brings this cause of action on behalf of herself and members of  
6 the California Subclass.

7           82. Plaintiff and the other members of the California Subclass are  
8 “consumers,” as the term is defined by California Civil Code § 1761(d).

9           83. Plaintiff, the other members of the California Subclass, and Defendant  
10 have engaged in “transactions,” as that term is defined by California Civil Code §  
11 1761(e).

12           84. The conduct alleged in this Complaint constitutes unfair methods of  
13 competition and unfair and deceptive acts and practices for the purpose of the CLRA,  
14 and the conduct was undertaken by Defendant in transactions intended to result in,  
15 and which did result in, the sale of goods to consumers.

16           85. As alleged more fully above, Defendant has violated the CLRA by  
17 falsely representing to Plaintiff and the other members of the California Subclass that  
18 the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products do not cause drowsiness, and that drowsiness is  
19 not a side effect of the products, when in fact, the products do cause drowsiness.

20           86. As a result of engaging in such conduct, Defendant has violated  
21 California Civil Code § 1770(a)(5), (a)(7), and (a)(9).

22           87. Defendant’s representations were likely to deceive, and did deceive,  
23 Plaintiff and reasonable consumers. Defendant knew, or should have known through  
24 the exercise of reasonable care, that these statements were inaccurate and misleading.

25           88. Defendant’s misrepresentations were intended to induce reliance, and  
26 Plaintiff saw, read and reasonably relied on them when purchasing Non-Drowsy  
27 DayQuil Products. Defendant’s misrepresentations were a substantial factor in  
28 Plaintiff’s purchase decision.

1           89. In addition, classwide reliance can be inferred because Defendant's  
2 misrepresentations were material, i.e., a reasonable consumer would consider them  
3 important in deciding whether to buy the Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products.

4           90. Defendant's misrepresentations were a substantial factor and proximate  
5 cause in causing damages and losses to Plaintiff and Subclass members.

6           91. Plaintiff and Subclass members were injured as a direct and proximate  
7 result of Defendant's conduct because (a) they would not have purchased the  
8 Products if they had known that the products cause drowsiness; (b) they overpaid for  
9 the Products because the products are sold at a price premium due to Defendant's  
10 misrepresentations; or (c) they received products that were worthless for their  
11 intended purpose.

12           92. Accordingly, pursuant to California Civil Code § 1780(a)(2), Plaintiff,  
13 on behalf of herself and all other members of the California Subclass, seeks  
14 injunctive relief. Pursuant to statute, at this time Plaintiff seeks only injunctive relief  
15 under the CLRA. Plaintiff has contemporaneously provided notice to Defendant and  
16 may later amend to add a CLRA damages claim. Cal. Civ. Code § 1782 (d).

17                           **Count 5: Quasi-Contract / Unjust Enrichment**

18                           **(on behalf of Plaintiff and the California Subclass)**

19           93. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every factual  
20 allegation set forth in Sections I-IV above.

21           94. Plaintiff alleges this claim individually and on behalf of the California  
22 Subclass.

23           95. As alleged in more detail above, Plaintiff lacks an adequate remedy at  
24 law.

25           96. As alleged in detail above, Defendant's false and misleading labeling  
26 caused Plaintiff and the Subclass to purchase Non-Drowsy DayQuil Products and to  
27 pay a price premium for these products.

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1           97. In this way, Defendant received a direct and unjust benefit, at Plaintiff  
2 and the Subclass's expense.

3           98. Plaintiff and the Subclass seek restitution.

4 **VI. Jury Demand.**

5           99. Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

6 **VII. Prayer for Relief.**

7           100. Plaintiff seeks the following relief for herself and the proposed class and  
8 subclasses:

- 9           • An order certifying the asserted claims, or issues raised, as a class  
10           action;
- 11           • A judgment in favor of Plaintiff and the proposed Classes and Subclass;
- 12           • Damages, including statutory, treble, and punitive damages where  
13           applicable;
- 14           • Restitution;
- 15           • Disgorgement, and other just equitable relief;
- 16           • Pre- and post-judgment interest;
- 17           • An injunction prohibiting Defendant's illegal conduct, as allowed by  
18           law;
- 19           • Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, as allowed by law; and
- 20           • Any additional relief that the Court deems reasonable and just.

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