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18	others similarly situated,	FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION
19	Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT
20	V.	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
21	ROBLOX CORPORATION,	
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Plaintiff V.R., a minor (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), brings this action on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated against Defendant Roblox Corporation (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendant" or "Roblox Corp."). Plaintiff makes the following allegations pursuant to the investigation of his counsel and based upon information and belief, except as to the allegations specifically pertaining to himself, which are based on personal knowledge.

### NATURE OF THE CASE

- 1. This is a putative class action brought by Plaintiff on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated who disaffirm their entire contracts with Defendant and seek restitution in the amount already paid to Defendant on their now-void contracts. By filing his original complaint on May 5, 2022, Plaintiff disaffirmed his entire contract with Defendant.
- 2. Plaintiff and the putative class have suffered injury due to deceptive, misleading, and illegal trade practices by Defendant in marketing and selling in-game items and in-game currency for its popular video game, Roblox. These items and in-game currency are frequently purchased by minors who are unable to exercise their unrestricted right under state laws to rescind contracts into which they entered with Defendant.
- 3. Additionally, even if Plaintiff and putative class members did not exercise their right to disaffirm their contracts with Defendant, purchases of in-game items and in-game currency in Roblox are void *ab initio* as a matter of law.
- 4. Roblox is ostensibly free-to-play. However, Roblox realizes billions of dollars in revenue, largely from children.
- 5. Roblox is monetized through a system where players can obtain new characters, weapons, and other resources in exchange for virtual currency. The in-game currency can be purchased from Defendant using real money.
- 6. Plaintiff brings this action for declaratory, equitable, and monetary relief under the Declaratory Judgment Act, Business and Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*, and/or for Unjust Enrichment.

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## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2) because this is a class action in which at least one member of the class is a citizen of a state different from Defendant, the amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million, exclusive of interest and costs, and the proposed class contains more than 100 members.
- 8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant because Defendant maintains its principal place of business in this District and because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred in this District.
- 9. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred in this District and because Defendant maintains its principal place of business in this District.

#### **PARTIES**

- Plaintiff V.R. is a minor and a resident of California. Plaintiff, under his own name 10. and using his own money, made multiple in-game purchases in Roblox. Plaintiff no longer plays Roblox and will not play Roblox in the future. Plaintiff made purchases both from Amazon.com and from Roblox directly. Plaintiff has purchased in-game currency from Defendant that he has since redeemed for in-game items, characters, weapons, and other resources.
- 11. Defendant Roblox Corporation is Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in in San Mateo, California.

### GENERAL BACKGROUND

- Roblox Α.
- 12. Roblox is an online game platform developed by Defendant.
- 13. Roblox breaks away from the traditional pay-for-game model, wherein a consumer pays a one-time fee for a game and gains access to all of its features, and instead offers the game for free with the hopes that players purchase various in-game items. This is referred to as the freeto-play or "freemium" model.
- 14. However, while Roblox can ostensibly be played without making in-game purchases, the game encourages impressionable minors to make in-game purchases. This is

because many of Roblox's most desirable in-game items and avatars can only be obtained by purchasing the items with virtual currency referred to as "Robux." Obtaining Robux generally requires users to purchase it with real money.

- 15. This system was created to capitalize on and encourage addictive behaviors. Minors are especially susceptible to these addiction-enhancing elements of game design. The experience of acquiring in-game items holds a strong appeal for minors and reinforces their desire to keep playing and continue making purchases.
- 16. Members of Congress have expressed concern about Defendant's practices. Specifically, in letters released to the public, Congresswoman Lori Trahan, Congresswoman Kathy Castor, and Senator Edward J. Markey have asked Defendant, among other video game makers, to "make changes to [their] product or service's design or data collection" to address "Loot boxes … [that] encourage[e] purchase before a child knows what the 'bundle' contains— akin to gambling." *See* Exhibit A.
- 17. Defendant's strategy has been immensely successful, and Defendant is still growing. Roblox Corporation earned approximately \$1,919,181,000 in 2021, which was a 108% increase over the company's 2020 earnings.<sup>1</sup> This increase was likely due to the fact that the "daily paying users increased from roughly 490,000 in 2020 to roughly 678,000 in 2021."<sup>2</sup>
- 18. Despite these massive profits, Defendant fails to provide an unrestricted right to seek refunds of any in-game purchases made by minors as is required by state law.
- 19. Further, as detailed below, Plaintiff and the putative class's contracts for the purchase of virtual currency and/or virtual goods are void as a matter of law.

## B. Defendant's Misconduct

20. Defendant misleads or misrepresents the applicable law for transactions, including in-App purchases, with minors. Specifically, Defendant knows that in the state of California, and in most states nationwide, the law allows minors to disaffirm contracts. Defendant also knows that

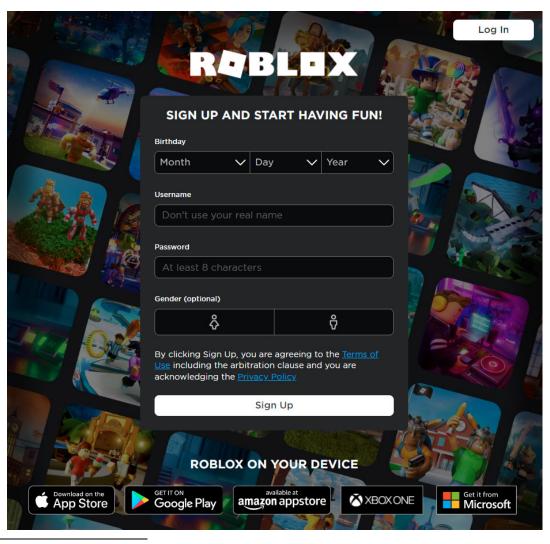
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2021 Form 10-k, Roblox Corporation,

https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/0001315098/000131509822000058/rblx-20211231.htm (last accessed April 5, 2022)

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Id.

a minor can disaffirm contracts without any restrictions; the law permits a minor to do so. And finally, Defendant knows that contracts with minors for "personal property not in the immediate possession or control of the minor[s]" are void under CA FAM §6701. Yet, Defendant operates a non-refund policy that misleads, misrepresents, and does not acknowledge a minor's right to obtain a refund.

21. To any extent that Roblox requires that its Terms of Use be accepted by legal adults 18 years and older, Roblox still targets minors. An agreement that explicitly requires acceptance by an adult cannot apply to a minor, and minors have a legal right to disaffirm contracts into which they enter. And Roblox is aware its customers are minors – the player's birthday is the first thing that a player enters when setting up a Roblox account: <sup>3</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.roblox.com/

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/115004647846-Roblox-Terms-of-Use (emphasis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id.*, see sections 1(a); 2(a); 2(b); 18(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id*.

1	minor Class members and their guardians are not aware of a minor's right to disaffirm and get		
2	refunds on in-game purchases.		
3	C. Defendant's Ille	egal Refund Policy	
4	30. Roblox operates	a policy of refusing refunds to minors who disaffirm their contracts	
5	with Defendant.		
6	31. In addition to ac	cepting payment directly, Roblox also "accepts payment through	
7	iTunes, Xbox, Microsoft (Wind	lows App or Xbox), and Amazon."10	
8	32. However, Roblo	x outright refuses to refund minors who made payments via these	
9	providers. Specifically, Defend	dant states that "these charges cannot be refunded by Roblox." 11	
10	33. Instead, purchas	ers are told to "reach out directly to Apple/iTunes, Microsoft	
11	(Windows App or Xbox), or Amazon to request a refund for any unauthorized purchases through		
12	their services." <sup>12</sup>		
13	34. However, these	third-party refund policies are also in violation of California law.	
14	For example, Apple's refund po	olicy is handled on a case-by-case basis and does not permit an	
15	unrestricted right to a refund.		
16	35. In fact, Apple do	pes not even permit minors to request refunds for unauthorized	
17	charges made more than 90 day	vs ago. <sup>13</sup>	
18	36. Similarly, Amaz	on does not allow for returns of "Downloadable Software	
19	Products," which includes pure	hases that Plaintiff made. <sup>14</sup>	
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21	https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312650-Unauthorized-Charges-Refund-Requests#h 01EM597YS5N3GVZQCVWY2YHPR9 (last accessed October 21, 2022).		
22	11 Id. (emphasis added).		
23	12 Id.		
24	have 90 days from the point of purchase to initiate a refund") (last accessed October 21, 2022);		
25	https://www.idownloadblog.com/2021/12/07/how-to-request-refund-from-apple/#:~:text=You%20can%20make%20a%20refund,%2C%20music%2C%20movie%2C%20etc.		
26	("It's not guaranteed that you'll October 21, 2022).	l always get a refund from Apple for a purchase.") (last accessed	
27	14 https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html/?nodeId=GMZNGRA9B5PCJB5F ("Amazon.com doesn't accept returns of the following items: Downloadable software products")		
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37. Addit	ionally, Defendant has a polic	cy that once Robux have been used to make an
in-game purchase, n	refunds will be provided. <sup>15</sup>	"This includes accidental purchases, lost and
unused items from A	vatar Shop and Experiences."	This policy applies even if a minor is willing
to lose access to the	in-game purchase.	

- 38. Defendant also claims to be unable to give refunds for in-app purchases that were removed from the game.<sup>17</sup>
- 39. There are countless documented incidents where Roblox refused to provide refunds to minors who made purchases on the app. For example, in March 2021, it was reported that an 11-year-old accumulated a bill of over \$3,000 by making in-app purchases. When a refund was requested, Defendant declined to provide one. Instead, the report stated that Defendant "stuck by all refund policies."
- 40. Defendant's true policy seems to be that refunds are only available for "unauthorized charges."<sup>20</sup> A child who made an authorized purchase and simply wishes to exercise his or her unrestricted right to disaffirm a contract and obtain a refund, is unable to, according to Defendant itself.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203313290-Will-I-Get-My-Robux-Back-If-I-Delete-Do-Not-Like-an-Item- ("At this time, there is not a way to get Robux back once you have made a purchase .... we are not able to offer a refund for items purchased within an experience.") (last accessed October 14, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> *Id*.

<sup>17</sup> https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203313290-Will-I-Get-My-Robux-Back-If-I-Delete-Do-Not-Like-an-Item-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> https://www.thegamer.com/child-buys-3000-dollars-dlc-roblox-app/ (last accessed October 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312650-Unauthorized-Charges-Refund-Requests (last accessed October 14, 2022).

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- 41. Dozens of complaints about Defendant's conduct with respect to refunds have been submitted to the Federal Trade Commission.<sup>21</sup> In many of these complaints, Defendant even failed to follow its own refund policies as to unauthorized purchases made from hacked accounts. The common theme amongst these complaints is that Defendant will simply not answer a request for a refund.
- 42. In sum, Defendant does not operate a uniform policy of allowing minors who disaffirm their contract to receive a full refund, as is required by law.

## PLAINTIFF'S EXPERIENCE

- 43. Before hiring counsel in this action, Plaintiff was not aware of a minor's right to disaffirm and request a refund.
- 44. Within the last year Plaintiff made multiple in-game purchases of Robux in Roblox, using his own money and without the consent of his parent(s).
- 45. Despite spending money on in-game purchases, Plaintiff did not receive any items that had real value. Plaintiff regrets these purchases and wishes to obtain a full refund. Plaintiff no longer plays Roblox and has no desire to resume playing Roblox.
- 46. After making his purchases, Plaintiff wanted to disaffirm them and request a refund. However, he was not able to do so under Roblox's refund policy, which states that a "[w]hen a User buys Robux, User receives only a limited, **non-refundable**, non-transferable ... revocable license to use Robux only for User's personal entertainment."
- 47. Once his parent retained counsel on his behalf to determine if his purchases could be recovered, Plaintiff and his parent read and reviewed the statement in the TOU that "[w]hen User buys Robux, User receives only a limited, non-refundable, non-transferable ... revocable license to use Robux only for User's personal entertainment," and that "[a]ll payments for Robux are final and not refundable."

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<sup>21</sup> https://truthinadvertising.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Consumer-complaints-against-Roblox-submitted-to-the-FTC.pdf (last accessed October 21, 2022).

- 48. Because Plaintiff made multiple purchases on Roblox through Amazon, Plaintiff and his parent also reviewed the Amazon refund policy, and found that it does not allow for refunds for purchases of "Downloadable Software Products" which includes Robux purchases.
- 49. Had Defendant provided proper parental control and age verification features, Plaintiff would not have been able to make any of the purchases that he did. Defendant could also implement features to allow minors to obtain refunds for purchases based on their unrestricted right to disaffirm contracts and/or based upon the fact that minors' purchases of Robux and virtual goods in Roblox are void as a matter of law.
- 50. Plaintiff relied on Defendant's representations regarding non-refundability for purchases.
  - 51. Plaintiff has felt dissatisfied with purchases that he made within Roblox.

## **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

- 52. Plaintiff seeks to represent a class defined as:
  - All persons in the United States who, at any time while under the age of 18, (a) exchanged in-game virtual currency for any in-game benefit within Roblox, or (b) made a purchase of virtual currency or other ingame benefit for use within Roblox.
- 53. Specifically excluded from the Class are Defendant, Defendant's officers, directors, agents, trustees, parents, children, corporations, trusts, representatives, employees, principals, servants, partners, joint ventures, or entities controlled by Defendant, and their heirs, successors, assigns, or other persons or entities related to or affiliated with Defendant and/or Defendant's officers and/or directors, the judge assigned to this action, and any member of the judge's immediate family.
- 54. Plaintiff reserves the right to expand, limit, modify, or amend the class definition, including the addition of one or more subclasses, in connection with his motion for class certification, or at any other time, based on, inter alia, changing circumstances and/or new facts obtained.

- 55. **Numerosity**. On information and belief, hundreds of thousands of consumers fall into the definitions of the Class. Members of the Class can be identified through Defendant's records, discovery, and other third-party sources.
- 56. **Commonality and Predominance**. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class. These common legal and factual questions include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. Whether Defendant's failure to provide a method for minors or their guardians to disaffirm any purchases violated their consumer rights;
  - b. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are able to disaffirm their contracts with Defendant, including those made through third-party payment platforms, and obtain a refund through the Declaratory Judgment Act;
  - c. Whether Plaintiff's and the other Class members' contracts for the purchase of virtual currency and/or goods are void as a matter of law;
  - d. Whether Plaintiff and the other Class members were damaged by Defendant's conduct; and
  - e. Whether Plaintiff and the other Class members are entitled to restitution or other relief.
- 57. **Typicality**. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the other members of the Class in that, among other things, all Class members were similarly situated and were comparably injured through Defendant's wrongful conduct as set forth herein. Further, there are no defenses available to Defendant that are unique to Plaintiff.
- 58. Adequacy of Representation. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class. Plaintiff has retained counsel that is highly experienced in complex consumer class action litigation, and Plaintiff intends to vigorously prosecute this action on behalf of the Class. Furthermore, Plaintiff has no interests that are antagonistic to those of the Class.
- 59. **Superiority**. A class action is superior to all other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. The damages or other financial detriment suffered by individual Class members are relatively small compared to the burden and expense of individual

1	litigation of their claims against Defendant. It would thus be virtually impossible for the Class	
2	obtain effective redress for the wrongs committed against the members on an individual basis.	
3	Furthermore, even if Class members could afford such individualized litigation, the court system	
4	could not. Individualized litigation would create the danger of inconsistent or contradictory	
5	judgments arising from the same set of facts. Individualized litigation would also increase the	
6	delay and expense to all parties and the court system from the issues raised by this action. By	
7	contrast, the class action device provides the benefits of adjudication of these issues in a single	
8	proceeding, economies of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court, and presents no	
9	unusual management difficulties under the circumstances.	
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60. Further, Defendant has acted and refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the proposed Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive and declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

## **COUNT I**

## Declaratory Judgment on Minor's Right to Disaffirm (On behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

- 61. The foregoing allegations are hereby reincorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.
- 62. Defendant's Roblox video game is approved for players 7 years and older.

  Defendant enters into and accepts a contract with a minor when an in-game purchase by the minor is confirmed, and thus accepted.
- 63. There is consideration on both sides of this contract. Roblox gives the consideration of digital content and entertainment service of the in-game purchases, exchanged for consideration of actual money from the minor.
- 64. Under California law, and equivalent law in states nationwide, minors have the right to disaffirm contracts such as those at issue here. Cal. Fam. Code § 6710 (2010).
- 65. Minors may disaffirm or a guardian may disaffirm a contract on behalf of a minor within a reasonable amount of time of turning 18. Through the filing of this lawsuit, and thus by

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no later than the filing date of this lawsuit, Plaintiff disaffirmed all in-game purchases he has made through Roblox to-date and requested a refund.

- 66. Plaintiff further seeks injunctive relief on behalf of the Class for future and prospective transactions on the Roblox video gaming platform and ecosystem to allow for refunds on all in-game purchases without restrictions.
- 67. The contracts between Defendant and the members of the Class who are minors are voidable—a fact that Defendant denies as evidenced by its denial of the Class's right to be refunded in its Terms of Use.
- 68. As outlined above, Defendant does not operate a uniform policy of allowing minors who disaffirm their contract to receive a full refund, as is required by law. Rather, Defendant operates a refund policy that regularly denies minors who disaffirm their contracts their unrestricted right to a refund.
- 69. Accordingly, there is an actual controversy between the parties, requiring a declaratory judgment.
- Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for this claim. There is no commensurate legal remedy for voidance of Plaintiff's contract and full restitution and interest thereon.

  Alternatively, legal remedies available to Plaintiff are inadequate because they are not "equally prompt and certain and in other ways efficient" as equitable relief. *American Life Ins. Co. v. Stewart*, 300 U.S. 203, 214 (1937); *see also U.S. v. Bluitt*, 815 F. Supp. 1314, 1317 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 6, 1992) ("the 'mere existence' of a possible legal remedy is not sufficient to warrant denial of equitable relief"); *Quist v. Empire Water Co.*, 2014 Cal. 646, 643 (1928) ("The mere fact that there may be a remedy at law does not oust the jurisdiction of a court of equity. To have this effect, the remedy must also be speedy, adequate, and efficacious to the end in view ... It must reach the whole mischief and secure the whole right of the party in a perfect manner at the present time and not in the future"). Furthermore:
  - a. To the extent damages are available here, damages are not equally certain as restitution because the standard that governs ordering restitution is different than the standard that governs damages. Hence, the Court may award

- restitution even if it determines that Plaintiff fails to sufficiently adduce evidence to support an award of damages.
- b. Damages and restitution are not necessarily the same amount. Unlike damages, restitution is not limited to the amount of money defendant wrongfully acquired plus the legal rate of interest. Equitable relief, including restitution, entitles the plaintiff to recover all profits from the wrongdoing, even where the original funds taken have grown far greater than the legal rate of interest would recognize. Plaintiff seeks such relief here.
- c. Legal claims for damages are not equally certain as restitution because claims under the UCL and unjust enrichment entail few elements.
- d. Plaintiff also lacks an adequate remedy at law to prevent future harm.
- 71. This claim for declaratory judgment is brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201 *et seq.*, seeking a determination by the Court that: (a) this action may proceed and be maintained as a class action; (b) the sales contracts between Defendant and Class members who are minors, relating to the purchase of in-game currency and virtual items, are voidable at the option of those Class members or their guardians; (c) if the Class members elect to void the contracts, they will be entitled to restitution and interest thereon; (d) an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit to Plaintiff and the Class is appropriate; and such other and further relief as is necessary and just may be appropriate as well.

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#### **COUNT II**

## Declaratory Judgment on Minor's Inability to Contract For Personal Property Not In Their Immediate Possession Or Control (On behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

- 72. The foregoing allegations are hereby reincorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.
- 73. As described above, Defendant contracted with Plaintiff and the class members, who are minors.
- 74. Defendant's contracts with minor Plaintiff and class members include contracts for the purchase of Robux and virtual items.

- 75. Robux can be purchased from Defendant in the form of tangible gift cards or intangible codes.
- 76. California law recognizes both "intangible personal property" and "tangible personal property." *See*, *e.g.*, CA REV & TAX § 6011(10)(A)-(C); CA REV & TAX § 6016.
- 77. According to California Law, a "minor cannot ... [m]ake a contract relating to any personal property not in the immediate possession or control of the minor." CA FAM § 6701.
- 78. Both Robux and any virtual item sold to Plaintiff and class members are personal property.
- 79. According to Defendant's Terms of Use, Defendant explicitly maintains possession and/or control over the Robux and virtual items sold to Plaintiff and the class members as discussed *supra*.
- 80. Thus, according to California law, the contracts for these purchases are void and Plaintiff and class members are entitled to a refund of the consideration paid under their contracts with Defendant.
- 81. Defendant disputes that these contracts are void as evidenced by the fact that Defendant's TOU claim that all purchases are non-refundable and the fact that Defendant does not maintain any mechanism for users who contracted with Defendant as minors to obtain refunds.
- 82. Accordingly, there is an actual controversy between the parties, requiring a declaratory judgment.
- legal remedy for full restitution and interest thereupon the void contract. Alternatively, legal remedies available to Plaintiff are inadequate because they are not "equally prompt and certain and in other ways efficient" as equitable relief. *American Life Ins. Co. v. Stewart*, 300 U.S. 203, 214 (1937); *see also U.S. v. Bluitt*, 815 F. Supp. 1314, 1317 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 6, 1992) ("the 'mere existence' of a possible legal remedy is not sufficient to warrant denial of equitable relief'); *Quist v. Empire Water Co.*, 2014 Cal. 646, 643 (1928) ("The mere fact that there may be a remedy at law does not oust the jurisdiction of a court of equity. To have this effect, the remedy must also be speedy, adequate, and efficacious to the end in view ... It must reach the whole mischief and

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#### <u>COUNT III</u>

## Violation of the California Business & Professional Code § 17200 (On behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

86. The foregoing allegations are hereby reincorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.

- 87. Plaintiff and Class members have standing to pursue a cause of action against Defendant for unfair and/or unlawful business acts or practices because they have suffered an injury-in-fact and lost money due to Defendant's actions and/or omissions as set forth herein.
- 88. Defendant's conduct is unlawful under Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq. ("UCL") because it is in violation of a minor's absolute right to disaffirm contracts as discussed above. In short, Defendant does not operate a uniform policy of allowing minors who disaffirm their contract to receive a full refund, as is required by law. Rather, Defendant operates a refund policy that regularly denies minors who disaffirm their contracts their unrestricted right to a refund.
- 89. Defendant's conduct is also unlawful under the UCL because it is has collected monies paid for contracts void as a matter of law within the State of California and denied recovery of said monies.
- 90. Defendant's conduct described herein is "unfair" under Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 because it violates public policy and is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, and/or substantially injurious to consumers, and any utility of such practices is outweighed by the harm caused to consumers, including to Plaintiff, the Class, and the public. Defendant engages in unfair practices by actively advertising, marketing, and promoting Roblox as "free" with the intent to induce minors to purchase in-game currency and virtual items while illegally and unscrupulously denying minors any refunds they seek.
- 91. Defendant is aware that minors are a significant population of the individuals who play its Roblox game and that they are not capable of entering into binding contracts including for purchases of goods such that Defendant should have included parental control features and provided for an unrestricted right for minors and their guardians to seek refunds of any purchases made.
- 92. Defendant, in light of its explicit representation to the contrary (*e.g.*, that purchases of virtual currency and in-game purchases were non-refundable) had a duty to make Plaintiff or the other members of the Class aware that they had an unrestricted right to refund any purchases, but did not do so.

- 93. Defendant did not implement any features in its Roblox video game that would have allowed Plaintiff and Class members to seek a refund for their purchases.
- 94. Plaintiff and putative Class members relied on Defendant's omission in that they were unaware that they could disaffirm their contract with Defendant and receive a refund and in that they were unaware that their contracts with Defendant are void and they could receive a refund.
- 95. Defendant knew or should have known that its representations regarding the ingame purchases were false, deceptive, and misleading.
- 96. Defendant's conduct described herein constitutes an unfair business practice because it violates public policy and is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, and/or substantially injurious to consumers, and any utility of such practices is outweighed by the harm caused to consumers, including to Plaintiff, the Class, and the public.
- 97. Defendant's wrongful conduct is ongoing, and part of a pattern or generalized course of conduct repeated on thousands if not millions of occasions yearly.
- 98. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendant's deceptive and unfair trade practices, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class suffered actual damages, including monetary losses.
- 99. Pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203, Plaintiff seeks an injunction enjoining Defendant from continuing to engage in the conduct described above, or any other act prohibited by law.
- 100. Plaintiff also seeks rescission and an order requiring Defendant to make full restitution and to disgorge its ill-gotten gains wrongfully obtained from members of the Class as permitted by Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203.
- 101. Additionally, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order requiring Defendant to pay attorneys' fees pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1021.5.
- 102. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for this claim. There is no commensurate legal remedy for Plaintiff's requested relief under this count. Alternatively, legal remedies available to Plaintiff are inadequate because they are not "equally prompt and certain and in other ways efficient" as equitable relief. *American Life Ins. Co. v. Stewart*, 300 U.S. 203, 214 (1937);

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see also U.S. v. Bluitt, 815 F. Supp. 1314, 1317 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 6, 1992) ("the 'mere existence' of a possible legal remedy is not sufficient to warrant denial of equitable relief"); Quist v. Empire Water Co., 2014 Cal. 646, 643 (1928) ("The mere fact that there may be a remedy at law does not oust the jurisdiction of a court of equity. To have this effect, the remedy must also be speedy, adequate, and efficacious to the end in view ... It must reach the whole mischief and secure the whole right of the party in a perfect manner at the present time and not in the future"). Furthermore:

- a. To the extent damages are available here, damages are not equally certain as restitution because the standard that governs ordering restitution is different than the standard that governs damages. Hence, the Court may award restitution even if it determines that Plaintiff fails to sufficiently adduce evidence to support an award of damages.
- b. Damages and restitution are not necessarily the same amount. Unlike damages, restitution is not limited to the amount of money defendant wrongfully acquired plus the legal rate of interest. Equitable relief, including restitution, entitles the plaintiff to recover all profits from the wrongdoing, even where the original funds taken have grown far greater than the legal rate of interest would recognize. Plaintiff seeks such relief here.
- c. Legal claims for damages are not equally certain as restitution because claims under the UCL and unjust enrichment entail few elements.
- d. Plaintiff also lacks an adequate remedy at law to prevent future harm.

## **COUNT IV**

## Restitution or Unjust Enrichment In the Alternative (On behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

- 103. The foregoing allegations are hereby reincorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.
- 104. Plaintiff and the other Class members conferred an economic benefit on Defendant through their in-game purchases and purchases of Robux.

- 105. It is inequitable and unjust for Defendant to retain the revenue obtained from ingame purchases made by Plaintiff and the other Class members because, under principles of equity and good conscience, Defendant should not be permitted to retain the revenue it acquired through its unlawful conduct, i.e., with its non-refundable policy. Defendant's conduct is unlawful because it is in violation of the minor's right to disaffirm contracts, and because the contracts entered by Plaintiff and Class members were void as a matter of law yet Defendant still retains the monies paid, and because Defendant's conduct is unfair and deceptive under the UCL, as discussed above.
- 106. Defendant has misled and misinformed minors and their parents/guardians, i.e., Plaintiff and Class members.
- 107. Accordingly, because Defendant will be unjustly enriched if it is allowed to retain such funds, Defendant must pay restitution to Plaintiff and the other Class members in the amount which Defendant was unjustly enriched by each of their purchases.
- 108. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for this claim. Plaintiff pleads his claim for unjust enrichment in the alternative, which inherently would necessitate a finding of no adequate remedy at law. Alternatively, legal remedies available to Plaintiff are inadequate because they are not "equally prompt and certain and in other ways efficient" as equitable relief. *American Life Ins. Co. v. Stewart*, 300 U.S. 203, 214 (1937); *see also U.S. v. Bluitt*, 815 F. Supp. 1314, 1317 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 6, 1992) ("the 'mere existence' of a possible legal remedy is not sufficient to warrant denial of equitable relief"); *Quist v. Empire Water Co.*, 2014 Cal. 646, 643 (1928) ("The mere fact that there may be a remedy at law does not oust the jurisdiction of a court of equity. To have this effect, the remedy must also be speedy, adequate, and efficacious to the end in view ... It must reach the whole mischief and secure the whole right of the party in a perfect manner at the present time and not in the future"). Furthermore:
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6		rate of interest would recognize. Plaintiff seeks such relief here.
7	c.	Legal claims for damages are not equally certain as restitution because
8		claims under the UCL and unjust enrichment entail few elements.
9	d.	A claimant otherwise entitled to a remedy for unjust enrichment, including a
10		remedy originating in equity, need not demonstrate the inadequacy of
11		available remedies at law." Restatement (Third) of Restitution, § 4(2).
12		PRAYER FOR RELIEF
13	WHEREFOR	E, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, seeks
14	judgment against Det	Fendant, as follows:
15	a.	For an order certifying the Class under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil
16		Procedure and naming Plaintiff as the representative for the Class and
17		Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel;
18	b.	For an order issuing a declaratory judgment that the sales contracts between
19		Defendant and Plaintiff and the minor Class members are voidable;
20	c.	For an order issuing a declaratory judgment that the sales contracts between
21		Defendant and Plaintiff and the minor Class members are void;
22	d.	For an order declaring that Defendant's conduct violates the laws referenced
23		herein;
24	e.	For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff and the Class on all counts asserted
25		herein;
26	f.	For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;
27	g.	For an order of restitution and all other forms of equitable monetary relief;
28	h.	For injunctive relief as the Court may deem proper; and

i. For an order awarding Plaintiff and the Class their reasonable attorneys' fees 1 2 and expenses and costs of suit. 3 **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY** 4 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of any 5 and all issues in this action so triable of right. 6 Dated: October 21, 2022 **BURSOR & FISHER, P.A.** 7 8 By: /s/ *L. Timothy Fisher* 9 L. Timothy Fisher (State Bar No. 191626) 1990 North California Boulevard, Suite 940 10 Walnut Creek, CA 94596 Telephone: (925) 300-4455 11 Facsimile: (925) 407-2700 12 E-Mail: ltfisher@bursor.com 13 **BURSOR & FISHER, P.A.** Philip L. Fraietta (pro hac vice forthcoming) 14 Alec M. Leslie (*pro hac vice* forthcoming) 15 Matthew A. Girardi (pro hac vice) Julian C. Diamond (pro hac vice) 16 888 Seventh Avenue New York, NY 10019 17 Telephone: (646) 837-7150 Facsimile: (212) 989-9163 18 E-Mail: pfraietta@bursor.com 19 aleslie@bursor.com mgirardi@bursor.com 20 jdiamond@bursor.com 21 Attorneys for Plaintiff 22 23 24 25 26 27 28