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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

JAMES CURRY and DAVID FREIFELD, on
behalf of themselves and a class of similarly
situated persons,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TICKETMASTER, LLC and LIVE NATION
ENTERTAINMENT, INC.,

Defendants.

NO.:

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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1 Plaintiffs James Curry and David Freifeld, individually and on behalf of all others
2 similarly situated (“Plaintiffs”), bring this action against Defendant Ticketmaster LLC
3 (“Ticketmaster”) and Defendant Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. (“Live Nation”) (collectively,
4 “Defendants”), seeking monetary damages, restitution, and/or injunctive relief for the proposed
5 Class and Subclasses, as defined below. Plaintiffs make the following allegations upon
6 information and belief, the investigation of their counsel, and personal knowledge or facts that
7 are a matter of public record.

8 I. INTRODUCTION

9 1. The release, disclosure, and publication of sensitive, private data can be
10 devastating. Not only is it an intrusion of privacy and a loss of control, but it is a harbinger of
11 identity theft: for victims of a data breach, the risk of identity theft more than quadruples.¹ A
12 data breach can have a grave consequences for victims for years after the actual date of the
13 breach—with the obtained information, thieves can wreak many forms of havoc: open new
14 financial accounts, take out loans, obtain medical services, obtain government benefits, and/or
15 obtain driver’s licenses in the victims’ names, forcing victims to maintain a constant vigilance
16 over the potential misuse of their information.

17 2. Beverly Hills, California based Ticketmaster is a wholly owned subsidiary of Live
18 Nation and markets itself as a sophisticated, reliable entertainment ticket seller. Live Nation is
19 “the largest live entertainment company in the world, connecting over 765 million fans across all
20 of our concerts and ticketing platforms in 49 countries during 2023.”² In its Privacy Policy found
21 on its website, Live Nation has a section entitled “Looking After Your Information,” under
22 which it claims” “We take steps to try to make sure your information is protected and to delete it
23 securely when we no longer need it.”³

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25 ¹ Dave Maxfield & Bill Latham, Data Breaches: Perspectives from Both Sides of the Wall, S.C. Lawyer (May 2014).

26 ² Form 10-K Annual Report for Live Nation Entertainment, Inc., BAMSEC,
27 <https://www.bamsec.com/filing/133525824000017?cik=1335258> (last visited June 4, 2024).

28 ³ *Live Nation Privacy Policy*, LIVE NATION, available online at <https://help.livenation.com/hc/en-us/articles/10464047306641-Live-Nation-Entertainment-Privacy-Policy#security> (last visited June 4, 2024).

1 3. Despite these representations, Defendants’ protection of the information it
2 maintains from and about its customers was woefully inadequate. On May 27, 2024, renowned
3 hacking group ShinyHunters offered 1.3 terabytes of Class members’ personal and financial
4 information for sale for \$500,000.⁴ According to ShinyHunters, they had possession of
5 individuals’ personal identifiable information (“PII”), including but not limited to “full names,
6 addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, ticket sales and event details, order information, and
7 partial payment card data. [The] compromised payment data includes customer names, the last
8 four digits of card numbers, expiration dates, and even customer fraud details.”⁵

9 4. On May 29, 2024, Live Nation confirmed in a brief Form 8-k filing with the SEC
10 that on May 20, 2024, it discovered that a third-party database containing its customers’ private
11 information had been breached.⁶ Specifically, the disclosure form stated:

12 On May 20, 2024, Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. (the
13 “Company” or “we”) identified unauthorized activity within a
14 third-party cloud database environment containing Company data
15 (primarily from its Ticketmaster L.L.C. subsidiary) and launched
16 an investigation with industry-leading forensic investigators to
17 understand what happened. On May 27, 2024, a criminal threat
18 actor offered what it alleged to be Company user data for sale via
19 the dark web. We are working to mitigate risk to our users and the
20 Company, and have notified and are cooperating with law
21 enforcement. As appropriate, we are also notifying regulatory
22 authorities and users with respect to unauthorized access to
23 personal information.⁷

19 5. Defendants apparently had no idea that a system containing Class members’ PII
20 had been infiltrated and the personal and private information of some 560 million persons had
21 been exfiltrated, until the information was offered for sale on the Dark Web. This fact alone
22 portends Defendants’ protection systems and protocols were inadequate.
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25 ⁴ Waqas, *Hackers Claim Ticketmaster Data Breach: 560M Users’ Info for Sale at \$500k*, HACKREAD (May
26 29, 2024), available online at <https://hackread.com/hackers-ticketmaster-data-breach-560m-users-sale/>

26 ⁵ *Id.*

27 ⁶ See Form 8-k, available online at:
<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1335258/000133525824000081/lyv-20240520.htm>.

28 ⁷ *Id.*

1 6. As a result of the Data Breach, through which their Personally Identifiable
2 Information (“PII”) was compromised, disclosed, and obtained by unauthorized third parties,
3 Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered concrete damages and are now exposed to a
4 heightened and imminent risk of fraud and identity theft for a period of years, if not decades.
5 Furthermore, Plaintiffs and Class Members must now and in the future closely monitor their
6 financial accounts to guard against identity theft, at their own expense. Consequently, Plaintiffs
7 and the other Class Members will incur ongoing out-of-pocket costs for, *e.g.*, purchasing credit
8 monitoring services, credit freezes, credit reports, or other protective measures to deter and
9 detect identity theft.

10 7. By this Complaint, Plaintiffs seek to remedy these harms on behalf of themselves
11 and all similarly situated individuals whose Private Information was accessed during the Data
12 Breach.

13 **II. JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND CHOICE OF LAW**

14 8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
15 § 1332(d)(2)(A), as modified by the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (“CAFA”), 28 U.S.C.
16 § 1711, *et seq.*, because at least one member of the Class, as defined below, is a citizen of a
17 different state than Defendants, there are more than 100 members of the Class, and the aggregate
18 amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs. This Court also has
19 diversity jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

20 9. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant Ticketmaster because Ticketmaster
21 has committed acts with this District giving rise to this action and has established minimum
22 contacts with this forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Ticketmaster would not
23 offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Ticketmaster has its headquarters in
24 this District and has engaged in continuous, systematic, and substantial activities within the State
25 of California, including substantial marketing and sales of services and products in connection
26 with the Data Breach within California.

27 10. The Court has jurisdiction over Defendant Live Nation, Inc. because Live Nation
28 maintains its principal place of business in this District, has sufficient minimum contacts with

1 this District, and has purposefully availed itself of the privilege of doing business in this District
2 such that it could reasonably foresee litigation being brought in this District.

3 11. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) through (d) because
4 Live Nation's and Ticketmaster's principal place of business is located in this District and a
5 substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in, was directed to,
6 and/or emanated from this District.

7 **III. PARTIES**

8 **A. Plaintiff James Curry**

9 12. Plaintiff James Curry is a citizen of and is domiciled in Los Angeles in the state of
10 California.

11 13. Plaintiff is a customer of Ticketmaster and has purchased tickets from
12 Ticketmaster.

13 14. Plaintiff provided confidential and sensitive PII to Ticketmaster, as requested and
14 required by Ticketmaster for the provision of its services. Ticketmaster obtained and continues to
15 maintain Plaintiff's PII and has a legal duty and obligation to protect that PII from unauthorized
16 access and disclosure.

17 15. Plaintiff would not have entrusted his PII to Ticketmaster had he known that
18 Ticketmaster failed to maintain adequate data security.

19 16. On or about June 2, 2024, plaintiff read an article online that indicated that
20 Ticketmaster had lost the information of 560 million customers, and thus his information was
21 compromised.

22 17. Plaintiff subsequently spent several hours taking action to mitigate the impact of
23 the Data Breach, including researching the Data Breach, researching ways to protect himself
24 from data breaches, and reviewing his financial accounts for fraud or suspicious activity. He now
25 plans to spend several hours a month checking account statements for irregularities.

26 18. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff has suffered emotional distress as a result
27 of the release of his PII, which he expected Defendants to protect from disclosure, including
28 anxiety, concern, and unease about unauthorized parties viewing and potentially using his PII. As

1 a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff anticipates spending considerable time and money to
2 contain the impact of the Data Breach.

3 **B. Plaintiff David Freifeld**

4 19. Plaintiff David Freifeld is a citizen of and is domiciled in Vernon Hills in the state
5 of Illinois.

6 20. Plaintiff is a customer of Ticketmaster and has purchased on average 3-4 sets of
7 tickets per year from Ticketmaster over at least the last several years.

8 21. Plaintiff provided confidential and sensitive PII to Ticketmaster, as requested and
9 required by Ticketmaster for the provision of its services. Ticketmaster obtained and continues to
10 maintain Plaintiff's PII and has a legal duty and obligation to protect that PII from unauthorized
11 access and disclosure.

12 22. Plaintiff would not have entrusted his PII to Ticketmaster had he known that
13 Ticketmaster failed to maintain adequate data security.

14 23. On or about June 4, 2024, plaintiff read an article online that indicated that
15 Ticketmaster had lost the information of 560 million customers, and thus his information was
16 compromised.

17 24. Plaintiff subsequently spent several hours taking action to mitigate the impact of
18 the Data Breach, including researching the Data Breach, researching ways to protect himself
19 from data breaches, and reviewing his financial accounts for fraud or suspicious activity. He now
20 plans to spend several hours a month checking account statements for irregularities.

21 25. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff has suffered emotional distress as a result
22 of the release of his PII, which he expected Defendants to protect from disclosure, including
23 anxiety, concern, and unease about unauthorized parties viewing and potentially using his PII. As
24 a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff anticipates spending considerable time and money to
25 contain the impact of the Data Breach.

1 **C. Defendants**

2 26. Defendant Ticketmaster, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Defendant Live
3 Nation Entertainment, Inc. headquartered in California with its principal executive office at 9348
4 Civic Center Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

5 27. In the course of its business, Ticketmaster collects names, phone numbers, Social
6 Security numbers, physical addresses, driver's license information, and other information from
7 its customers and prospective customers.

8 28. Defendant Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. is a Delaware corporation
9 headquartered in California with its principal executive office at 9348 Civic Center Drive,
10 Beverly Hills, California.

11 29. In the course of its business, Live Nation collects names, phone numbers, Social
12 Security numbers, physical addresses, driver's license information, and other information from
13 its customers and prospective customers.

14 **IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

15 **A. Defendants Failed to Adequately Protect Customer Data, Resulting in the Data**
16 **Breach**

17 30. On May 28, 2024, ShinyHunters, a known criminal hacking group, posted for sale
18 1.3 terabytes of PII on a hacker forum and marketplace.⁸ According to ShinyHunters' forum
19 post, the PII included "560 million customers [*sic*] full details (name, address, email, phone) [¶]
20 Ticket sales, event information, order details [¶] CC [credit card] detail [*sic*] [¶] customer, last 4
21 of card, expiration date. Customer fraud details [¶] much more."⁹ ShinyHunters offered to sell
22 the data for \$500,000.¹⁰

23 31. On May 29, 2024, Live Nation made a Form 8-k filing with the SEC reporting
24 that on May 20, 2024, it discovered that its customers' private information had been offered for
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26 ⁸ Waqas, *Hackers Claim Ticketmaster Data Breach: 560M Users' Info for Sale at \$500k*, HACKREAD (June
3, 2024), <https://hackread.com/hackers-ticketmaster-data-breach-560m-users-sale/>.

27 ⁹ *Id.*

28 ¹⁰ *Id.*

1 sale. The disclosure stated that Live Nation had “identified unauthorized activity within a third-
2 party cloud database environment containing Company data (primarily from its Ticketmaster
3 L.L.C. subsidiary) and launched an investigation with industry-leading forensic investigators to
4 understand what happened.”¹¹ The disclosure further stated that Live Nation was “working to
5 mitigate risk to our users and the Company[.]”¹²

6 32. Defendants were familiar with their obligations—created by contract, industry
7 standards, common law, and representations to their customers—to protect customer
8 information. Plaintiffs and Class Members provided their PII to Defendants with the reasonable
9 expectation that Defendants would comply with its obligations to keep such information
10 confidential and secure.

11 33. Ticketmaster states on its website: “We’re always taking steps to make sure your
12 information is protected and deleted securely” and “[w]e have security measures in place to
13 protect your information.”¹³

14 34. Ticketmaster also sets forth “10 commitments” on its website, including its
15 purported commitment to “Security & Confidentiality.”¹⁴ Specifically, Ticketmaster asserts that
16 “[t]he security of our fans’ information is a priority for us. We take all necessary security
17 measures to protect personal information that’s shared and stored with us.”¹⁵

18 35. Defendants failed to comply with these obligations, resulting in the Data Breach.
19 Plaintiffs and Class Members now face years of constant surveillance of their financial and
20 personal records.

21 **B. The Data Breach Puts Consumers at Increased Risk of Fraud and Identity Theft**

22 36. An identity thief uses victims’ PII, such as name, address, and other sensitive and
23 confidential information, without permission, to commit fraud or other crimes that range from

24 ¹¹ See Form 8-k, attached as Exhibit A.

25 ¹² *Id.*

26 ¹³ *Privacy Policy*, TICKETMASTER, <https://privacy.ticketmaster.com/privacy-policy> (last visited June 4, 2024).

27 ¹⁴ *Our Commitments*, TICKETMASTER, <https://privacy.ticketmaster.com/en/our-commitments> (last visited June 4,
2024).

28 ¹⁵ *Id.*

1 immigration fraud, obtaining a driver’s license or identification card, obtaining government
2 benefits, and filing fraudulent tax returns to obtain tax refunds.

3 37. Identity thieves can use a victim’s PII to open new financial accounts, incur
4 charges in the victim’s name, take out loans in the victim’s name, and incur charges on existing
5 accounts of the victim. Plaintiffs’ finances are now at risk due to the Data Breach.

6 38. Identity theft is the most common consequence of a data breach—it occurs to
7 65% of data breach victims.¹⁶ Consumers lost more than \$56 billion to identity theft and fraud in
8 2020, and over 75% of identity theft victims reported emotional distress.¹⁷

9 39. Plaintiffs are now in the position of having to take steps to mitigate the damages
10 caused by the Data Breach. Once use of compromised non-financial PII is detected, the
11 emotional and economic consequences to the victims are significant. Studies done by the ID
12 Theft Resource Center, a non-profit organization, found that victims of identity theft had marked
13 increased fear for personal financial security. The report attributes this to more people having
14 been victims before, contributing to greater awareness and understanding that they may suffer
15 long term consequences from this type of crime.¹⁸

16 40. Ticketmaster failed to protect and safeguard Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’
17 private information, in fact failing to adhere to even its most basic obligations. As a result,
18 Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered or will suffer actual injury, including loss of privacy,
19 costs, and loss of time.

20 **V. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

21 41. Plaintiffs brings this action as a class action under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of
22 Civil Procedure, on behalf of a proposed nationwide class (the “Class”), defined as:

23 All natural persons in the United States whose Personally
24 Identifiable Information was compromised as a result of the Data
Breach.

25 ¹⁶ Eugene Bekker, *What Are Your Odds of Getting Your Identity Stolen?*, IDENTITYFORCE (Apr. 15, 2021),
26 <https://www.identityforce.com/blog/identity-theft-odds-identity-theft-statistics> (last visited Feb. 1, 2023).

27 ¹⁷ *Id.*

28 ¹⁸ Identity Theft: The Aftermath 2013, Identity Theft Resource Center, <https://idtheftinfo.org/latest-news/72>
(last visited Feb. 1, 2023).

1 42. In addition, the State Subclasses are defined as follows:

2 **California Subclass:** All natural persons in the State of California
3 whose Personally Identifiable Information was compromised as a
4 result of the Data Breach.

5 **Illinois Subclass:** All natural persons in the State of Illinois whose
6 Personally Identifiable Information was compromised as a result of
7 the Data Breach.

8 43. **Numerosity and Ascertainability:** Plaintiffs do not know the exact size of the
9 Class or identity of the Class Members, since such information is in the exclusive control of
10 Defendants. Nevertheless, the Class, on information and belief includes millions of individuals
11 dispersed throughout the United States, considering approximately 560 million Ticketmaster
12 customers' information was reportedly subject to unauthorized access. The number of Class
13 Members is so numerous that joinder of all Class Members is impracticable. The names,
14 addresses, and phone numbers of Class Members are identifiable through documents maintained
15 by Defendants.

16 44. **Commonality and Predominance:** This action involves common questions of
17 law and fact which predominate over any question solely affecting individual Class Members.
18 These common questions include:

19 A. whether Defendants engaged in the conduct alleged herein;

20 B. whether Defendants had a legal duty to use reasonable security
21 measures to protect Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII;

22 C. whether Defendants timely, accurately, and adequately informed
23 Plaintiffs and Class Members that their PII had been compromised;

24 D. whether Defendants breached their legal duty by failing to protect
25 the PII of Plaintiffs and Class Members;

26 E. whether Defendants acted reasonably in securing the PII of
27 Plaintiffs and Class Members;

28 F. whether Plaintiffs and Class Members are entitled to injunctive
relief;

G. and whether Plaintiffs and Class Members are entitled to damages
and equitable relief.

1 49. Ticketmaster owed a duty to Plaintiffs and Class Members, arising from the
2 sensitivity of the information, the expectation the information was going to be kept private, and
3 the foreseeability of its data safety shortcomings resulting in an intrusion, to exercise reasonable
4 care in safeguarding their sensitive personal information. This duty included, among other
5 things, designing, implementing, maintaining, monitoring, and testing Ticketmaster's networks,
6 systems, protocols, policies, procedures and practices to ensure that Plaintiffs' and Class
7 Members' information was adequately secured from unauthorized access.

8 50. Ticketmaster's Privacy Notice acknowledged Ticketmaster's duty to adequately
9 protect Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII.

10 51. Ticketmaster owed a duty to Plaintiffs and Class Members to implement
11 administrative, physical and technical safeguards, such as intrusion detection processes that
12 detect data breaches in a timely manner, to protect and secure Plaintiffs' and Class Members'
13 PII.

14 52. Ticketmaster also had a duty to only maintain PII that was needed to serve
15 customer needs.

16 53. Ticketmaster owed a duty to disclose the material fact that its data security
17 practices were inadequate to safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII.

18 54. Ticketmaster also had independent duties under Plaintiffs' and Class Members'
19 state laws that required Ticketmaster to reasonably safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII,
20 and promptly notify them about the Data Breach.

21 55. Ticketmaster had a special relationship with Plaintiffs and Class Members as a
22 result of being entrusted with their PII, which provided an independent duty of care. Plaintiffs'
23 and Class Members' willingness to entrust Ticketmaster with their PII was predicated on the
24 understanding that Ticketmaster would take adequate security precautions. Moreover,
25 Ticketmaster was capable of protecting its networks and systems, and the PII it stored on them,
26 from unauthorized access.

27 56. Ticketmaster breached its duties by, among other things: (a) failing to implement
28 and maintain adequate data security practices to safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII,

1 including administrative, physical, and technical safeguards; (b) failing to detect the Data Breach
2 in a timely manner; and (c) failing to disclose that its data security practices were inadequate to
3 safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII.

4 57. But for Ticketmaster's breach of its duties, including its duty to use reasonable
5 care to protect and secure Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII, Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII
6 would not have been accessed by unauthorized parties.

7 58. Plaintiffs and Class Members were foreseeable victims of Ticketmaster's
8 inadequate data security practices. Ticketmaster knew or should have known that a breach of its
9 data security systems would cause damage to Plaintiffs and Class Members.

10 59. It was reasonably foreseeable that the failure to reasonably protect and secure
11 Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII would result in unauthorized access to Ticketmaster's
12 networks, databases, and computers that stored or contained Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII.

13 60. As a result of Ticketmaster's negligent failure to prevent the Data Breach,
14 Plaintiffs and Class Members suffered injury, which includes, but is not limited to, exposure to a
15 heightened and imminent risk of fraud, identity theft, and financial harm. Plaintiffs and Class
16 Members must monitor their financial accounts and credit histories more closely and frequently
17 to guard against identity theft. Plaintiffs and Class Members have also incurred, and will
18 continue to incur on an indefinite basis, out-of-pocket costs for obtaining credit reports, credit
19 freezes, credit monitoring services, and other protective measures to deter and detect identity
20 theft. The unauthorized acquisition of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII has also diminished the
21 value of the PII.

22 61. The harm to Plaintiffs and Class Members was a proximate, reasonably
23 foreseeable result of Ticketmaster's breaches of its aforementioned duties.

24 62. Therefore, Plaintiffs and Class Members are entitled to damages in an amount to
25 be proven at trial.

26 **COUNT TWO**
27 **NEGLIGENCE PER SE**

28 63. Plaintiffs incorporate all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set forth herein.

1 64. Under the Federal Trade Commission Act (“FTCA”), 15 U.S.C. § 45,
2 Ticketmaster had a duty to provide fair and adequate computer systems and data security
3 practices to safeguard Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ PII.

4 65. In addition, under state data security statutes, Ticketmaster had a duty to
5 implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices to safeguard Plaintiffs’ and
6 Class Members’ PII.

7 66. Ticketmaster breached its duties to Plaintiffs and Class Members, under the
8 Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, (“FTCA”) and the state data security statutes, by
9 failing to provide fair, reasonable, or adequate computer systems and data security practices to
10 safeguard Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ PII.

11 67. Plaintiffs and Class Members were foreseeable victims of Ticketmaster’s
12 violations of the FTCA and state data security statutes. Ticketmaster knew or should have known
13 that its failure to implement reasonable measures to protect and secure Plaintiffs’ and Class
14 Members’ PII would cause damage to Plaintiffs and Class Members.

15 68. Ticketmaster’s failure to comply with the applicable laws and regulations
16 constitutes negligence *per se*.

17 69. But for Ticketmaster’s violation of the applicable laws and regulations, Plaintiffs’
18 and Class Members’ PII would not have been accessed by unauthorized parties.

19 70. As a result of Ticketmaster’s failure to comply with applicable laws and
20 regulations, Plaintiffs and Class Members suffered injury, which includes but is not limited to the
21 exposure to a heightened and imminent risk of fraud, identity theft, financial and other harm.
22 Plaintiffs and Class Members must monitor their financial accounts and credit histories more
23 closely and frequently to guard against identity theft. Plaintiffs and Class Members also have
24 incurred, and will continue to incur on an indefinite basis, out-of-pocket costs for obtaining
25 credit reports, credit freezes, credit monitoring services, and other protective measures to deter or
26 detect identity theft. The unauthorized acquisition of Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ PII has also
27 diminished the value of the PII.

1 81. Ticketmaster’s behavior establishes facts evidencing a reckless disregard for
2 Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ rights.

3 82. Ticketmaster, therefore, was grossly negligent.

4 83. Ticketmaster’s negligence also constitutes negligence per se.

5 84. The negligence is directly linked to injuries.

6 85. As a result of Ticketmaster’s reckless disregard for Plaintiffs’ and Class
7 Members’ rights by failing to secure their PII, despite knowing its networks, systems, protocols,
8 policies, procedures and practices were not adequately designed, implemented, maintained,
9 monitored and tested, Plaintiffs and Class Members suffered injury, which includes but is not
10 limited to the exposure to a heightened, imminent risk of fraud, identity theft, financial and other
11 harm. Plaintiffs and Class Members must monitor their financial accounts and credit histories
12 more closely and frequently to guard against identity theft. Plaintiffs and Class Members also
13 have incurred, and will continue to incur on an indefinite basis, out-of-pocket costs for obtaining
14 credit reports, credit freezes, credit monitoring services, and other protective measures to deter or
15 detect identity theft. The unauthorized acquisition of Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ PII has also
16 diminished the value of the PII.

17 86. The harm to Plaintiffs and the Class Members was a proximate, reasonably
18 foreseeable result of Ticketmaster’s breaches of the applicable laws and regulations.

19 87. Therefore, Plaintiffs and Class Members are entitled to damages in an amount to
20 be proven at trial.

21 **COUNT FOUR**
22 **BREACH OF EXPRESS CONTRACTS**

23 88. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in each
24 of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

25 89. Plaintiffs and members of the Class, additionally and alternatively, allege that
26 they entered into valid and enforceable express contracts with Ticketmaster.

27 90. Under these express contracts, Ticketmaster promised and was obligated to:
28 (a) provide services to Plaintiffs and Class Members; and (b) protect Plaintiffs’ and the Class

1 Members' PII. In exchange, Plaintiffs and members of the Class agreed to pay money for these
2 services.

3 91. Both the provision of services, as well as the protection of Plaintiffs' and Class
4 Members' PII, were material aspects of these contracts.

5 92. Ticketmaster's express representations, including, but not limited to, express
6 representations found in Ticketmaster's Privacy Notice, formed an express contract requiring
7 Ticketmaster to implement data security adequate to safeguard and protect the privacy of
8 Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII.

9 93. Alternatively, the express contracts included implied terms requiring Ticketmaster
10 to implement data security adequate to safeguard and protect the confidentiality of Plaintiffs' and
11 Class Members' PII, including in accordance with federal, state and local laws, and industry
12 standards.

13 94. Consumers value their privacy, the privacy of their dependents, and the ability to
14 keep their PII associated with obtaining services private. To customers such as Plaintiffs and
15 Class Members, services that do not adhere to industry-standard data security protocols to protect
16 PII are fundamentally less useful and less valuable than services that adhere to industry-standard
17 data security. Plaintiffs and Class Members would not have entered into these contracts with
18 Ticketmaster without an understanding that their PII would be safeguarded and protected.

19 95. A meeting of the minds occurred, as Plaintiffs and members of the Class provided
20 their PII to Ticketmaster and paid for the provided services in exchange for, amongst other
21 things, protection of their PII.

22 96. Ticketmaster materially breached the terms of these express contracts, including,
23 but not limited to, the terms stated in the relevant Privacy Notice. Specifically, Ticketmaster did
24 not comply with federal, state and local laws, or industry standards, or otherwise protect
25 Plaintiffs' and the Class Members' PII, as set forth above. Further, on information and belief,
26 Ticketmaster has not yet provided Data Breach notifications to some affected Class Members
27 who may already be victims of identity fraud or theft or are at imminent risk of becoming
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1 victims of identity theft or fraud associated with PII that they provided to Ticketmaster. These
2 Class Members are as yet unaware of the potential source for the compromise of their PII.

3 97. The Data Breach was a reasonably foreseeable consequence of Ticketmaster's
4 actions in breach of these contracts.

5 98. As a result of Ticketmaster's failure to fulfill the data security protections
6 promised in these contracts, Plaintiffs and members of the Class did not receive the full benefit
7 of the bargain, and instead received services that were of a diminished value to that described in
8 the contracts. Plaintiffs and Class Members, therefore, were damaged in an amount at least equal
9 to the difference in the value of the secure services they paid for and the services they received.

10 99. Had Ticketmaster disclosed that its security was inadequate or that it did not
11 adhere to industry-standard security measures, neither Plaintiffs, nor Class Members, nor any
12 reasonable person would have purchased services from Ticketmaster.

13 100. As a result of Ticketmaster's breach, Plaintiffs and Class Members suffered actual
14 damages resulting from the theft of their PII, as well as the loss of control of their PII, and
15 remain in imminent risk of suffering additional damages in the future.

16 101. As a result of Ticketmaster's breach, Plaintiffs and the Class Members have
17 suffered actual damages resulting from their attempt to mitigate the effects of the breach of
18 contract and subsequent Data Breach, including but not limited to, taking steps to protect
19 themselves from the loss of their PII.

20 102. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class have been injured as a
21 result of Ticketmaster's breach of contracts and are entitled to damages and/or restitution in an
22 amount to be determined at trial.

23 **COUNT FIVE**
24 **BREACH OF IMPLIED CONTRACTS**

25 103. Plaintiffs incorporate all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set forth herein.

26 104. Plaintiffs and Class Members were required to provide their PII to obtain services
27 from Ticketmaster. Plaintiffs and Class Members entrusted their PII to Ticketmaster in order to
28 obtain services from them.

1 105. By providing their PII, and upon Ticketmaster’s acceptance of such information,
2 Plaintiffs and Class Members on one hand, and Ticketmaster on the other hand, entered into
3 implied contracts for the provision of adequate data security, separate and apart from any express
4 contracts concerning the services provided, whereby Ticketmaster was obligated to take
5 reasonable steps to secure and safeguard that information.

6 106. Ticketmaster had an implied duty of good faith to ensure that the PII of Plaintiffs
7 and Class Members in its possession was only used in accordance with their contractual
8 obligations.

9 107. Ticketmaster was therefore required to act fairly, reasonably, and in good faith in
10 carrying out its contractual obligations to protect the confidentiality of Plaintiffs’ and Class
11 Members’ PII and to comply with industry standards and state laws and regulations for the
12 security of this information, and Ticketmaster expressly assented to these terms in its Privacy
13 Notice as alleged above.

14 108. Under these implied contracts for data security, Ticketmaster was further
15 obligated to provide Plaintiffs and all Class Members, with prompt and sufficient notice of any
16 and all unauthorized access and/or theft of their PII.

17 109. Plaintiffs and Class Members performed all conditions, covenants, obligations,
18 and promises owed to Ticketmaster, including paying for the services provided by Ticketmaster
19 and/or providing the PII required by Ticketmaster.

20 110. Ticketmaster breached the implied contracts by failing to take adequate measures
21 to protect the confidentiality of Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ PII, resulting in the Data Breach.
22 Ticketmaster unreasonably interfered with the contract benefits owed to Plaintiffs and Class
23 Members.

24 111. Further, on information and belief, Ticketmaster has not yet provided Data Breach
25 notifications to affected Class Members who may already be victims of identity fraud or theft, or
26 are at imminent risk of becoming victims of identity theft or fraud, associated with the PII that
27 they provided to Ticketmaster. These Class Members are unaware of the potential source for the
28 compromise of their PII.

1 112. The Data Breach was a reasonably foreseeable consequence of Ticketmaster's
2 actions in breach of these contracts.

3 113. As a result of Ticketmaster's conduct, Plaintiffs and Class Members did not
4 receive the full benefit of the bargain, and instead received services that were of a diminished
5 value as compared to the secure services they paid for. Plaintiffs and Class Members, therefore,
6 were damaged in an amount at least equal to the difference in the value of the secure services
7 they paid for and the services they received.

8 114. Neither Plaintiffs, nor Class Members, nor any reasonable person would have
9 provided their PII to Ticketmaster had Ticketmaster disclosed that its security was inadequate or
10 that it did not adhere to industry-standard security measures.

11 115. As a result of Ticketmaster's breach, Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered
12 actual damages resulting from theft of their PII, as well as the loss of control of their PII, and
13 remain at imminent risk of suffering additional damages in the future.

14 116. As a result of Ticketmaster's breach, Plaintiffs and the Class Members have
15 suffered actual damages resulting from their attempt to mitigate the effect of the breach of
16 implied contract and subsequent Data Breach, including, but not limited to, taking steps to
17 protect themselves from the loss of their PII. As a result, Plaintiffs and the Class Members have
18 suffered actual identity theft and the ability to control their PII.

19 117. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class Members have been injured as a result of
20 Ticketmaster's breach of implied contracts and are entitled to damages and/or restitution in an
21 amount to be proven at trial.

22 **COUNT SIX**
23 **BREACH OF IMPLIED DUTY OF**
24 **GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING**

25 118. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in each
26 of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

27 119. Plaintiffs and Class Members entered into and/or were the beneficiaries of
28 contracts with Defendants, as alleged above.

1 120. These contracts were subject to implied covenants of good faith and fair dealing
2 that all parties would act in good faith and with reasonable efforts to perform their contractual
3 obligations—both explicit and fairly implied—and would not impair the rights of the other
4 parties to receive their rights, benefits, and reasonable expectations under the contracts. These
5 included the covenants that Defendants would act fairly, reasonably, and in good faith in
6 carrying out their contractual obligations to protect the confidentiality of Plaintiffs’ and Class
7 Members’ PII and to comply with industry standards and federal and state laws and regulations
8 for the security of this information.

9 121. Special relationships exist between Defendants and Plaintiffs and Class Members.
10 Defendants entered into special relationships with Plaintiffs and Class Members, who entrusted
11 their confidential PII to Defendants and paid for services with Defendants.

12 122. Defendants promised and were obligated to protect the confidentiality of
13 Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ PII from disclosure to unauthorized third parties. Defendants
14 breached the covenant of good faith and fair dealing by failing to take adequate measures to
15 protect the confidentiality of Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ PII, which resulted in the Data
16 Breach. Defendants unreasonably interfered with the contract benefits owed to Plaintiffs and
17 Class Members by failing to implement reasonable and adequate security measures consistent
18 with industry standards to protect and limit access to the PII of Plaintiffs and the Class in
19 Defendants’ possession.

20 123. Plaintiffs and Class Members performed all conditions, covenants, obligations,
21 and promises owed to Defendants, including paying Defendants for services and providing them
22 the confidential PII required by the contracts.

23 124. As a result of Defendants’ breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair
24 dealing, Plaintiffs and Class Members did not receive the full benefit of their bargain—services
25 with reasonable data privacy—and instead received services that were less valuable than what
26 they paid for and less valuable than their reasonable expectations under the contracts. Plaintiffs
27 and Class Members have suffered actual damages in an amount equal to the difference in the
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1 value between services with reasonable data privacy that Plaintiffs and Class Members paid for,
2 and the services they received without reasonable data privacy.

3 125. As a result of Defendants' breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair
4 dealing, Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered actual damages resulting from the theft of
5 their PII and remain at imminent risk of suffering additional damages in the future.

6 126. As a result of Defendants' breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair
7 dealing, Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered actual damages resulting from their attempt
8 to ameliorate the effect of the Data Breach, including, but not limited to, taking steps to protect
9 themselves from the loss of their PII.

10 127. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs and Class
11 Members suffered injury in fact and are therefore entitled to relief, including restitution,
12 declaratory relief, and a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants from its conduct. Plaintiffs
13 also seek reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under applicable law.

14 **COUNT SEVEN**
15 **UNJUST ENRICHMENT**
16 **(ALTERNATIVE TO BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIM)**

17 128. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in each
18 of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

19 129. Plaintiffs and Class Members conferred a monetary benefit on Defendants in the
20 form of monetary payments—directly or indirectly—for services received.

21 130. Defendants collected, maintained, and stored the PII of Plaintiffs and Class
22 Members and, as such, Defendants had knowledge of the monetary benefits conferred by
23 Plaintiffs and Class Members.

24 131. The money that Plaintiffs and Class Members paid to Defendants should have
25 been used to pay, at least in part, for the administrative costs and implementation of data
26 management and security. Defendants failed to implement—or adequately implement—
27 practices, procedures, and programs to secure sensitive PII, as evidenced by the Data Breach.

1 reasonably adequate and denies that they previously had or have any obligation to implement
2 better safeguards to protect the PII of Plaintiffs and the Class.

3 140. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that Defendants must implement specific additional,
4 prudent industry security practices to provide reasonable protection and security to the PII of
5 Plaintiffs and the Class. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class seek a declaration that Defendants’
6 existing security measures do not comply with their obligations, and that Defendants must
7 implement and maintain reasonable security measures on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class to
8 comply with their data security obligations.

9 **B. Claims Brought on Behalf of the California Subclass**

10 **COUNT NINE**
11 **VIOLATION OF THE**
12 **CALIFORNIA CUSTOMER RECORDS ACT,**
13 **CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 1798.80, *ET SEQ.***

14 141. Plaintiff Curry (“Plaintiff” for purposes of this claim), individually and on behalf
15 of the California Subclass, incorporates all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set forth
16 herein. This claim is brought individually under the laws of California and on behalf of all other
17 natural persons whose Private Information was compromised as a result of the Data Breach.

18 142. “[T]o ensure that Personal Information about California residents is protected,”
19 the California legislature enacted Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.81.5, which requires that any business
20 that “owns, licenses, or maintains Personal Information about a California resident shall
21 implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of
22 the information, to protect the Personal Information from unauthorized access, destruction, use,
23 modification, or disclosure.”

24 143. Defendants are businesses that own, maintain, and license “personal information”,
25 within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.81.5(d)(1), about Plaintiffs and California Subclass
26 members.

27 144. On information and belief, Live Nation and/or Ticketmaster is registered as a
28 “data broker” in California, which is defined as a “business that knowingly collects and sells to

1 third parties the personal information of a consumer with whom the business does not have a
2 direct relationship.” Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.99.80.¹⁹

3 145. Businesses that own or license computerized data that includes personal
4 information, including SSNs, are required to notify California residents when their personal
5 information has been acquired (or is reasonably believed to have been acquired) by unauthorized
6 persons in a data security breach “in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable
7 delay.” Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.82. Among other requirements, the security breach notification
8 must include “the types of Personal Information that were or are reasonably believed to have
9 been the subject of the breach.” Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.82.

10 146. Defendants are businesses that own or license computerized data that includes
11 personal information as defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.82(h).

12 147. Plaintiff and California Subclass members’ Private Information includes
13 “personal information” as covered by Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1798.81.5(d)(1), 1798.82(h).

14 148. Because Defendants reasonably believed that Plaintiff and California Subclass
15 members’ Private Information was acquired by unauthorized persons during the Data Breach,
16 Defendants had an obligation to disclose the Data Breach in a timely and accurate fashion as
17 mandated by Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.82.

18 149. By failing to disclose the Data Breach in a timely and accurate manner,
19 Defendants violated Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.82.

20 150. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ violations of the Cal. Civ. Code
21 §§ 1798.81.5 and 1798.82, Plaintiff and California Subclass members suffered damages, as
22 described above.

23 151. Plaintiff and California Subclass members seek relief under Cal. Civ. Code
24 § 1798.84, including actual damages and injunctive relief.

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¹⁹ <https://oag.ca.gov/data-broker/registration/185724>.

COUNT TEN
VIOLATION OF THE
CALIFORNIA UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW,
CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 17200, *ET SEQ.*

152. Plaintiff Curry (“Plaintiff” for purposes of this claim), individually and on behalf of the California Subclass, incorporates all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set forth herein. This claim is brought individually under the laws of California and on behalf of all other natural persons whose Private Information was compromised as a result of the Data Breach.

153. Defendants are each a “person” as defined by Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17201.

154. Defendants violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* (“UCL”) by engaging in unlawful, unfair, and deceptive business acts and practices.

155. Defendants’ “unfair” and “deceptive” acts and practices include:

- a) Failing to implement and maintain reasonable security and privacy measures to protect Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members’ Private Information, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- b) Failing to identify foreseeable security and privacy risks, remediate identified security and privacy risks, and adequately improve security and privacy measures following previous cybersecurity incidents, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- c) Failing to comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members’ Private Information, including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- d) Misrepresenting that it would protect the privacy and confidentiality of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members’ Private Information, including by implementing and maintaining reasonable security measures;
- e) Misrepresenting that it would comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members’ Private Information, including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45;

- 1 f) Failing to timely and adequately notify Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members of
2 the Data Breach;
- 3 g) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not reasonably or
4 adequately secure Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private Information;
5 and
- 6 h) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not comply with
7 common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff and
8 the California Subclass Members' Private Information, including duties imposed by the
9 FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45.

10 156. Defendants have engaged in "unlawful" business practices by violating multiple
11 laws, including the CCRA, Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1798.80, *et seq.*, the CLRA, Cal. Civ. Code
12 §§ 1780, *et seq.*, 15 U.S.C. § 680, *et seq.*, the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, HIPAA, 42 U.S.C.
13 § 1320d, COPPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6505, and the CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code § 56.36(b).

14 157. Defendants' unlawful practices include:

- 15 a) Failing to implement and maintain reasonable security and privacy measures to protect
16 Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private Information, which was a direct
17 and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- 18 b) Failing to identify foreseeable security and privacy risks, remediate identified security
19 and privacy risks, and adequately improve security and privacy measures following
20 previous cybersecurity incidents, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data
21 Breach;
- 22 c) Failing to comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and
23 privacy of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private Information, including
24 duties imposed by the CLRA, Cal. Civ. Code § 1780, *et seq.*, the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C.
25 § 45, 15 U.S.C. § 6801, *et seq.*, HIPAA, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d., COPPA, 15 U.S.C.
26 §§ 6501-6505, and the CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code § 56.36(b), which was a direct and
27 proximate cause of the Data Breach;
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- 1 d) Misrepresenting that it would protect the privacy and confidentiality of Plaintiff and the
2 California Subclass Members' Private Information, including by implementing and
3 maintaining reasonable security measures;
- 4 e) Misrepresenting that it would comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to
5 the security and privacy of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private
6 Information, including duties imposed by the CLRA, Cal. Civ. Code § 1780, *et seq.*, the
7 FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, 15 U.S.C. § 6801, *et seq.*, HIPAA, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d, COPPA,
8 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501- 6505, and the CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code § 56.36(b);
- 9 f) Failing to timely and adequately notify the Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members
10 of the Data Breach;
- 11 g) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not reasonably or
12 adequately secure Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private Information;
13 and
- 14 h) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not comply with
15 common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff and
16 the California Subclass Members' Private Information, including duties imposed by the
17 CLRA, Cal. Civ. Code § 1780, *et seq.*, the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, the GLBA, 15
18 U.S.C. § 6801, *et seq.*, HIPAA, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d, COPPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6505,
19 and the CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code § 56.36(b).

20 158. Defendants' representations and omissions were material because they were likely
21 to deceive reasonable consumers about the adequacy of Defendants' data security and ability to
22 protect the confidentiality of consumers' Private Information.

23 159. Defendants' representations and omissions were material because they were likely
24 to deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the California Subclass members, into
25 believing that their Private Information was secure.

26 160. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unfair, unlawful, and fraudulent
27 acts and practices, Plaintiff and California Subclass members were injured and lost money or
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1 property, including monetary damages from fraud and identity theft, time and expenses related to
2 monitoring their financial accounts for fraudulent activity, an increased, imminent risk of fraud
3 and identity theft, and loss of value of their Private Information, including, but not limited to, the
4 diminishment of their present and future property interest in their Private Information and the
5 deprivation of the exclusive use of their Private Information.

6 161. Defendants acted intentionally, knowingly, and maliciously to violate California's
7 Unfair Competition Law, and recklessly disregarded Plaintiff and California Subclass members'
8 rights.

9 162. Plaintiff and California Subclass members seek all monetary and non-monetary
10 relief allowed by law, including restitution of all profits stemming from Defendants' unfair,
11 unlawful, and fraudulent business practices or use of their Private Information; declaratory relief;
12 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5;
13 injunctive relief; and other appropriate equitable relief.

14 **COUNT ELEVEN**
15 **VIOLATION OF THE**
16 **CALIFORNIA CONSUMER LEGAL REMEDIES ACT,**
17 **CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 1750, *ET SEQ.***

18 163. Plaintiff Curry ("Plaintiff" for purposes of this claim), individually and on behalf
19 of the California Subclass, incorporates all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set forth
20 herein. This claim is brought individually under the laws of California and on behalf of all other
21 natural persons whose Private Information was compromised as a result of the Data Breach.

22 164. The Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1750, *et seq.* ("CLRA")
23 is a comprehensive statutory scheme that is to be liberally construed to protect consumers against
24 unfair and deceptive business practices in connection with the conduct of businesses providing
25 goods, property or services to consumers primarily for personal, family, or household use.

26 165. Defendants are each a "person" as defined by Civil Code §§ 1761(c) and 1770,
27 and has provided "services" as defined by Civil Code §§ 1761(b) and 1770.
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1 166. Plaintiff and the California Subclass are “consumers” as defined by Civil Code
2 §§ 1761(d) and 1770, and have engaged in a “transaction” as defined by Civil Code §§ 1761(e)
3 and 1770.

4 167. Defendants’ acts and practices were intended to and did result in the sales of
5 products and services to Plaintiff and the California Subclass members in violation of Civil Code
6 § 1770, including:

- 7 a) Representing that goods or services have characteristics that they do not have;
- 8 b) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade when
9 they were not;
- 10 c) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- 11 d) Representing that the subject of a transaction has been supplied in accordance with a
12 previous representation when it has not.

13 168. Defendants violated Civil Code § 1770, in the following ways:

- 14 a) Failing to implement and maintain reasonable security and privacy measures to protect
15 Plaintiff and California Subclass members’ Private Information, which was a direct and
16 proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- 17 b) Failing to identify foreseeable security and privacy risks, remediate identified security
18 and privacy risks, and adequately improve security and privacy measures following
19 previous cybersecurity incidents, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data
20 Breach;
- 21 c) Failing to comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and
22 privacy of Plaintiff and California Subclass members’ Private Information, including
23 duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, HIPAA, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d., COPPA, 15
24 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6505, and the CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code § 56.36(b), which was a direct and
25 proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- 26 d) Misrepresenting that it would protect the privacy and confidentiality of Plaintiff and
27 California Subclass members’ Private Information, including by implementing and
28 maintaining reasonable security measures;

- 1 e) Misrepresenting that it would comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to
2 the security and privacy of Plaintiff and California Subclass members' Private
3 Information, including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, HIPAA, 42
4 U.S.C. § 1320d, COPPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501- 6505, and the CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code
5 § 56.36(b);
- 6 f) Failing to timely and adequately notify the Plaintiff and California Subclass members of
7 the Data Breach;
- 8 g) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not comply with
9 common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff and
10 California Subclass members' Private Information, including duties imposed by the FTC
11 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, 15 U.S.C. § 6801, *et seq.*, HIPAA, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d, COPPA, 15
12 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6505, and the CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code § 56.36(b).

13 169. Defendants' representations and omissions were material because they were likely
14 to deceive reasonable consumers about the adequacy of Defendants' data security and ability to
15 protect the confidentiality of consumers' Private Information.

16 170. Had Defendants disclosed to Plaintiff and Class members that its data systems
17 were not secure and, thus, vulnerable to attack, Defendants would have been unable to continue
18 in business and it would have been forced to adopt reasonable data security measures and
19 comply with the law. Instead, Defendants were trusted with sensitive and valuable Private
20 Information regarding millions of consumers, including Plaintiff, the Class, and the California
21 Subclass. Defendants accepted the responsibility of being a steward of this data while keeping
22 the inadequate state of its security controls secret from the public. Accordingly, because
23 Defendants held itself out as maintaining a secure platform for Private Information data,
24 Plaintiff, the Class, and the California Subclass members acted reasonably in relying on
25 Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions, the truth of which they could not have
26 discovered.

27 171. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of California Civil
28 Code § 1770, Plaintiff and California Subclass members have suffered and will continue to

1 suffer injury, ascertainable losses of money or property, and monetary and non-monetary
2 damages, including from fraud and identity theft; time and expenses related to monitoring their
3 financial accounts for fraudulent activity; an increased, imminent risk of fraud and identity theft;
4 and loss of value of their Private Information, including but not limited to the diminishment of
5 their present and future property interest in their Private Information and the deprivation of the
6 exclusive use of their Private Information.

7 172. Plaintiff and the California Subclass seek an order enjoining the acts and practices
8 described above.

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10 **COUNT TWELVE**
11 **VIOLATION OF THE**
12 **CALIFORNIA CONSUMER PRIVACY ACT,**
13 **CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 1798.100, *ET SEQ.***

14 173. Plaintiff Curry (“Plaintiff” for purposes of this claim), individually and on behalf
15 of the California Subclass, incorporates all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set forth
16 herein. This claim is brought individually under the laws of California and on behalf of all other
17 natural persons whose Private Information was compromised as a result of the Data Breach.

18 174. Plaintiff and California Subclass members are residents of California.

19 175. Defendants are corporations that are organized or operated for the profit or
20 financial benefit of its shareholders or other owners. Live Nation had annual gross revenue over
21 \$22.7 billion in 2023.

22 176. Defendants are each a business that collects consumers’ personal information as
23 defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.140(e). Specifically, Defendants obtain, receive, or access
24 consumers’ personal information when customers sign up for Defendants service.

25 177. On information and belief, Defendants are each registered as a “data broker” in
26 California, which is defined as a “business that knowingly collects and sells to third parties the
27 personal information of a consumer with whom the business does not have a direct relationship.”
28 Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.99.80.

178. Defendants violated Section 1798.150 of the California Consumer Privacy Act by
failing to prevent Plaintiff and the California Subclass members’ nonencrypted and nonredacted

1 personal information from unauthorized access and exfiltration, theft, or disclosure as a result of
2 Defendants' violation of its duty to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and
3 practices appropriate to the nature of the information.

4 179. Defendants knew or should have known that its data security practices were
5 inadequate to secure the California Subclass members' Private Information and that its
6 inadequate data security practices gave rise to the risk of a data breach.

7 180. Defendants failed to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and
8 practices appropriate to the nature of the Private Information they collected and stored.

9 181. The cybercriminals accessed "nonencrypted and unredacted personal
10 information" as covered by Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.81.5(A)(1)(d), in the Data Breach.

11 182. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff and California Subclass members' Private
12 Information accessed by the cybercriminals in the Data Breach includes "nonencrypted and
13 unredacted personal information" as covered by Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.81.5(A)(1)(d).

14 183. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring Defendants to
15 employ adequate security practices consistent with law and industry standards to protect the
16 California Subclass members' Private Information, requiring Defendants to complete its
17 investigation, and to issue an amended statement giving a detailed explanation that confirms,
18 with reasonable certainty, what categories of data were stolen and accessed without the
19 California Subclass members' authorization, along with an explanation of how the data breach
20 occurred.

21 184. Plaintiff and the California Subclass members seek statutory damages or actual
22 damages, whichever is greater, pursuant to Cal. Civil Code § 1798.150(a)(1)(A).

23 185. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of the Cal. Civ. Code
24 §§ 1798.150, Plaintiff and California Subclass members suffered damages, as described above.

25 186. Plaintiff and the California Subclass seek pecuniary damages pursuant to Cal.
26 Civil Code § 1798.150(b).

1 **C. Claims Brought on Behalf of the Illinois Subclass**

2 **COUNT THIRTEEN**
3 **VIOLATION OF THE**
4 **ILLINOIS CONSUMER FRAUD ACT,**
5 **815 ILL. COMP. STAT. §§ 505, ET SEQ.**

6 187. Plaintiff Freifeld, individually and on behalf of the Illinois Subclass, incorporate
7 all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set forth herein. This claim is brought individually
8 under the laws of Illinois and on behalf of all other natural persons whose Private Information
9 was compromised as a result of the Data Breach.

10 188. Defendants are each a “person” as defined by 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. §§ 505/1(c).

11 189. Plaintiff and Illinois Subclass Members are “consumers” as defined by 815 Ill.
12 Comp. Stat. §§ 505/1(e).

13 190. Defendants’ conduct as described herein was in the conduct of “trade” or
14 “commerce” as defined by 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 505/1(f).

15 191. Defendants’ deceptive, unfair, and unlawful trade acts or practices, in violation of
16 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 505/2, include:

- 17 a) Failing to implement and maintain reasonable security and privacy measures to protect
18 Plaintiff’s and Illinois Subclass Members’ PII, which was a direct and proximate cause of
19 the Data Breach;
- 20 b) Failing to identify and remediate foreseeable security and privacy risks and adequately
21 improve security and privacy measures despite knowing the risk of cybersecurity
22 incidents, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- 23 c) Failing to comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and
24 privacy of Plaintiff’s and Illinois Subclass Members’ PII, including duties imposed by the
25 FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 Ill.
26 Comp. Stat. § 510/2(a), which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- 27 d) Misrepresenting that they would protect the privacy and confidentiality of Plaintiff’s and
28 Illinois Subclass Members’ PII, including by implementing and maintaining reasonable
security measures;

- 1 e) Misrepresenting that they would comply with common law and statutory duties
- 2 pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff's and Illinois Subclass Members' PII,
- 3 including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and the Illinois Uniform
- 4 Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 510/2(a);
- 5 f) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not reasonably or
- 6 adequately secure Plaintiff's and Illinois Subclass Members' PII; and
- 7 g) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that they did not comply with
- 8 common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff's and
- 9 Illinois Subclass Members' PII, including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §
- 10 45, and the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. §
- 11 510/2(a).

12 192. Defendants' representations and omissions were material because they were likely

13 to deceive reasonable consumers about the adequacy of Defendants' data security and ability to

14 protect the confidentiality of consumers' PII.

15 193. Defendants intended to mislead Plaintiff and Illinois Subclass Members and

16 induce them to rely on its misrepresentations and omissions.

17 194. The above unfair and deceptive practices and acts by Defendants were immoral,

18 unethical, oppressive, and unscrupulous. These acts caused substantial injury that these

19 consumers could not reasonably avoid; this substantial injury outweighed any benefits to

20 consumers or to competition.

21 195. Defendants acted intentionally, knowingly, and maliciously to violate Illinois's

22 Consumer Fraud Act, and recklessly disregarded Plaintiff and Illinois Subclass Members' rights.

23 196. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unfair, unlawful, and deceptive

24 acts and practices, Plaintiff and Illinois Subclass Members have suffered and will continue to

25 suffer injury, ascertainable losses of money or property, and monetary and non-monetary

26 damages, as described herein, including but not limited to one or more of the following: (i)

27 ongoing, imminent, certainly impending threat of identity theft crimes, fraud, and other misuse,

28 resulting in monetary loss and economic harm; (ii) actual identity theft crimes, fraud, and other

1 misuse, resulting in monetary loss and economic harm; (iii) loss of the value of their privacy and
2 the confidentiality of the stolen PII; (iv) illegal sale of the compromised PII on the black market;
3 (v) mitigation expenses and time spent on credit monitoring, identity theft insurance, and credit
4 freezes and unfreezes; (vi) time spent in response to the Data Breach reviewing bank statements,
5 credit card statements, and credit reports, among other related activities; (vii) expenses and time
6 spent initiating fraud alerts; (viii) decreased credit scores and ratings; (ix) lost work time; (x) lost
7 value of PII; (xi) lost value of access to PII permitted by Defendants; (xii) the amount of the
8 actuarial present value of ongoing high-quality identity defense and credit monitoring services
9 made necessary as mitigation measures because of Defendants' Data Breach; (xiii) lost benefits
10 of bargains as well as overcharges for services or products; (xiv) nominal and general damages;
11 and (xv) other economic and non- economic harm.

12 197. Plaintiff and Illinois Subclass Members seek all monetary and non-monetary
13 relief allowed by law, including damages, restitution, punitive damages, injunctive relief, and
14 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

15 **COUNT FOURTEEN**
16 **VIOLATION OF THE**
17 **ILLINOIS UNIFORM DECEPTIVE**
18 **TRADE PRACTICES ACT,**
19 **815 ILL. COMP. STAT. §§ 510/2, ET SEQ.**

20 198. Plaintiff Freifeld, individually and on behalf of the Illinois Subclass, incorporate
21 all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set forth herein. This claim is brought individually
22 under the laws of Illinois and on behalf of all other natural persons whose Private Information
23 was compromised as a result of the Data Breach.

24 199. Defendants are each a "person" as defined by 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. §§ 505/1(c).

25 200. Defendants engaged in deceptive trade practices in the conduct of their business,
26 in violation of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. §§ 510/2(a), including:

- 27 a) Representing that goods or services have characteristics that they do not have;
28 b) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade if they
are of another;

- 1 c) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- 2 d) Engaging in other conduct that creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding.

3 201. Defendants' deceptive acts and practices include:

- 4 a) Failing to implement and maintain reasonable security and privacy measures to protect
- 5 Plaintiff's and Illinois Subclass Members' PII, which was a direct and proximate cause of
- 6 the Data Breach;
- 7 b) Failing to identify and remediate foreseeable security and privacy risks and adequately
- 8 improve security and privacy measures despite knowing the risk of cybersecurity
- 9 incidents, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- 10 c) Failing to comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and
- 11 privacy of Plaintiff's and Illinois Subclass Members' PII, including duties imposed by the
- 12 FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 Ill.
- 13 Comp. Stat. § 510/2(a), which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- 14 d) Misrepresenting that they would protect the privacy and confidentiality of Plaintiff's and
- 15 Illinois Subclass Members' PII, including by implementing and maintaining reasonable
- 16 security measures;
- 17 e) Misrepresenting that they would comply with common law and statutory duties
- 18 pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff's and Illinois Subclass Members' PII,
- 19 including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and the Illinois Uniform
- 20 Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 510/2(a);
- 21 f) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not reasonably or
- 22 adequately secure Plaintiff's and Illinois Subclass Members' PII; and
- 23 g) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that they did not comply with
- 24 common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff's and
- 25 Illinois Subclass Members' PII, including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §
- 26 45, and the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. §
- 27 510/2(a).

1 202. Defendants' representations and omissions were material because they were likely
2 to deceive reasonable consumers about the adequacy of Defendants' data security and ability to
3 protect the confidentiality of consumers' PII.

4 203. The above unfair and deceptive practices and acts by Defendants were immoral,
5 unethical, oppressive, and unscrupulous. These acts caused substantial injury to Plaintiff and
6 Illinois Subclass Members that they could not reasonably avoid; this substantial injury
7 outweighed any benefits to consumers or to competition.

8 204. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unfair, unlawful, and deceptive
9 trade practices, Plaintiff and Illinois Subclass Members have suffered and will continue to suffer
10 injury, ascertainable losses of money or property, and monetary and non-monetary damages, as
11 described herein, including but not limited to one or more of the following: (i) ongoing,
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13 in monetary loss and economic harm; (ii) actual identity theft crimes, fraud, and other misuse,
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23 of bargains as well as overcharges for services or products; (xiv) nominal and general damages;
24 and (xv) other economic and non-economic harm.

25 205. Plaintiff and Illinois Subclass Members seek all monetary and non-monetary
26 relief allowed by law, including injunctive relief and reasonable attorney's fees.

VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

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2 Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and on behalf of the proposed Class and Subclass,
3 request that the Court:

4 a. Certify this case as a class action, appoint Plaintiffs as class representatives, and
5 appoint Plaintiffs' Counsel as Class Counsel for Plaintiffs to represent the Class;

6 b. Find that Defendants breached its duty to safeguard and protect the PII of
7 Plaintiffs and Class Members that was compromised in the Data Breach;

8 c. Award Plaintiffs and Class Members appropriate relief, including actual and
9 statutory damages, restitution and disgorgement;

10 d. Award equitable, injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate;

11 e. Award all costs, including experts' fees and attorneys' fees, and the costs of
12 prosecuting this action;

13 f. Award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as prescribed by law; and

14 g. Grant additional legal or equitable relief as this Court may find just and proper.

VIII. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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16 Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

17 Dated June 7, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Thomas E. Loeser

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET**

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/>) James Curry and David Freifeld, on behalf of themselves and a class of similarly situated persons,	DEFENDANTS (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/>) Ticketmaster, LLC and Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.,
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>Los Angeles</u> <i>(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</i>	County of Residence of First Listed Defendant <u>Los Angeles</u> <i>(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</i>
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information. Thomas E. Loeser, SBN: 202724 Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP 999 N. Northlake Way, #215, Seattle, WA 98103; Tel: 206-802-1272	Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1. U.S. Government Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> 2. U.S. Government Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES-For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant) <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Citizen of This State</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;">PTF DEF</td> <td style="border: none;">1 1</td> <td style="border: none;">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;">PTF DEF</td> <td style="border: none;">4 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Citizen of Another State</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;">2 2</td> <td style="border: none;">2 2</td> <td style="border: none;">Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;">5 5</td> <td style="border: none;">5 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;">3 3</td> <td style="border: none;">3 3</td> <td style="border: none;">Foreign Nation</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;">6 6</td> <td style="border: none;">6 6</td> </tr> </table>	Citizen of This State	PTF DEF	1 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	PTF DEF	4 4	Citizen of Another State	2 2	2 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	5 5	5 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	3 3	3 3	Foreign Nation	6 6	6 6
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IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Original Proceeding	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Removed from State Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Remanded from Appellate Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Reinstated or Reopened	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Transferred from Another District (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File
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V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: Yes No (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.)

CLASS ACTION under F.R.Cv.P. 23: Yes No **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT:** \$

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)
 Violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code 17200, et Seq., Violation of Cal. Civ. Code 1750, et seq., Violation of Cal. Civ. Code 1798

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	REAL PROPERTY CONT.	IMMIGRATION	PRISONER PETITIONS	PROPERTY RIGHTS
<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application	Habeas Corpus:	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights
<input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment	<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	TORTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application
<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	PERSONAL INJURY	PERSONAL PROPERTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General	<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud	<input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty	<input type="checkbox"/> 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 (DTSA)
<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/Etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	Other:	SOCIAL SECURITY
<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Vet.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus/Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)
<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Org.	<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Vet. Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Fed. Employers' Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine	BANKRUPTCY	<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405 (g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	<input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee Conditions of Confinement	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI
<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV	<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405 (g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	CIVIL RIGHTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	FEDERAL TAX SUITS
<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions	REAL PROPERTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
<input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts	<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury-Med Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting	LABOR	<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609
<input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury-Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations	
<input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration		<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 445 American with Disabilities-Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 899 Admin. Procedures Act/Review of Appeal of Agency Decision			<input type="checkbox"/> 446 American with Disabilities-Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes			<input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation	
				<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Ret. Inc. Security Act	

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VIII. VENUE: Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

QUESTION A: Was this case removed from state court? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "no," skip to Question B. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the corresponding division in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.	STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF:	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo	Western
	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange	Southern
	<input type="checkbox"/> Riverside or San Bernardino	Eastern

QUESTION B: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a PLAINTIFF in this action? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "no," skip to Question C. If "yes," answer Question B.1, at right.	B.1. Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside in the district reside in Orange Co.? check one of the boxes to the right →	YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO. Continue to Question B.2.
	B.2. Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.) check one of the boxes to the right →	YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Eastern Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.
		NO. Your case will initially be assigned to the Western Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

QUESTION C: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a DEFENDANT in this action? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "no," skip to Question D. If "yes," answer Question C.1, at right.	C.1. Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Orange Co.? check one of the boxes to the right →	YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO. Continue to Question C.2.
	C.2. Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.) check one of the boxes to the right →	YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Eastern Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.
		NO. Your case will initially be assigned to the Western Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

QUESTION D: Location of plaintiffs and defendants?	A. Orange County	B. Riverside or San Bernardino County	C. Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo County
Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or more of <i>plaintiffs who reside in this district</i> reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave blank if none of these choices apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or more of <i>defendants who reside in this district</i> reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave blank if none of these choices apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

D.1. Is there at least one answer in Column A? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the SOUTHERN DIVISION. Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there. If "no," go to question D2 to the right. →	D.2. Is there at least one answer in Column B? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the EASTERN DIVISION. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below. If "no," your case will be assigned to the WESTERN DIVISION. Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below. ↓
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QUESTION E: Initial Division?	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD
Enter the initial division determined by Question A, B, C, or D above: →	WESTERN

QUESTION F: Northern Counties?	Do 50% or more of plaintiffs or defendants in this district reside in Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo counties? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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IX(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed in this court? NO YES

If yes, list case number(s): _____

IX(b). RELATED CASES: Is this case related (as defined below) to any civil or criminal case(s) previously filed in this court? NO YES

If yes, list case number(s): 2:24-cv-04482; 2:24-cv-04580; 2:24-cv-04631; 2:24-cv-04625

If yes, you must file a Notice of Related Case, as set forth in the Local Rules.

Civil cases are related when they (check all that apply):

- A. Arise from the same or a closely related transaction, happening, or event;
- B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

Note: That cases may involve the same patent, trademark, or copyright is not, in itself, sufficient to deem cases related.

A civil forfeiture case and a criminal case are related when they (check all that apply):

- A. Arise from the same or a closely related transaction, happening, or event;
- B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- C. Involve one or more defendants from the criminal case in common and would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

X. STATEWIDE OR NATIONWIDE RELIEF: Does this case seek to bar or mandate enforcement of a state or federal law and seek declaratory or injunctive relief on a statewide or nationwide basis? NO YES

XI. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT): /s/ Thomas E. Loeser DATE: 6/7/2024

Notice to Counsel/Parties: The submission of this Civil Cover Sheet is required by Local Rule 3-1. This Form CV-71 and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. For more detailed instructions, see separate instruction sheet (CV-071A).

Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))