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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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11 MIGUEL ESPARZA, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 FREEDOM LASER THERAPY, INC., a
15 Delaware corporation, d/b/a
WWW.IRESTORELASER.COM;

16 Defendant.

Case No.: 8:25-cv-2053

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR:
(1) VIOLATION OF CONSUMERS
LEGAL REMEDIES ACT, CAL.
CIVIL CODE § 1750 ET SEQ.; (2)
VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS. & PROF.
CODE § 17500 ET SEQ.; AND (3)
VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS. & PROF.
CODE § 17200 ET SEQ.**

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18 Plaintiff Miguel Esparza (“Plaintiff”) alleges as follows:

19 **I. NATURE OF ACTION**

20 1. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of himself for his purchase of an
21 automatically renewing paid subscription from Freedom Laser Therapy Inc.
22 (“Defendant”) via its website at: <https://www.irestorelaser.com/> (the “Website”), which
23 caused Plaintiff to incur unlawful charges from Defendant related to an automatic renewal
24 or continuous service. Defendant made unlawful automatic renewal and/or continuous
25 service offers to consumers in California in violation of California’s Automatic Renewal
26 Law (the “ARL”), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17600 *et seq.*, by: (1) failing to provide “clear
27 and conspicuous” disclosures mandated by California law; and (2) failing to provide an
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1 acknowledgment to consumers that includes the automatic renewal or continuous service
2 offer terms, the cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner
3 that is capable of being retained by the consumer. The ARL imposed a statutory duty
4 upon Defendant to disclose such information to consumers who purchased subscriptions
5 from Defendant or entered into continuous service agreements with Defendant. The
6 foregoing violations of the ARL by Defendant likewise constitute violations of
7 California’s Consumers Legal Remedies Act (the “CLRA”), California Civil Code § 1750
8 *et seq.*, California’s Unfair Competition Law (the “UCL”), California’s False Advertising
9 Law (the “FAL”), California Business & Professions Code § 17500 *et seq.*, and
10 California’s Unfair Competition Law (the “UCL”), California Business & Professions
11 Code § 17200 *et seq.*

12 2. Plaintiff seeks to enjoin Defendant from the ongoing violations of California
13 law, as well as seek damages, punitive damages, restitution, and reasonable attorneys’
14 fees and costs.

15 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

16 3. Plaintiff is and was at all times mentioned herein a citizen of the State of
17 California.

18 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that Defendant
19 is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware having its principal
20 place of business in the State of California.

21 5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action pursuant to the Class
22 Action Fairness Act of 2005 (“CAFA”), 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2), because: (i) there are
23 100 or more class members, (ii) there is an aggregate amount in controversy exceeding
24 \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and (iii) there is at least minimal diversity
25 because at least one Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens of different states.

26 6. Defendant is subject to jurisdiction under California’s “long-arm” statute
27 because the exercise of jurisdiction over Defendant is not “inconsistent with the
28 Constitution of this state or the United States.”

1 7. Defendant is an online retailer that sells products nationwide and in
2 California. Defendant has substantial contacts with and receives substantial benefits and
3 income from and through the state of California. Defendant made, and continues to make,
4 automatic renewal or continuous service offers to consumers in California. Defendant
5 operates the Website, which markets and sells beauty products, most of which are
6 specifically aimed at healthy hair and skin.

7 8. Defendant engaged in intentional acts by operating its Website and making
8 it available to California residents, deceptively advertising its products via its Website to
9 California residents including Plaintiff, expressly aiming its conduct toward California
10 residents by conducting substantial business with residents of the State of California via
11 its Website, and causing economic harm to California residents that Defendant knew
12 would be likely to be suffered in California. Plaintiff is informed and believes and
13 thereon alleges that Defendant generates a minimum of eight percent of its revenues from
14 its Website based upon interactions with Californians, such that the Website “is the
15 equivalent of a physical store in California.” *Thurston v. Fairfield Collectibles of*
16 *Georgia*, 53 Cal. App. 5th 1231, 1235 (2020), *review denied*, No. S264780 (Dec. 9,
17 2020). Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant sells
18 products to Plaintiff and other California residents as part of its regular course of business.
19 Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant sells thousands of
20 products to California residents each year. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon
21 alleges that Defendant exercises at least some level of control over the ultimate
22 distribution of its products sold via its Website to the end consumer including products
23 shipped into California.

24 9. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, venue is proper because a substantial part of
25 the acts and events giving rise to the claims occurred in this District.

1 **III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

2 **A. The Automatic Renewal Law, Cal. Business & Prof. Code §§ 17600-17606**

3 10. On December 1, 2010, the Automatic Renewal Law (“ARL”) at sections
4 17600-17606 of the Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code came into effect. The Legislature’s stated
5 intent for this Article was to end the practice of ongoing charges to consumers without
6 consumers’ explicit consent for ongoing shipments of a product or ongoing deliveries of
7 service. *See* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17600.

8 11. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a) makes it unlawful for any business
9 making an automatic renewal or continuous service offer to a consumer in this state to do
10 any of the following:

11 (1) Fail to present the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer
12 terms in a clear and conspicuous manner before the subscription or purchasing
13 agreement is fulfilled and in visual proximity, or in the case of an offer conveyed
14 by voice, in temporal proximity, to the request for consent to the offer.

15 (2) Charge the consumer’s credit or debit card, or the consumer’s account with a
16 third party, for an automatic renewal or continuous service without first obtaining
17 the consumer’s affirmative consent to the agreement containing the automatic
18 renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms.

19 (3) Fail to provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal or
20 continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how
21 to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer. If the offer
22 includes a free trial, the business shall also disclose in the acknowledgment how to
23 cancel and allow the consumer to cancel before the consumer pays for the goods
24 or services.

25 12. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(a)(1) defines the term “Automatic renewal”
26 as a “plan, arrangement, or provision of a contract that contains a free-to0pay conversion
27 or in which a paid subscription or purchasing agreement is automatically renewed at the
28 end of a definite term for a subsequent term.”

1 13. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(a)(2) requires that all “Automatic renewal
2 offer terms” and “continuous service offer terms” contain the following “clear and
3 conspicuous” disclosures: (A) “That the subscription or purchasing agreement will
4 continue until the consumer cancels. (B) The description of the cancellation policy that
5 applies to the offer. (C) The recurring charges that will be charged to the consumer’s
6 credit or debit card or payment account with a third party as part of the automatic renewal
7 plan or arrangement, and that the amount of the charge may change, if that is the case,
8 and the amount to which the charge will change, if known. (D) The length of the
9 automatic renewal term or that the service is continuous, unless the length of the term is
10 chosen by the consumer. (E) The minimum purchase obligation, if any.”

11 14. Pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(a)(3), “[c]lear and conspicuous”
12 or “clearly and conspicuously” means “in larger type than the surrounding text, or in
13 contrasting type, font, or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set off from
14 the surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other marks, in a manner that clearly
15 calls attention to the language.”

16 15. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(c)(1) provides: “A business that makes an
17 automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer shall provide a toll-free telephone
18 number, email address, a postal address if the seller directly bills the consumer, or it shall
19 provide another cost-effective, timely, and easy-to-use mechanism for cancellation that
20 shall be described in the acknowledgment specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a).”

21 16. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603 provides: “In any case in which a business
22 sends any goods, wares, merchandise, or products to a consumer, under a continuous
23 service agreement or automatic renewal of a purchase, without first obtaining the
24 consumer’s affirmative consent as described in Section 17602, the goods, wares,
25 merchandise, or products shall for all purposes be deemed an unconditional gift to the
26 consumer, who may use or dispose of the same in any manner he or she sees fit without
27 any obligation whatsoever on the consumer’s part to the business, including, but not
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1 limited to, bearing the cost of, or responsibility for, shipping any goods, wares,
2 merchandise, or products to the business.”

3 **B. Defendant’s Pre-Transaction Violations of the ARL**

4 17. Defendant offers through the Website various subscriptions for products to
5 consumers. Defendant’s offerings constitute an “automatic renewal” because such
6 offerings comprise of plans, arrangements, or provisions of a contract that contains a free-
7 to-pay conversion or in which a paid subscription or purchasing agreement is
8 automatically renewed at the end of a definite term for a subsequent term for the purposes
9 of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(a)(1).

10 18. At relevant times, an example of Defendant’s plan presented on its Website
11 is as follows:



Subscribe & Save Save 25% or more + Free shipping

Buy more, save more. Each pack lasts about 1 month, depending on usage. We recommend 3 to 6 months of consistent use to see visible results.

Quantity

1-Month Supply \$26.25/month Save 25%	3-Month Supply \$23.75/month Save 32%	6-Month Supply \$21/month Save 40%
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Frequency

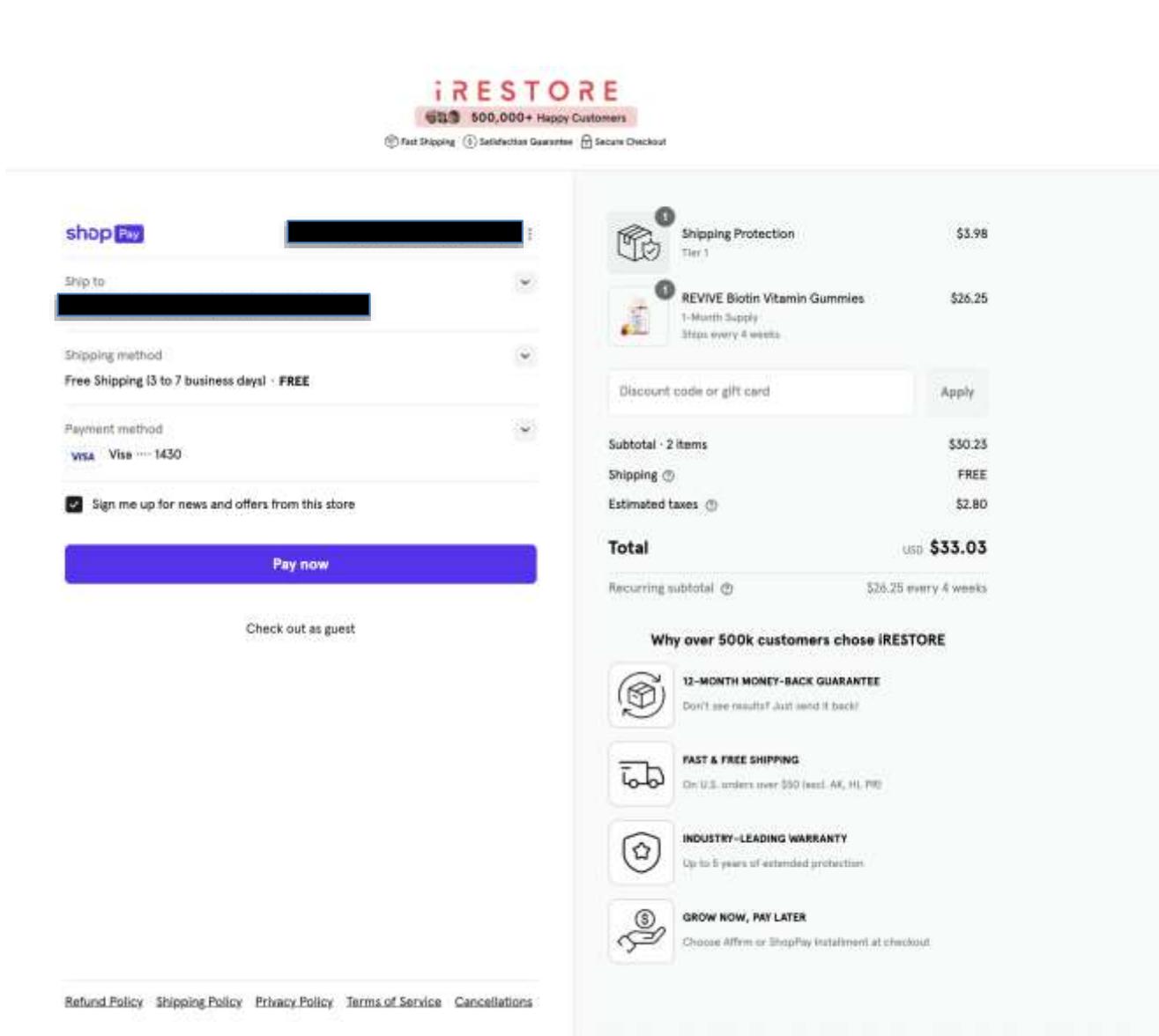
Ships every 4 weeks

- ✓ Free Shipping*
- ✓ Cancel Anytime
- ✓ Money Back Guarantee

SUBSCRIBE & SAVE

<https://www.irestorelaser.com/products/revive-biotin-vitamin-gummies> (last visited Aug. 26, 2025).

19. At relevant times, Defendant’s final checkout page in its order flow process is presented on its Website as follows:



https://shop.app/checkout/11279482/cn/hWN2Fu2bzZRW93KLWA17exZI/shoppay?_c_s=3.AMPS&redirect_source=checkout_automatic_redirect&tracking_unique=e71fb17e-E8A0-4684-F892-1711868C8B22&tracking_visit=8ac692e6-dd3a-4b14-a5fb-3dc5b096bc6b (last visited Aug. 26, 2025).

20. Defendant’s final checkout page presented to consumers violates the ARL. In particular, such page violates Section 17602(a)(1) by failing to describe the “cancellation policy that applies to the offer” as set forth in section 17601(a)(2)(B) via “clear and conspicuous” disclosures in compliance with section 17601(a)(3) by failing to

1 include the automatic renewal offer terms and continuous service offer terms in a “clear
2 and conspicuous” manner, *i.e.*, with “larger type than the surrounding text, or in
3 contrasting type, font, or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set off from
4 the surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other marks, in a manner that clearly
5 calls attention to the language.”

6 21. Defendant’s checkout page says nothing about its purported automatic
7 renewal offer terms and continuous service offer terms except for the “Recurring
8 Subtotal” words below the total. Plaintiff’s investigation has determined that such textual
9 disclosure statement is in a comparatively small 9 point type size in a light gray color
10 against a lighter gray background.

11 22. Although Defendant’s checkout page contains a hyperlink named
12 “cancellations,” with an underline beneath it, the link is in a gray color as well as the
13 underline beneath such hyperlink, making such hyperlink difficult to notice at the bottom
14 of the page.

15 23. Other elements on that same checkout webpage are in comparatively larger
16 size such as the “Total” and the price of \$33.03 in bold 14.5 point type size. Such other
17 elements direct the user’s attention everywhere else besides the Website’s textual
18 disclosure statement on its final checkout page. *Berman v. Freedom Financial Network,*
19 *LLC*, 30 F.4th 849, 857 (9th Cir. 2022) (determining that “comparatively larger font used
20 in all of the surrounding text naturally directs the user’s attention everywhere else”);
21 *Dawson v. Target Corp.*, 2025 WL 1651940, at *3 (N.D. Cal. June 11, 2025) (finding
22 screenflows failed to provide reasonable notice of defendant’s hyperlinked terms and
23 preceding disclaimers because of “overwhelming inconspicuousness created by its small
24 font size and placement that otherwise causes the Terms & Conditions to blend into the
25 screen”); *Strehl v. Guitar Center, Inc.*, 2023 WL 9700041, at *7 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 3, 2023)
26 (Kronstadt, J.) (noting that textual disclosure statement on final order flow webpage “is
27 in a smaller font” “relative to” other text on same webpage and “Complete Order” button
28 intended to manifest user’s assent); *Farmer v. Barkbox, Inc.*, 2023 WL 8522984, at *2

1 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 6, 2023) (Sykes, J.) (holding that website design did not satisfy objective
2 reasonableness standard because textual disclosure notice was “printed small” “with other
3 graphics and text more likely to attract the user’s attention”); *Chabolla v. ClassPass, Inc.*,
4 2023 WL 4544598, at *4 n.3 (N.D. Cal. June 22, 2023) (denying motion to compel
5 arbitration in sign-in wrap agreement even where terms were hyperlinked in blue font
6 because “this [color] alone does not make the text notice of the Terms conspicuous in
7 light of the other deficits identified” such as the tiny font size), *aff’d*, 129 F.4th 1147,
8 1154 (9th Cir. 2025).

9 24. Although the “cancellations” hyperlink, if clicked, takes the user to a
10 window that describes a portion of Defendant’s cancellation policy, such window fails to
11 describe such policy sufficiently in a manner that would allow a user to easily cancel the
12 user’s subscription. For example, such window states in relevant part, “If you want to
13 cancel or change your subscription, you can do it at any time. Your order confirmation
14 emails have links to your order. You can manage your subscription from there.” In
15 comparison, Defendant’s Website sets forth in a different location a more full version of
16 its cancellation policy. That is, on its Terms of Service webpage, Defendant informs its
17 users:

18 “If you wish to cancel your subscription in Freedom Laser Therapy’s subscription
19 plan, you may do so at any time, however, you must cancel your subscription 24
20 hours prior to the shipment of your next scheduled order. To cancel your
21 subscription, simply e-mail us at info@irestorelaser.com, call 888-373-7425,
22 or [login to your account.](#)”

23 <https://www.irestorelaser.com/policies/terms-of-service> (last visited Aug. 26, 2025).

24 25. The foregoing irrefutably demonstrates that the “cancellations” hyperlink is
25 missing critical information regarding how users can cancel their subscriptions via the
26 Website.

1 26. In short, Defendant fails to properly present consumers with its automatic
2 renewal offers or continuous service offer terms prior to a consumer completing a
3 purchase.

4 **C. Defendant’s Post-Transaction Violations of the ARL**

5 27. Defendant similarly violated the ARL by failing to provide to consumers the
6 post-transaction acknowledgement required by section 17602(a)(3). Consumers receive
7 a post-transaction email from Defendant presumably intended by Defendant to constitute
8 Defendant’s acknowledgment in purported compliance with section 17602(a)(3).

9 28. Defendant violates the following sections with its lack of post transaction
10 subscription email to consumers:

- 11 (1) Section 17602(a)(3) by failing to “provide an acknowledgment that
12 includes the automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms,
13 cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a
14 manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer”; and
15 (2) Section 17602(c)(1) by failing to provide “a toll-free telephone
16 number, email address, a postal address if the seller directly bills the
17 consumer, or it shall provide another cost-effective, timely, and
18 easy-to-use mechanism for cancellation that shall be described in the
19 acknowledgment specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a).”

20 **D. Plaintiff’s Transaction on the Website and Subsequent Recurring Charges**

21 29. On June 4, 2025, Plaintiff purchased a product named Revive Biotin Vitamin
22 Gummies (the “Product”) from Defendant via the Website at a price of \$28.29. On July
23 3, 2025, Plaintiff’s credit card account was charged by Defendant \$28.29 for the Product
24 as part of a recurring monthly charge. After discovering such second charge to Plaintiff’s
25 credit card account by Defendant, Plaintiff cancelled the subscription shortly thereafter.
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1 **E. Plaintiff’s Legal Remedy Is an Inadequate Remedy at Law**

2 30. Plaintiff seeks damages and, in the alternative, restitution. Plaintiff is
3 permitted to seek equitable remedies in the alternative because Plaintiff has no adequate
4 remedy at law. *Coleman v. Mondelez Int’l Inc.*, 554 F. Supp. 3d 1055, 1065 n.9 (C.D.
5 Cal. 2021) (Olguin, J.) (holding that alternative pleading at the pleading stage is
6 acceptable) (citing cases).

7 31. A legal remedy is not adequate if it is not as certain as an equitable remedy.
8 *Coleman v. Mondelez Int’l Inc.*, 554 F. Supp. 3d 1055, 1065 (C.D. Cal. 2021) (holding
9 that “plaintiff has sufficiently established at this stage that she lacks an adequate remedy
10 at law with respect to her claims for equitable relief” because “the court is persuaded that”
11 “her allegations sufficiently plead that ‘restitution under the CLRA or UCL would be
12 more certain, prompt, or efficient’ than the monetary damages she seeks, but may
13 ultimately not attain”). In particular, the elements of Plaintiff’s equitable claims are
14 different and do not require the same showings as Plaintiff’s legal claim under the CLRA.
15 *See Ostrovskaya v. St. John Knits, Inc.*, 2022 WL 2102895, at *5 (C.D. Cal. Mar. 31,
16 2022) (Gee, J.) (“The FAL and the UCL provide for only restitutionary and injunctive
17 relief, whereas the CLRA also provides for monetary damages. In many cases, liability
18 under the three statutes will involve the same facts and elements. But here, Plaintiff
19 predicates her FAL claim largely on a specific statutory provision.... Plaintiff may be
20 able to prove these more straightforward factual elements, and thus prevail under the
21 FAL, while still being unable to convince a jury of the more subjective claim that
22 ‘members of the public are likely to be deceived,’ and therefore fail with respect to her
23 CLRA claim. Plaintiffs alleges as much in her pleading. Thus, she has shown how
24 restitution—her only available remedy under the FAL—‘would be more certain, prompt,
25 or efficient than the legal remedies’ available under the CLRA.”) (internal citations
26 omitted); *Farmer v. BarkBox, Inc.*, 2023 WL 8522984, at *6 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 6, 2023)
27 (“Plaintiff’s CLRA claim includes more ‘stringent elements’ than her UCL claim, such
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1 that she may demonstrate her right to restitution under the UCL but fall short of
2 establishing her right to damages under the CLRA.”).

3 32. For example, Plaintiff’s claims under the UCL and FAL (equitable claims
4 seeking restitution) are predicated on specific statutory provisions under the ARL, which
5 prohibit the failure to include certain clear and conspicuous disclosures about automatic
6 renewal offer terms including cancellation policy before and after a transaction for such
7 purchase occurs. (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1) & (3).) Plaintiff may be able to
8 prove these more straightforward factual elements, and thus prevail under the UCL and
9 FAL, while not being able to prove one or more elements of Plaintiff’s legal claim under
10 the CLRA seeking damages governed by the reasonable consumer test.

11 33. Finally, legal damages are inadequate to remedy the imminent threat of
12 future harm that Plaintiff faces. Only an injunction can remedy this threat of future harm.
13 Plaintiff would purchase either the product or other products from Defendant again in the
14 future if Plaintiff could feel sure that Defendant’s checkout flow screens accurately
15 reflected the true nature of Defendant’s offers. But, without an injunction, Plaintiff has
16 no realistic way to know which—if any—of Defendant’s offers are not misleading
17 especially whether such offers include all material facts or omit some of them. Thus,
18 Plaintiff is unable to rely on Defendant’s checkout flow screens in the future, and so
19 Plaintiff cannot purchase products that Plaintiff would like to purchase.

20 **IV. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

21 34. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of all persons similarly situated, and
22 seeks certification of the following class:

23 All persons who purchased any product or service from Defendant’s Website in
24 response to an offer constituting an “Automatic renewal” as defined by §
25 17601(a)(1) of the California Business and Professions Code within the statute of
26 limitations period.

27 35. The above-described class of persons shall hereafter be referred to as the
28 “Class.” Excluded from the Class are any and all past or present officers, directors, or

1 employees of Defendant, any judge who presides over this action, and any partner or
2 employee of Class Counsel. Plaintiff reserves the right to expand, limit, modify, or
3 amend this class definition, including the addition of one or more subclasses, in
4 connection with his motion for class certification, or at any other time, based upon, *inter*
5 *alia*, changing circumstances and/or new facts obtained during discovery.

6 36. **Numerosity.** The Class is so numerous that joinder of all members in one
7 action is impracticable. The exact number and identities of the members of the Class is
8 unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate
9 discovery, but Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon, alleges that there are at
10 least 100 members of the Class.

11 37. **Typicality.** Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of other members of the
12 Class, all of whom have suffered similar harm due to Defendant's course of conduct as
13 described in this Complaint.

14 38. **Adequacy of Representation.** Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the
15 Class and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class. Plaintiff has
16 retained attorneys who are experienced in the handling of complex litigation and class
17 actions, and Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel intend to prosecute this action vigorously.

18 39. **Predominance of Common Questions of Law or Fact.** Common
19 questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class that predominate over any
20 questions affecting only individual members of the Class. These common legal and
21 factual questions, which do not vary among members of the Class, and which may be
22 determined without reference to the individual circumstances of any member of the Class,
23 include, but are not limited to, the following:

24 A) Whether, during the Class period, Defendant failed to present the automatic
25 renewal offer terms, or continuous service offer terms, in a clear and
26 conspicuous manner before the subscription or purchasing agreement was
27 fulfilled and in visual proximity to the request for consent to the offer in
28 violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(1);

- 1 B) Whether, during the Class period, Defendant failed to provide an
2 acknowledgement that included the automatic renewal or continuous service
3 offer terms, cancellation policy, and information on how to cancel in a
4 manner that is capable of being retained by Plaintiff and Class members, in
5 violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17602(a)(3);
- 6 C) Whether Defendant's order flow screens and post-transaction
7 acknowledgment constitute unfair business practices in violation of the UCL
8 under Business & Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*;
- 9 D) Whether Defendant's order flow screens and post-transaction
10 acknowledgment constitute false advertising in violation of the FAL under
11 California Business & Professions Code § 17500 *et seq.*;
- 12 E) Whether Defendant's order flow screens and post-transaction
13 acknowledgment constitute violations of the CLRA under California Civil
14 Code § 1750 *et seq.*;
- 15 F) Whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to injunctive relief under
16 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17203, 17535 and Cal. Civil Code § 1780(a)(2);
- 17 G) Whether Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled to monetary relief
18 insofar as the goods or services provided by Defendant are deemed an
19 unconditional gift in accordance with Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603;
- 20 H) Whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to restitution in accordance
21 with Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17203, 17535 and Cal. Civil Code §
22 1780(a)(3);
- 23 I) The proper formula(s) for calculating the restitution owed to Class members;
- 24 J) Whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to damages under Cal. Civil
25 Code § 1780(a)(1);
- 26 K) Whether Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled to total damages of at
27 least \$1,000 in accordance with Cal. Civil Code § 1780(a)(1);
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1 L) Whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to punitive damages under
2 Cal. Civil Code § 1780(a)(4) and Cal. Civil Code § 3294(a);

3 M) Whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to any other relief that the
4 Court deems proper in accordance with Cal. Civil Code § 1780(a)(5); and

5 N) Whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs
6 under Cal. Civil Code § 1780(e) and California Code of Civil Procedure §
7 1021.5.

8 40. **Superiority.** A class action is superior to other available methods for the
9 fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because individual litigation of the
10 claims of all members of the Class is impracticable.

11 41. **Ascertainability.** Defendant keeps computerized records of its sales and
12 customers through, among other things, databases storing customer orders, customer
13 order histories, customer profiles, customer loyalty programs, and general marketing
14 programs. Defendant has one or more databases through which a significant majority of
15 members of the Class may be identified and ascertained, and they maintain contact
16 information, including email addresses and home addresses (such as billing, mailing, and
17 shipping addresses), through which notice of this action is capable of being disseminated
18 in accordance with due process requirements.

19 **V. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

20 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

21 **Violation of Consumers Legal Remedies Act**

22 **Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 *et seq.***

23 **(By Plaintiff, on Plaintiff's own behalf and on behalf of the Class, against All**
24 **Defendants)**

25 42. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if set forth
26 hereinafter.

1 43. The CLRA prohibits certain “unfair methods of competition and unfair or
2 deceptive acts or practices” in connection with the sale of goods or services to any
3 consumer. (Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a).)

4 44. The practices described herein, specifically Defendant’s advertising and sale
5 of its products, were intended to result and did result in the sale of such products to the
6 consuming public and violated and continues to violate: (i) section 1770(a)(5) of the
7 Civil Code by “[r]epresenting that goods or services have ... characteristics ... that they
8 do not have”; and (ii) section 1770(a)(9) of the Civil Code by “[a]dvertising goods ...
9 with intent not to sell them as advertised....”

10 45. “Courts have found that violations of the ARL are actionable under CLRA
11 subdivisions (a)(5) and (a)(9).” *Zeller v. Optavia LLC*, 2024 WL 1207461, at *6 (S.D.
12 Cal. Mar. 14, 2024) (Sabraw, C.J.) (citing *Farmer v. BarkBox, Inc.*, 2023 WL 8522984,
13 at *4 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 6, 2023) (holding that ARL violation was actionable under
14 subdivision (a)(5)); *Leventhal v. Streamlabs LLC*, 2022 WL 17905111, at *4, *6-*7 (N.D.
15 Cal. Dec. 23, 2022) (holding that ARL violation actionable under subdivisions (a)(5) and
16 (9); and *Morrell v. WW Int’l, Inc.*, 551 F. Supp. 3d 173, 182-83 (S.D.N.Y. 2021) (same)).
17 *Zeller* held, “Plaintiffs adequately state claims against Optavia under CLRA subdivisions
18 (a)(5) and (a)(9), Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(5), (9), predicated on Optavia’s violation of
19 the ARL....” *Zeller*, 2024 WL 1207461, at *5; *see also Zeichner v. Nord Security Inc.*,
20 2024 WL 4951261, at *6 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 2, 2024) (holding that allegations of ARL
21 violations plausibly stated a CLRA claim based upon unlawful practices particularly
22 sections 1770(a)(5) and (9)) (“Plaintiff alleges Defendants advertised their product as
23 though it did not automatically renew without consumer consent, when in actuality, the
24 subscription did renew, and Defendants intended as much. These alleged violations of the
25 ARL constitute material omissions by Defendants arising from a statutorily prescribed
26 duty.”); *Price v. Synapse Group, Inc.*, 2017 WL 3131700, at *8 (S.D. Cal. July 24, 2017)
27 (“Plaintiffs allege that Defendants advertised discounted magazine subscriptions without
28 adequately disclosing the terms of the automatic renewal features attached to those

1 subscriptions. Put another way, Plaintiffs allege that by not adequately disclosing the
2 automatic renewal features tied to the subscriptions, Defendants represented that the
3 subscriptions had a characteristic they did not have—namely, the absence of an automatic
4 renewal feature. The Court finds these allegations sufficient to state a claim under §
5 1770(a)(5).”) (denying motion to dismiss CLRA claim under sections 1770(a)(5) and
6 (9)).

7 46. Plaintiff is an individual who acquired, by purchase, the Product, which is a
8 “good[,]” *i.e.*, a tangible chattel bought for use primarily for personal, family, or
9 household purposes within the meaning of Civil Code § 1761(a).

10 47. “A duty to disclose a material fact can arise if ... it is imposed by statute....”
11 *Zeichner*, 2024 WL 4951261, at *6 (quoting *Rattagan v. Uber Techs., Inc.*, 17 Cal. 5th 1,
12 40 (2024)). Here, the ARL imposed upon Defendant multiple duties to disclose certain
13 material facts. Under the ARL, Defendant owed Plaintiff a statutory duty to present
14 automatic renewal offer terms and continuous service offer terms in a clear and
15 conspicuous manner before fulfilling the subscription or purchasing agreement in visual
16 proximity to the request for consent to the offer under section 17602(a)(1) of the
17 California Business and Professions Code. In addition, under the ARL, Defendant owed
18 Plaintiff a statutory duty to provide an acknowledgment that includes automatic renewal
19 offer terms or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information
20 regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer
21 under California Business and Professions Code § 17602(a)(3).

22 48. Defendant violated the foregoing ARL requirements under subdivisions
23 (a)(1) and (3) of section 17602 by failing to disclose key details of its cancellation policy
24 and how to cancel in the fine print on the Website at the time of the consumer online
25 checkout process and in its post-transaction acknowledgment. Such violations of the
26 ARL constitute material omissions by Defendant arising from a statutorily prescribed
27 duty.

1 49. In addition, Defendant's textual disclosure statements on the final order flow
2 screen of its checkout process are misleading because they omit statutorily-required
3 information about Defendant's cancellation policy, including how to cancel, in a clear
4 and conspicuous manner before the subscription or purchasing agreement is fulfilled and
5 in visual proximity to the request for consent to the offer. In addition, Defendant's post-
6 transaction acknowledgment is misleading because it omits statutorily-required
7 information about Defendant's automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer
8 terms including Defendant's cancellation policy and information regarding how to cancel
9 in a manner that is capable of being retained by the consumer in a clear and conspicuous
10 manner. Thus, the automatic-renewal process on the Website and post-transaction
11 acknowledgment create the misleading impression that the amount paid by a consumer is
12 a one-time charge, rather than an automatically recurring monthly charge, and, thus, are
13 unlawful misrepresentations in violation of the CLRA. Put differently, Defendant
14 advertised the Product as though it did not automatically renew without consumer consent
15 even though, in actuality, the subscription to the Product did renew, which is what
16 Defendant intended.

17 50. In doing so, Defendant intentionally misrepresented and concealed material
18 facts from Plaintiff and Class members. Said misrepresentations and concealment were
19 done with the intention of deceiving Plaintiff and Class members, and depriving Plaintiff
20 and Class members of their rights and money.

21 51. Defendant knew that the advertising of its products on the order flow screens
22 on its Website and in its post-transaction acknowledgment were misleading, deceptive,
23 and omitted material information. Defendant also knew that its post-transaction
24 acknowledgment of products advertised on its Website were misleading, deceptive, and
25 omitted material information.

26 52. Defendant's advertising of the Product was a material factor in Plaintiff's
27 decision to purchase the Product. Based on Defendant's advertising of the Product,
28 Plaintiff reasonably believed that Plaintiff was making a stand-alone purchase of the

1 Product for a one-time fee instead of an automatically renewing subscription with an
2 automatic monthly fee. Had Plaintiff known the truth of the matter, *i.e.*, that Defendant
3 failed to comply with the ARL's requirements by disclosing its automatic renewal offer
4 terms or continuous service offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner, Plaintiff
5 would not have purchased the Product.

6 53. Plaintiff and Class members have suffered injury in fact and have lost money
7 as a result of Defendant's deceptive, unfair, and unlawful conduct.

8 54. Punitive damages are also sought herein based upon Defendant's deceptive
9 conduct, which indicates that Defendant is guilty of oppression, fraud, or malice.

10 55. Prior to the commencement of this action, Plaintiff sent a letter to Defendant
11 at its principal place of business notifying Defendant of the particular wrongdoing that
12 violates the CLRA and demanded that Defendant appropriately correct its advertising
13 and/or provide another appropriate remedy of the violations to the putative Class of
14 California consumers.

15 56. More than 30 days have elapsed since Plaintiff sent such demand letter to
16 Defendant, but Defendant failed to respond by either correcting its conduct and/or
17 otherwise providing an appropriate remedy of the violations or offering to do so within a
18 reasonable time to the entire putative Class.

19 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

20 **Violation of False Advertising Law**

21 **Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 *et seq.***

22 **(By Plaintiff, on Plaintiff's own behalf and on behalf of the Class, against All**
23 **Defendants)**

24 57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if set forth
25 hereinafter.

26 58. Section 17500 of the California Business and Professions Code states in
27 relevant part, "It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association, or any
28 employee thereof with *intent directly or indirectly to dispose of real or personal property*

1 or to perform services, professional or otherwise, or anything of any nature whatsoever
2 or *to induce the public to enter into any obligation relating thereto, to make or*
3 *disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated before the public in this state*, or to
4 make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated from this state before the public
5 in any state, in any newspaper or other publication, or *any advertising device*, or by public
6 outcry or proclamation, or *in any other manner or means whatever, including over the*
7 *Internet, any statement*, concerning that real or *personal property* or those services,
8 professional or otherwise, or *concerning any circumstance or matter of fact connected*
9 *with the proposed* performance or *disposition thereof, which is untrue or misleading,*
10 *and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to*
11 *be untrue or misleading, or for any person, firm, or corporation to so make or*
12 *disseminate or cause to be so made or disseminated any such statement as part of a*
13 *plan or scheme with the intent not to sell that personal property* or those services,
14 professional or otherwise, *so advertised at the price stated therein, or as so advertised.*”
15 (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500) (emphasis added).

16 59. By committing the acts alleged in this operative Complaint, Defendant has
17 violated Business and Professions Code §§ 17500 *et seq.* In particular, Defendant’s
18 textual disclosure statements on the final order flow screen of its checkout process are
19 misleading because they omit statutorily-required information about Defendant’s
20 cancellation policy, including how to cancel, in a clear and conspicuous manner before
21 the subscription or purchasing agreement is fulfilled and in visual proximity to the request
22 for consent to the offer. In addition, Defendant’s post-transaction acknowledgment is
23 misleading because it omits statutorily-required information about Defendant’s automatic
24 renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms including Defendant’s cancellation
25 policy and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being
26 retained by the consumer in a clear and conspicuous manner.

27 60. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant’s misleading order flow
28 screens on its Website and misleading post-transaction acknowledgment, which contain

1 omissions prohibited by the ARL, Plaintiff and members of the Class have suffered injury
2 in fact and have lost money.

3 61. Plaintiff is entitled to restitution pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17535
4 for all monies paid by Plaintiff under the subscription agreement or purchasing
5 agreement. Defendant should be required to disgorge all the profits and gains it has
6 reaped and restore such profits and gains to Plaintiff and Class members, from whom
7 they were unlawfully taken.

8 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

9 **Violation of Unfair Competition Law**

10 **Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 *et seq.***

11 **(By Plaintiff, on Plaintiff’s own behalf and on behalf of the Class, against All**
12 **Defendants)**

13 62. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if set forth
14 hereinafter.

15 63. The UCL prohibits unfair competition in the form of any unlawful, unfair,
16 or fraudulent business act or practice, any unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading
17 advertising, and any act prohibited by the FAL. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17204 allows
18 “a person who has suffered injury in fact and has lost money or property” to prosecute a
19 civil action for violation of the UCL. Such a person may bring such an action on behalf
20 of himself or herself and others similarly situated who are affected by the unlawful and/or
21 unfair business practice or act.

22 64. During the Class period, Defendant committed unlawful business acts or
23 practices as defined by the UCL by violating sections 17601 and 17602 of the California
24 Business and Professions Code.

25 65. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant’s deceptive, unfair, and
26 unlawful acts or practices described herein, including its misleading and incomplete order
27 flow screens on its Website and misleading and incomplete post-transaction
28

1 acknowledgment, Plaintiff and members of the Class have suffered injury in fact and have
2 lost money.

3 66. Defendant has received, and continues to hold, unlawfully obtained property
4 and money belonging to Plaintiff in the form of payments made for the insufficiently
5 disclosed subscription agreement by Plaintiff. Defendant has profited from its unlawful
6 acts or practices in the amount of those business expenses and interest accrued thereon.

7 67. Plaintiff is entitled to restitution pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203
8 for all monies paid by Plaintiff under the subscription agreement. Defendant should be
9 required to disgorge all the profits and gains it has reaped and restore such profits and
10 gains to Plaintiff and Class members, from whom they were unlawfully taken.

11 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

12 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks judgment against Defendant as follows:

- 13 a. For an order certifying that the action be maintained as a class action, that
14 Plaintiff be designated as the class representative, and that undersigned counsel
15 be designated as class counsel;
- 16 b. For all available declaratory, legal, and equitable relief including injunctive
17 relief;
- 18 c. For statutory damages;
- 19 d. For punitive damages;
- 20 e. For attorneys' fees and costs as allowed by law; and
- 21 f. For any and all other relief at law or equity that may be appropriate.

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23 Dated: September 10, 2025

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25 By: /s/ Scott J. Ferrell

26 Scott J. Ferrell

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