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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

TAWNYA RODRIGUEZ, on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALLERGOSAN USA, LLC, a Delaware limited
liability company, d/b/a
WWW.OMNIBIOTICLIFE.COM,

Defendant.

Case No.: 26CU032234C

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR
VIOLATION OF THE AUTOMATIC
RENEWAL LAW AND RELATED CLAIMS**

Plaintiff Tawnya Rodriguez ("Plaintiff") alleges as follows:

I. NATURE OF ACTION

1. Plaintiff brings this action after purchasing an automatically renewing paid subscription at www.omnibioticlifecom (the "Website"), which caused Plaintiff to incur unlawful charges from Defendant related to an automatic renewal or continuous service. Defendant made unlawful automatic renewal and/or continuous service offers to consumers in California in violation of California's Automatic Renewal Law (the "ARL"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17600 *et seq.*, by: (1) failing to provide "clear and conspicuous" disclosures mandated by California law; and (2) failing to provide an acknowledgment to consumers that includes the automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms.

1 the cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being
2 retained by the consumer.

3 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4 2. Plaintiff is and was at all times mentioned herein a citizen of the State of California.

5 3. Defendant is an online retailer that sells products nationwide and in California.
6 Defendant has substantial contacts with and receives substantial benefits and income from and through
7 the state of California. Defendant made, and continues to make, automatic renewal or continuous service
8 offers to consumers in California. Defendant operates the Website, which markets and sells gut health
9 products.

10 4. Venue is proper in this County because many class members were injured in this County.

11 **III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

27 (3) Fail to provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal or continuous service
28 offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is

1 capable of being retained by the consumer. If the offer includes a free trial, the business shall
2 also disclose in the acknowledgment how to cancel and allow the consumer to cancel before the
3 consumer pays for the goods or services.

4 7. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17601(a)(1) defines the term “Automatic renewal” as a “plan,
5 arrangement, or provision of a contract that contains a free-to-pay conversion or in which a paid
6 subscription or purchasing agreement is automatically renewed at the end of a definite term for a
7 subsequent term.”

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

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

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

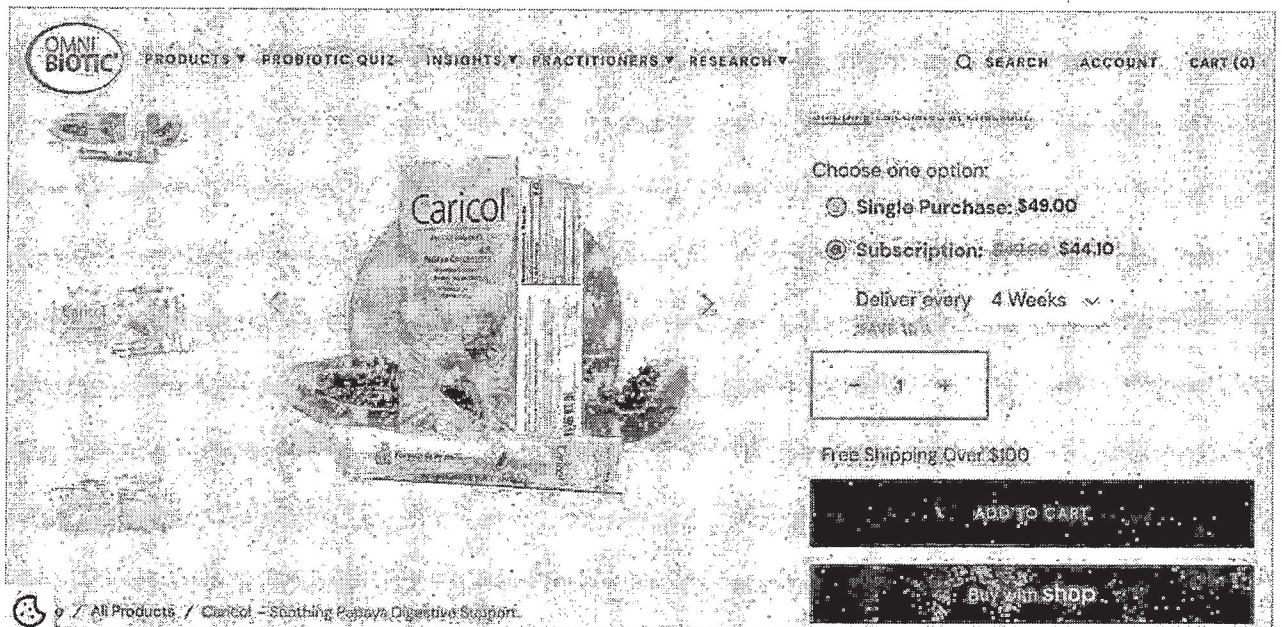
26 11. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17603 provides: “In any case in which a business sends any
27 goods, wares, merchandise, or products to a consumer, under a continuous service agreement or
28 automatic renewal of a purchase, without first obtaining the consumer’s affirmative consent as described

in Section 17602, the goods, wares, merchandise, or products shall for all purposes be deemed an unconditional gift to the consumer, who may use or dispose of the same in any manner he or she sees fit without any obligation whatsoever on the consumer's part to the business, including, but not limited to, bearing the cost of, or responsibility for, shipping any goods, wares, merchandise, or products to the business."

B. Defendant's Pre-Transaction Violations of the ARL

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

13. At relevant times, an example of Defendant's plan presented on its Website is as follows:



<https://omnibioticlife.com/products/caricol> (last visited May 19, 2026).

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

Card number

Expiration date (MM / YY) Security code

Name on card

☒ Use shipping address as billing address

PayPal

Pay now

One or more items in your cart is a deferred, subscription, or recurring purchase. By continuing with your payment, you agree that your payment method will automatically be charged at the price and frequency listed on this page until it ends or you cancel. All cancellations are subject to the cancellation policy.

Refund policy Shipping Privacy policy Terms of service Cancellations

1 Caricol - Soothing Papaya Digestive \$44.10
Support
4 Week Subscription

Discount code or gift card Apply

Subtotal \$44.10
Shipping \$10.50
Total USD \$54.60
Recurring subtotal \$44.10 every 28 days

[https://omnibioticlife.com/checkouts/cn/hWNCLUFmmVb2L6qeP5tkFTof/en-](https://omnibioticlife.com/checkouts/cn/hWNCLUFmmVb2L6qeP5tkFTof/en-us?_r=AQABIHcAa0Z-vn5RTqhDIlgdLpEae9XQaoCQVciz0rbgFHc&skip_shop_pay=true&checkout_queue_token=A-vcxtJZF-2sOy9Fo12IK19ZMYgHbseW4cXvICCXrfp_6DB8n1h1jVvVEHDzwPUJz93er2YhUzrGaunkPOMNLPHLLp8dc_xfw1LtF-TjPIM1E5QIKmK69WkFAe6cjMjzVA%3D%3D&shop_pay_checkout_as_guest=true&cs=3&mp.S)

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(last visited May 19, 2026).

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

16. Although Defendant's checkout page sets forth its purported automatic renewal offer terms and continuous service offer terms below a large "Payment" header, Plaintiff's investigation has

1 determined that such textual disclosure statements are in a comparatively small 10.5 point type size in
2 the System UI font in a gray color against a gray background.

3 17. Although Defendant's textual disclosure statement contains a hyperlink named
4 "cancellation policy," with an underline beneath it, all such text is in a light gray color including the
5 name of the hyperlink as well as the underline beneath such hyperlink making such hyperlink difficult
6 to distinguish from the surrounding text.

7 18. Other elements on that same checkout webpage are in comparatively larger size such as
8 the "Pay now" button and text that is 16 point type size including a "Payment" heading. Such other
9 elements direct the user's attention everywhere else besides the Website's textual disclosure statement
10 on its final checkout page. *Berman v. Freedom Financial Network, LLC*, 30 F.4th 849, 857 (9th Cir.
11 2022) (determining that "comparatively larger font used in all of the surrounding text naturally directs
12 the user's attention everywhere else"); *Dawson v. Target Corp.*, 2025 WL 1651940, at *3 (N.D. Cal.
13 June 11, 2025) (finding screenflows failed to provide reasonable notice of defendant's hyperlinked terms
14 and preceding disclaimers because of "overwhelming inconspicuousness created by its small font size
15 and placement that otherwise causes the Terms & Conditions to blend into the screen"); *Strehl v. Guitar*
16 *Center, Inc.*, 2023 WL 9700041, at *7 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 3, 2023) (Kronstadt, J.) (noting that textual
17 disclosure statement on final order flow webpage "is in a smaller font" "relative to" other text on same
18 webpage and "Complete Order" button intended to manifest user's assent); *Farmer v. Barkbox, Inc.*,
19 2023 WL 8522984, at *2 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 6, 2023) (Sykes, J.) (holding that website design did not satisfy
20 objective reasonableness standard because textual disclosure notice was "printed small" "with other
21 graphics and text more likely to attract the user's attention"); *Chabolla v. ClassPass, Inc.*, 2023 WL
22 4544598, at *4 n.3 (N.D. Cal. June 22, 2023) (denying motion to compel arbitration in sign-in wrap
23 agreement even where terms were hyperlinked in blue font because "this [color] alone does not make
24 the text notice of the Terms conspicuous in light of the other deficits identified" such as the tiny font
25 size), *aff'd*, 129 F.4th 1147, 1154 (9th Cir. 2025).

26 19. Although the "cancellation policy" hyperlink, if clicked, takes the user to a window that
27 describes a portion of Defendant's cancellation policy, such window fails to describe such policy
28 sufficiently in a manner that would allow a user to easily cancel the user's subscription. For example,

1 such window states in relevant part, “You can easily make adjustments to your subscription, including
2 changing the renewal cycle, updating payment information, or temporarily pausing it, by visiting our
3 My Account page on our website.” Nowhere on Defendant’s Website are complete instructions for
4 cancellation given.

5 20. Cancelling is an involved process, requiring consumers to confirm their decision to
6 cancel the subscription multiple times before actually completing the cancellation.

7 21. The foregoing irrefutably demonstrates that the “cancellation policy” hyperlink below
8 the large “Pay now” button is missing critical information regarding how users can cancel their
9 subscriptions via the Website.

10 22. In short, Defendant fails to properly present consumers with its automatic renewal offers
11 or continuous service offer terms prior to a consumer completing a purchase.

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

13 23. Defendant similarly violated the ARL by failing to provide to consumers the post-
14 transaction acknowledgement required by section 17602(a)(3). Specifically, Defendant fails to “provide
15 an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation
16 policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the
17 consumer.”

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

19 24. On January 21, 2026, Plaintiff purchased “Caricol - Soothing Papaya Digestive Support”
20 (the “Product”) from Defendant via the Website at a price of \$54.60. On February 19, 2026, Plaintiff’s
21 credit card account was charged by Defendant for \$54.60 for the Product as part of a recurring monthly
22 charge. After discovering such second charge to Plaintiff’s credit card account by Defendant, Plaintiff
23 cancelled the subscription shortly thereafter.

24 **IV. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

25 25. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of all persons similarly situated, and seeks
26 certification of the following class:
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1 All persons who, while in California, purchased any product or service from Defendant's
2 Website in response to an offer constituting an "Automatic renewal" as defined by § 17601(a)(1)
3 of the California Business and Professions Code within the statute of limitations period.

4 26. The above-described class of persons shall hereafter be referred to as the "Class."
5 Excluded from the Class are any and all past or present officers, directors, or employees of Defendant,
6 any judge who presides over this action, and any partner or employee of Class Counsel. Plaintiff
7 reserves the right to expand, limit, modify, or amend this class definition, including the addition of one
8 or more subclasses, in connection with his motion for class certification, or at any other time, based
9 upon, *inter alia*, changing circumstances and/or new facts obtained during discovery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 31. **Superiority.** A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and
4 efficient adjudication of this controversy because individual litigation of the claims of all members of
5 the Class is impracticable.

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

13 **V. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

14 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

15 **Violation of Consumers Legal Remedies Act**

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

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

18 33. The CLRA prohibits certain "unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts
19 or practices" in connection with the sale of goods or services to any consumer. (Cal. Civ. Code §
20 1770(a).)

21 34. The practices described herein, specifically Defendant's advertising and sale of its
22 products, were intended to result and did result in the sale of such products to the consuming public and
23 violated and continues to violate: (i) section 1770(a)(5) of the Civil Code by "[r]epresenting that goods
24 or services have ... characteristics ... that they do not have"; and (ii) section 1770(a)(9) of the Civil
25 Code by "[a]dvertising goods ... with intent not to sell them as advertised...."

26 35. "Courts have found that violations of the ARL are actionable under CLRA subdivisions
27 (a)(5) and (a)(9)." *Zeller v. Optavia LLC*, 2024 WL 1207461, at *6 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 14, 2024) (Sabraw,
28

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

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

23 37. “A duty to disclose a material fact can arise if ... it is imposed by statute....” *Zeichner*,
24 2024 WL 4951261, at *6 (quoting *Rattagan v. Uber Techs., Inc.*, 17 Cal. 5th 1, 40 (2024)). Here, the
25 ARL imposed upon Defendant multiple duties to disclose certain material facts. Under the ARL,
26 Defendant owed Plaintiff a statutory duty to present automatic renewal offer terms and continuous
27 service offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner before fulfilling the subscription or purchasing
28 agreement in visual proximity to the request for consent to the offer under section 17602(a)(1) of the

1 California Business and Professions Code. In addition, under the ARL, Defendant owed Plaintiff a
2 statutory duty to provide an acknowledgment that includes automatic renewal offer terms or continuous
3 service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is
4 capable of being retained by the consumer under California Business and Professions Code §
5 17602(a)(3).

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

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

25 40. In doing so, Defendant intentionally misrepresented and concealed material facts from
26 Plaintiff and Class members. Said misrepresentations and concealment were done with the intention of
27 deceiving Plaintiff and Class members, and depriving Plaintiff and Class members of their rights and
28 money.

1 41. Defendant knew that the advertising of its products on the order flow screens on its
2 Website and in its post-transaction acknowledgment were misleading, deceptive, and omitted material
3 information. Defendant also knew that its post-transaction acknowledgment of products advertised on
4 its Website were misleading, deceptive, and omitted material information.

5 42. Defendant's advertising of the Product was a material factor in Plaintiff's decision to
6 purchase the Product. Based on Defendant's advertising of the Product, Plaintiff reasonably believed
7 that Plaintiff was making a stand-alone purchase of the Product for a one-time fee instead of an
8 automatically renewing subscription with an automatic monthly fee. Had Plaintiff known the truth of
9 the matter, *i.e.*, that Defendant failed to comply with the ARL's requirements by disclosing its automatic
10 renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner, Plaintiff would
11 not have purchased the Product.

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

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

16 45. Prior to the commencement of this action, Plaintiff sent a letter to Defendant at its
17 principal place of business notifying Defendant of the particular wrongdoing that violates the CLRA
18 and demanded that Defendant appropriately correct its advertising and/or provide another appropriate
19 remedy of the violations to the putative Class of California consumers.

20 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

21 **Violation of False Advertising Law**

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

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

24 46. Section 17500 of the California Business and Professions Code states in relevant part, "It
25 is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association, or any employee thereof with *intent directly*
26 *or indirectly to dispose of* real or *personal property* or to perform services, professional or otherwise,
27 or anything of any nature whatsoever or *to induce the public to enter into any obligation relating*
28 *thereto, to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated before the public in this state, or*

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

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

21 48. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant’s misleading order flow screens on its
22 Website and misleading post-transaction acknowledgment, which contain omissions prohibited by the
23 ARL, Plaintiff and members of the Class have suffered injury in fact and have lost money.

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

28 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of Unfair Competition Law

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

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

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

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

52. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's deceptive, unfair, and unlawful acts or practices described herein, including its misleading and incomplete order flow screens on its Website and misleading and incomplete post-transaction acknowledgment, Plaintiff and members of the Class have suffered injury in fact and have lost money.

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

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks judgment against Defendant as follows:

- a. For an order certifying that the action be maintained as a class action, that Plaintiff be designated as the class representative, and that undersigned counsel be designated as class counsel;
- b. For all available declaratory, legal, and equitable relief including injunctive relief;
- c. For statutory damages;
- d. For punitive damages;

- 1 e. For attorneys' fees and costs as allowed by law; and
2 f. For any and all other relief at law or equity that may be appropriate.
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