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16 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 17 **CENTRAL DISTRICT-SOUTHERN DIVISION**
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19 JESUS FRANCO, on behalf of himself
 and all other similarly situated,
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21 Plaintiff,

22 v.

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 24 EXPERIAN INFORMATION
 SOLUTIONS, INC., T-MOBILE USA,
 25 INC., and DOES 1 through 10,
 inclusive,
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27 Defendants.
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Case No: _____

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

1. NEGLIGENCE;
2. BREACH OF IMPLIED CONTRACT;
3. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CONSUMER RECORDS ACT (CIV. CODE, §§ 1798.81.5, 1798.82);
4. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW (BUS. & PROF. CODE, § 17200);
5. INVASION OF PRIVACY;
6. NEGLIGENT VIOLATION OF THE

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FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT.

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CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

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2 Plaintiff Jesus Franco, individually and on behalf of a class of persons similarly
3 situated (the “Class” or “Class Members”), brings this class action against Defendants,
4 Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (“Experian”), T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile”),
5 and Does 1 through 10 (collectively “Defendants”). The basis for and the relief sought is
6 set forth below.

7 **I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

8 1. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff
9 brings this consumer class action against Experian and T-Mobile for their failure to
10 adequately safeguard and secure personally identifiable information, including names,
11 dates of birth, social security numbers, billing information, and other types of information
12 (collectively “Personally Identifiable Information” or “PII”) of Plaintiff and Class
13 Members.

14 2. Experian Information Solutions, also known as Experian Americas, is the
15 US-based arm of global credit reporting agency Experian plc. The unit provides credit
16 reporting and lead generation services by tapping its database of 235 million US
17 consumers and some 25 million US businesses. Clients include retailers, financial
18 services firms, utilities, not-for-profits, and small businesses, among others. The
19 company also provides addresses for more than 20 billion pieces of promotional mail
20 every year. Services include skip tracing and collections, direct marketing, sales
21 prospecting, demographic information, and more. Experian Americas boasts about a
22 dozen offices nationwide. The company holds data of businesses, including T-Mobile,
23 and consumers, and conducts billions of credit checks each year.

24 3. Through a contractual relationship, Experian performs credit checks for T-
25 Mobile. The number of credit checks performed by Experian on behalf of T-Mobile has
26 jumped over the past two years as T-Mobile grew to the third-largest wireless network in
27 the US; T-Mobile expanded at a blistering pace, adding roughly one million new
28 customers each quarter and far outpacing its larger rivals.

1 4. The present case stems from the unauthorized access of Experian's computer
2 storage systems. T-Mobile stated that "the hacker acquired the records of approximately
3 15 million consumers, including new applicants requiring a credit check for service or
4 device financing from September 1, 2013 through September 16 2015."

5 5. These records included personal details such as name, address and date of
6 birth as well as Social Security numbers and identification numbers from driving licenses
7 or passports (PII).

8 6. Following the public announcement of the breach, T-Mobile's CEO, John J.
9 Legere, acknowledged the importance of the privacy and security of its consumers,
10 stating that it is of the utmost importance. Moreover he stated:

11 We have been notified by Experian, a vendor that processes our credit
12 applications, that they have experienced a data breach. The investigation is
13 ongoing, but what we know right now is that the hacker acquired the records
14 of approximately 15 million people, including new applicants requiring a
15 credit check for service or device financing from September 1, 2013 through
16 September 16, 2015. These records include information such as name,
17 address and birthdate as well as encrypted fields with Social Security
18 number and ID number (such as driver's license or passport number), and
19 additional information used in T-Mobile's own credit assessment. Experian
20 has determined that this encryption may have been compromised. We are
21 working with Experian to take protective steps for all of these consumers as
22 quickly as possible.

23 Obviously I am incredibly angry about this data breach and we will institute
24 a thorough review of our relationship with Experian, but right now my top
25 concern and first focus is assisting any and all consumers affected. I take our
26 customer and prospective customer privacy VERY seriously. This is no
27 small issue for us.

28 7. This is not the first breach sustained by Experian. An attack on an Experian
29 subsidiary that began before Experian purchased it in 2012 exposed the Social Security
30 numbers of 200 million Americans and prompted an investigation by at least four states.

31 8. What makes the most recent breach so ironic is that Experian holds itself out
32 as an expert in the field of data protection, touting its revenues from this area in the
33 amount of \$4 billion annually. It claims it "upholds the highest standard of regulation and
34 compliance to bring consumers premium data breach resolution." In addition, it claims
35 that it can "help protect the individuals looking for added security...."

1 9. As a result of Defendants' failure to adequately protect and secure Class
2 Members' PII, some yet unidentified individual or individuals gained access to and
3 obtained PII belonging to Class Members in disregard for the privacy and security rights
4 of Plaintiff and Class Members and for the obvious purpose of using this information for
5 personal gain to the damage and detriment of Plaintiff and class members.

6 10. The ramifications of Defendants' failure to keep Class Members' PII secure
7 are severe and can result in the theft of the identity of a large number of people. Identity
8 theft occurs when someone uses another's PII, such as the person's name, address, and
9 Social Security numbers to commit fraud or other crimes. The Federal Trade
10 Commission ("FTC") estimates that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities
11 stolen each year.

12 11. Social security information of the type that was wrongfully accessed is
13 entitled to high level of protection due to its private and confidential nature. The
14 protection to which this information is entitled is recognized by statutory and case law.

15 12. The combination of this information with the names, addresses and Social
16 Security numbers of Class Members enhances the sensitivity of this information, making
17 it susceptible to abuse and exploitation. Defendants knew and understood the
18 confidential and private nature of the PII of Class Members and owed a duty to Class
19 Members to protect and maintain the confidentiality of their PII.

20 13. In particular, social security numbers are a form of national identifier and are
21 not easily replaced. The FTC warns consumers to protect their social security numbers,
22 and to give out the number only if absolutely necessary. *See* www.ftc.gov/idtheft.
23 Similarly, the Social Security Administration warns consumers to safeguard their social
24 security numbers and to be careful about sharing those numbers. *See*
25 <http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10064.pdf>.

26 14. It is well known, and the subject of many media reports, that PII data is
27 highly coveted by, and a frequent target of thieves. The criminal underground recognizes
28 the value in PII and is willing to pay hackers to go get it. PII data has been stolen and

1 sold by the criminal underground on many occasions in the past, a fact well publicized in
2 the public press.

3 15. Criminals are increasingly after PII because they can use biographical data
4 from multiple sources to perpetuate more and larger thefts. Illicitly obtained PII,
5 sometimes aggregated from different breaches, is sold on the black market, including on
6 websites, as a product at a set price.

7 16. Identity thieves can use identifying data to open new financial accounts and
8 incur charges in another person's name, take out loans in another person's name, incur
9 charges on existing accounts, or clone ATM, debit or credit cards.

10 17. Identity thieves can use personal information to perpetuate a variety of
11 crimes that harm the victims. For instance, identity thieves (a) may commit various types
12 of government crimes such as immigration fraud, obtaining a driver's license or
13 identification card in the victim's name but with another's picture; (b) may use the
14 victim's information to obtain government benefits; or (c) may file fraudulent tax returns
15 using the victim's information to obtain a fraudulent refund. The IRS identified more
16 than 2.9 million incidents of identity theft in 2013, and the IRS has described identity
17 theft as the number one scam for 2014. The United States government and privacy
18 experts acknowledge that it may take years for identity theft to come to light and be
19 detected.

20 18. It is well known and the subject of many media reports that PII data is highly
21 coveted by and a frequent target of hackers and is often easily taken because it is
22 inadequately protected. Legitimate organizations and the criminal underground alike
23 recognize the value in PII. Otherwise, they would not pay for it or aggressively seek it.
24 PII data has been stolen and sold by the criminal underground on many occasions in the
25 past, including PII held by Defendant Experian itself in prior data breaches, and accounts
26 of the thefts and unauthorized access have been the subject of many media reports.
27 While Payment Card Industry data (PCI) is more regulated and protected than PII,
28 criminals are increasingly after PII because they can use biographical data from multiple

1 sources to perpetuate more and larger thefts. *See* Verizon 2014 PCI Compliance Report,
2 available at [http://www.verizonenterprise.com/resources/reports/rp_pci-report-](http://www.verizonenterprise.com/resources/reports/rp_pci-report-2014_en_xg.pdf)
3 [2014_en_xg.pdf](http://www.verizonenterprise.com/resources/reports/rp_pci-report-2014_en_xg.pdf) (hereafter “Verizon Report”). Illicitly obtained PII and PCI, sometimes
4 aggregated from different breaches, is sold on the black market, including on websites, as
5 a product at a set price. *See, e.g.*, KREBS ON SECURITY, *How Much is Your Identity*
6 *Worth*, <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2011/11/how-much-is-your-identity-worth/> (last
7 visited October 5, 2015). Despite all of the publically available knowledge of the
8 continued compromises of PII and Defendants’ own prior experiences, Defendants’
9 approach to maintaining the privacy of Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ PII was
10 lackadaisical, cavalier, reckless or at the very least negligent.

11 19. The ramifications of Defendants’ failure to keep Class Members’ PII secure
12 are severe. Once PII is stolen, fraudulent use of that information and the damage to
13 consumers may continue for years.

14 20. Annual monetary losses from identity theft are in the billions of dollars.
15 According to published reports, those losses were \$21 billion in 2013.

16 21. As a result of Defendants’ failure to prevent the breach, Plaintiff and Class
17 Members have suffered and will continue to suffer damages, including pecuniary losses,
18 anxiety, and emotional distress. They have suffered or are at increased risk of suffering
19 from:

- 20 • the loss of the opportunity to control how their PII is used;
- 21 • the diminution in the value and/or use of their PII, entrusted to Defendants
22 for the purpose of obtaining cellular telephone services with the
23 understanding that Defendants and its employees/managers would safeguard
24 their PII against theft and not allow access and misuse of their PII by others;
- 25 • the compromise, publication and/or theft of their PII;
- 26 • out-of-pocket costs associated with the prevention, detection, and recovery
27 from identity theft and/or unauthorized use of financial and medical
28 accounts;

- 1 • lost opportunity costs associated with effort expended and the loss of
- 2 productivity from addressing and attempting to mitigate the actual and future
- 3 consequences of the data breach, including but not limited to efforts spent
- 4 researching how to prevent, detect, contest and recover from identity and
- 5 health care/medical data misuse;
- 6 • costs associated with the ability to use credit and assets frozen or flagged
- 7 due to credit misuse, including complete credit denial and/or increased costs
- 8 to use credit, credit scores, credit reports and assets;
- 9 • unauthorized use of compromised PII to open new financial and/or health
- 10 care or medical accounts;
- 11 • the continued risk to their PII, which remains in the Defendants possession
- 12 and is subject to further breaches so long as Defendants fail to undertake
- 13 appropriate measures to protect the PII in their possession;
- 14 • current and future costs in terms of time, effort, and money that will be
- 15 expended to prevent, detect, contest, and repair the impact of the PII
- 16 compromised as a result of the data breach for the remainder of the lives of
- 17 the Class members and their families/spouses/dependents.

18 **II. PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

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20 22. Plaintiff, Jesus Franco, is a resident of the state of Pennsylvania, and resided
21 in that state at all times herein material.

22 23. Experian Information Solutions, Inc, is an Ohio corporation with its
23 principal offices located at 475 Anton Blvd., Costa Mesa, California 92626.

24 24. T-Mobile USA, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its principal offices
25 located at 12920 SE 38th Street, Bellevue, Washington 98006.

26 25. The true names capacities of Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 10,
27 inclusive, are currently unknown to Plaintiff, who therefore sues such Defendants by such
28 fictitious names. Each of the Defendants designated herein as DOE is legally responsible
in some manner for the unlawful acts referred to herein. Plaintiff will seek leave of Court

1 to amend this Complaint to reflect the true names and capacities of the Defendants
2 designated herein as DOES when such identities become known.

3 26. Based on information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that at all times mentioned
4 herein, each and every Defendant was acting as an agent and/or employee of each of the
5 other Defendants, and at all times mentioned was acting within the course and scope of
6 said agency and/or employment with full knowledge, permission, and consent of each of
7 the other Defendants. In addition, each of the acts and/or omissions of each Defendant
8 alleged herein were made known to, and ratified by, each of the other Defendants.

9 27. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the Class
10 Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d). The aggregated claims of the individual Class
11 Members exceed the sum or value of \$5,000,000 exclusive of interest and costs; there are
12 more than 100 putative class members defined below; and minimal diversity exists
13 because the majority of putative class members are citizens of a different state than
14 Defendants.

15 28. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 in light
16 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act alleged below; supplemental jurisdiction over state
17 claims exists under 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

18 III. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

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20 29. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to Rule 23 (a), (b)(2), (b)(3), and (c)(4)
21 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. He brings this action on his own behalf and on
22 behalf of all other similarly situated persons. Plaintiff is informed and believes there are
23 thousands of members in the proposed Class. The proposed Class consists of:

24 **All persons throughout the United States who were customers or**
25 **potential customers of T-Mobile USA, Inc., and for which Experian**
26 **performed a credit check for service or device financing from**
27 **September 1, 2013, through September 16, 2015.**

28 30. To be excluded from the Class are all officers and directors of Defendants
and the Judges assigned to and who may preside over this case and the Judges' staff.

1 31. **Numerosity.** The Class is so numerous that joinder of all Members is
2 impracticable. Upon information and belief, there are at least tens of thousands of
3 individuals, if not millions of individuals, whose PII has been stolen from Defendants.
4 These individuals are identifiable from Plaintiff's description of the Class, and from
5 Defendants' records, and/or from the records of third parties accessible through
6 discovery.

7 32. **Typicality.** Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of other Class Members, as
8 there are no material differences in the facts and law underlying their claims and
9 Plaintiff's prosecution of their claims will advance the claims of all Class Members. By
10 aggressively pursuing his own claim, the Plaintiff will necessarily be concurrently
11 aggressively pursuing the claims of Class Members.

12 33. **Adequacy.** Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the
13 Class and is willing to submit to the Court such evidence as the Court may deem
14 necessary to ensure that the interests of the Class are properly served. Plaintiff has
15 retained competent counsel experienced in the prosecution of this type of Class litigation.

16 34. **Common Questions and Predominate.** There are numerous and substantial
17 questions of law or fact common to all members of the Class that will predominate over
18 any individual issues, including but not limited to:

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- 20 a. Whether Defendants negligently failed to implement and maintain
21 commercially reasonable procedures to ensure the security of Class
22 Members' PII;
 - 23 b. Whether Defendants, after discovering the data breach, negligently
24 failed to take steps to: (i) promptly notify the Class; and (ii) protect
25 Class Members in a timely manner;
 - 26 c. Whether Defendants owed a fiduciary obligation to the members of
27 the Class and whether that fiduciary obligation was breached as a
28 result of the Defendants' actions and inactions;
 - d. Whether there exists an implied contract between the members of the
 Class on one hand, and Defendants on the other hand, and whether
 the actions and inactions of Defendants breached that implied
 contract;
 - e. Whether Defendants should be required to pay for the reasonable cost
 of credit monitoring services; and

1 f. To the extent that some Class Members have already sustained
2 damage as a result of identity theft brought about by Defendants'
3 actions and inactions, what is the proper measure of damages, and the
4 proper method for determining those damages, on a Class-wide basis.

5 35. *Superiority.* Class treatment of the claims set forth in this Complaint is
6 superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this
7 controversy. The expense and burden of individual litigation would make it impracticable
8 or impossible for the proposed Class Members to prosecute their claims individually.
9 Absent a class action, a multiplicity of individual lawsuits would be required to address
10 the claims between Class Members and Defendants so that inconsistent treatment and
11 adjudication of the claims would likely result.

12 36. The litigation of Plaintiff's claims is manageable. Defendants' uniform
13 conduct, the consistent provisions of the relevant laws, and the ascertainable identities of
14 Class Members demonstrates that there would be no significant manageability problems
15 with prosecuting this lawsuit as a class action.

16 37. Adequate notice can be given to Class Members directly using information
17 maintained in Defendants' records and/or through publication.

18 38. Unless a Class-wide injunction is issued, Defendants may continue in its
19 failure to properly secure the PII of Class Members; Defendants may continue to refuse
20 to provide proper notification to Class Members regarding the scope of the data breach,
21 and Defendants may continue to act unlawfully as set forth in this Complaint.

22 39. Defendants have acted, or refused to act, on grounds that apply generally to
23 the Class, making final injunctive and declaratory relief appropriate to the Class as a
24 whole. Defendants' acts and omissions are the direct and proximate cause of damage
25 described more fully elsewhere in this Complaint.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
Negligence (As To All Defendants)

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3 40. Plaintiff and the Class incorporate by reference each preceding paragraph as
4 though fully set forth at length herein.

5 41. Upon accepting and storing Class Members' PII in its respective computer
6 database systems, Defendants undertook and owed a duty to Class Members to exercise
7 reasonable care. It was Defendants' obligation to secure and safeguard that information
8 and to utilize commercially reasonable methods to do so. Defendants knew that the PII
9 was private and confidential and should be protected as private and confidential.

10 42. Defendants breached its duties to Class Members to adequately protect and
11 safeguard this information by knowingly disregarding standard principles relating to the
12 securing of PII. Defendants negligently failed to provide adequate supervision and
13 oversight of the PII which was, and is, entrusted to them, in spite of the known risks and
14 foreseeable likelihood of breach and misuse. Defendants' failures permitted third persons
15 to gather Class Members' PII, misuse the PII, and intentionally disclose it to others
16 without consent.

17 43. The law also imposes an affirmative duty on Defendants to timely disclose
18 the theft of the PII so that Class Members could be vigilant in attempting to determine if
19 any of their accounts or assets had been stolen through identity theft.

20 44. Through Defendants' acts and omissions described in this Complaint,
21 Defendants unlawfully breached their duty to use reasonable care to adequately protect
22 and secure Class Members' PII during the time it was within Defendants' possession or
23 control.

24 45. Further, through their failure to provide timely and clear notification of the
25 data breach to consumers, Defendants negligently prevented Class Members from taking
26 meaningful, proactive steps to investigate possible identity theft.
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1 46. Defendants improperly and inadequately safeguarded PII of Class Members
2 in deviation of standard industry rules, regulations and practices at the time of the
3 unauthorized access.

4 47. Given the extensive publicity about the efforts of criminal enterprises to
5 obtain PII, it was foreseeable to Defendants that the Plaintiff's PII in their possession
6 might be attractive to hackers and other criminals.

7 48. For all the reasons stated above, Defendants' conduct was negligent and
8 departed from reasonable standards of care including, but not limited to: failing to
9 adequately protect the PII; failing to conduct regular security audits; failing to provide
10 adequate and appropriate supervision of persons having access to Class Members' PII;
11 and failing to provide Class Members with timely and sufficient notice that their sensitive
12 PII had been compromised.

13 49. Neither Plaintiff nor the other Class Members contributed to the data breach
14 or subsequent misuse of their PII as described in this Complaint.

15 50. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions and inactions,
16 Plaintiff and every member of the Class has been put at risk of identity theft and has an
17 obligation to mitigate damages through credit monitoring services. Defendants are liable
18 to each and every member of the Class for the reasonable costs of future credit
19 monitoring services. Defendants are also liable to those Class Members who have
20 directly sustained damages as a result of their identity theft.

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22 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
23 **Breach Of Implied Contract (As To T-Mobile And Doe Defendants)**

24 51. Plaintiff and the Class incorporate by reference each preceding paragraph as
25 though fully set forth at length herein.

26 52. When the Plaintiff became a customer of T-Mobile, there arose a contract
27 between the Plaintiff and T-Mobile. The same is true with respect to the contractual
28 relationship that arose between T-Mobile and every other member of the Class.

1 53. T-Mobile was to provide wireless service or related devices to its
2 customers.

3 54. Implicit in the agreement made by T-Mobile was an understanding that, as
4 part of the service or the sale of those devices, T-Mobile would protect the sensitive
5 information provided by the Class (including those that this not end up purchasing a
6 phone with T-Mobile or otherwise consummate a formal contractual relationship with T-
7 Mobile), as required by accepted standards in T-Mobile's businesses.

8 55. T-Mobile breached its implied agreement causing damages to the members
9 of the Class for which recovery should be made as demanded hereafter.

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11 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**
12 **Violation Of California's Consumer Records Act**
(Civ. Code, § 1798.80, *Et Seq*) (As To All Defendants)

13 56. Plaintiff and the Class incorporate by reference each preceding paragraph as
14 though fully set forth at length herein.

15 57. "[T]o ensure that personal information about California residents is
16 protected," the California legislature enacted Civil Code section 1798.81.5, which
17 requires that any business that "owns or licenses personal information about a California
18 resident shall implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices
19 appropriate to the nature of the information, to protect the personal information from
20 unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure."

21 58. Defendants are a "business" within the meaning of Civil Code section
22 1798.80(a).

23 59. Plaintiff and members of the Class are "individual[s]" within the meaning of
24 Civil Code section 1798.80(d).

25 60. Pursuant to Civil Code sections 1798.80(e) and 1798.81.5(d)(1)(C), the data
26 theft included the theft of "personal information" as meant by those sections, including
27 names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and driver's license or state identification
28 card numbers.

1 61. The breach of personal data of thousands of former or current or prospective
2 customers of T-Mobile constituted a “breach of the security system” of Defendants,
3 under Civil Code section 1798.82(g).

4 62. By failing to implement reasonable measures to protect its former and
5 current and prospective customers’ personal data, Defendants violated Civil Code section
6 1798.81.5.

7 63. In addition, by failing to promptly notify all affected former and current and
8 prospective customers of Defendants that their personal information had been acquired
9 (or was reasonably believed to have been acquired) by unauthorized persons in the data
10 breach, Defendants violated Civil Code section 1798.82 of the same title. Defendants’
11 failure to timely notify customers of the breach has caused Class members damages
12 because they had to take measures to remediate the breach caused by Defendants’
13 negligence.

14 64. By violating Civil Code sections 1798.81.5 and 1798.82, Defendants “may
15 be enjoined” under Civil Code section 1798.84(e).

16 65. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the Class request that the Court enter an
17 injunction requiring Defendants to implement and maintain reasonable security
18 procedures to protect customers’ data in compliance with the California Customer
19 Records Act, including, but not limited to: (1) ordering that Defendants, consistent with
20 industry standard practices, engage third party security auditors/penetration testers as
21 well as internal security personnel to conduct testing, including simulated attacks,
22 penetration tests, and audits on Defendants’ systems on a periodic basis; (2) ordering that
23 Defendants engage third party security auditors and internal personnel, consistent with
24 industry standard practices, to run automated security monitoring; (3) ordering that
25 Defendants audit, test, and train their security personnel regarding any new or modified
26 procedures; (4) ordering that Defendants purge, delete, and destroy in a reasonable secure
27 manner patient data not necessary for their business operations; (5) ordering that
28 Defendants, consistent with industry standard practices, conduct regular database

1 scanning, real-time network traffic analysis, and security checks; (6) ordering that
2 Defendants, consistent with industry standard practices, periodically conduct internal
3 training and education to inform internal security personnel how to identify and contain a
4 breach when it occurs and what to do in response to a breach; (7) ordering Defendants to
5 meaningfully educate their former and current and prospective customers about the
6 threats they face as a result of the loss of their personal information to third parties, as
7 well as the steps they must take to protect themselves; and (8) ordering Defendants to
8 implement a written policy for implementation of the items (1) through (7), above.

9 66. Plaintiff further requests that the Court require Defendants to (1) identify
10 and notify all members of the Class who have not yet been informed of the data breach;
11 and (2) to notify affected former and current customers of any future data breaches by
12 email within 24 hours of Defendants' discovery of a breach or possible breach.

13 67. As a result of Defendants' violation of Civil Code sections 1798.81.5 and
14 1798.82, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the members of the Class, seeks
15 remedies under Civil Code section 1798.84, specifically, equitable relief.

16 68. Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the members of the Class, also seeks
17 reasonable attorney's fees and costs under applicable law, including Code of Civil
18 Procedure section 1021.5.

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20 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
21 **Violation Of California Unfair Competition Laws**
(Bus. & Prof. Code, § 17200) (As To All Defendants)

22 69. Plaintiff and the Class incorporate by reference each preceding paragraph as
23 though fully set forth at length herein.

24 70. Plaintiff brings this cause of action on behalf of Plaintiff and the Class
25 members whose personal information was compromised as a result of the data breach.

26 71. Defendants' acts and practices, as alleged in this complaint, constitute
27 unlawful and unfair business practices in violation of the Unfair Competition Law
28 ("UCL"), Bus. & Prof. Code, § 17200, *et seq.*

1 72. Defendants' acts and practices, as alleged in this complaint, constitute
2 unlawful and unfair practices in that they violate Civil Code section 1798.80, *et seq.*, and
3 because Defendants' conduct was negligent.

4 73. Defendants' practices were unlawful and in violation of Civil Code section
5 1798.81.5(b) because Defendants failed to take reasonable security measures in
6 protecting their former and current and prospective customers' personal data.

7 74. Defendants' practices were also unlawful and in violation of Civil Code
8 section 1798.82 because Defendants unreasonably delayed informing Plaintiff and
9 members of the Class about the breach of security after Defendants knew that the data
10 breach occurred.

11 75. The acts, omissions, and conduct of Defendants constitute a violation of the
12 unlawful prong of the UCL because they failed to comport with a reasonable standard of
13 care and public policy as reflected in statutes such as the Information Practices Act of
14 1977, Civ. Code, § 1798, *et seq.*, and the California Customer Records Act, Civ. Code, §
15 1798.80, *et seq.*, which seek to protect individuals' data and ensure that entities who
16 solicit or are entrusted with personal data utilize reasonable security measures.

17 76. Defendants violated the "unfair" prong of the UCL because their acts and/or
18 omissions were immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, unconscionable, and/or
19 substantially injurious to Plaintiff and Class members, and because their acts and/or
20 omissions constitute conduct that undermines or violates the stated policies underlying
21 the California Customer Records Act and other privacy statutes. In enacting the
22 California Customer Records Act, the Legislature state that: "[i]dentity theft is costly to
23 the marketplace and to consumers" and that "victims of identity theft must act quickly to
24 minimize the damage; therefore expeditious notification of possible misuse of a person's
25 personal information is imperative." (2002 Cal. Legis. Serv. Ch. 1054 (A.B. 700)
26 (WEST).) Defendants' conduct also undermines California public policy as reflected in
27 other statutes such as the Information Practices Act of 1977, Civ. Code, § 1798, *et seq.*,
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1 which seeks to protect individuals' data and ensure that entities who solicit or are
2 entrusted with personal data utilize reasonable security measures.

3 77. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful business practices
4 as alleged herein, Plaintiff and members of the Class have suffered the following injuries
5 in fact and losses of money or property: (1) loss of opportunity to control how their PII is
6 used; (2) diminution in the value and/or use of their PII; (3) the compromise, publication,
7 and/or theft of their PII; (4) out-of-pocket costs associated with the prevention, detection,
8 and recovery from identity theft or unauthorized use of financial and medical costs; (5)
9 lost opportunity costs and loss of productivity from efforts to mitigate the actual and
10 future consequences of the theft of PII; (6) cost associated with the inability to use credit
11 and assets frozen or flagged as a result of credit misuse; (7) unauthorized use of
12 compromised PII; (8) tax fraud or other unauthorized charges to financial, health care, or
13 medical accounts; (9) continued risk to PII that remain in the possession of Defendants,
14 as long as Defendants fail to undertake adequate measures to protect PII; and (10) future
15 costs in terms of time, effort, and money that will be expended to prevent and repair the
16 impact of the data breach.

17 78. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful business practices
18 as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members face an increased risk of identity theft
19 based on the theft and disclosure of their personal information.

20 79. As a result of Defendants' violations, Plaintiff and members of the Class are
21 entitled to injunctive relief, including, but not limited to: (1) ordering that Defendants,
22 consistent with industry standard practices, engage third party security
23 auditors/penetration testers as well as internal security personnel to conduct testing,
24 including simulated attacks, penetration tests, and audits on Defendants' systems on a
25 periodic basis; (2) ordering that Defendants engage third party security auditors and
26 internal personnel, consistent with industry standard practices, to run automated security
27 monitoring; (3) ordering that Defendants audit, test, and train their security personnel
28 regarding any new or modified procedures; (4) ordering that Defendants purge, delete,

1 and destroy in a reasonable secure manner patient data not necessary for their business
2 operations; (5) ordering that Defendants, consistent with industry standard practices,
3 conduct regular database scanning, real-time network traffic analysis, and securing
4 checks; (6) ordering that Defendants, consistent with industry standard practices,
5 periodically conduct internal training and education to inform internal security personnel
6 how to identify and contain a breach when it occurs and what to do in response to a
7 breach; (7) ordering Defendants to meaningfully educate their former and current
8 customers about the threats they face as a result of the loss of their personal information
9 to third parties, as well as the steps they must take to protect themselves; and (8) ordering
10 Defendants to implement a written policy for implementation of the items (1) through (7),
11 above.

12 80. Because of Defendants' unfair and unlawful business practices, Plaintiff and
13 the Class are entitled to relief, including (1) restitution to Plaintiff and Class members of
14 the losses they incurred as a result of the data breach and restitutionary disgorgement of
15 all profits accruing to Defendants as a result of their unlawful and unfair business
16 practices; (2) attorneys' fees and costs; (3) declaratory relief; and (4) a permanent
17 injunction enjoining Defendants from their unlawful and unfair practices.

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19 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
Invasion Of Privacy (As To All Defendants)

20 81. Plaintiff and the Class incorporate by reference each preceding paragraph as
21 though fully set forth at length herein.

22 82. Experian invaded Plaintiff's and the Class members' right to privacy by
23 allowing the unauthorized access to Plaintiff's and Class members' PII and by
24 negligently maintaining the confidentiality of Plaintiff's and Class members' PII, as set
25 forth above.

26 83. The intrusion was offensive and objectionable to Plaintiff, the Class
27 members, and to a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in that Plaintiff's and Class
28 members' PII was disclosed without prior written authorization of Plaintiff and the Class.

1 84. The intrusion was into a place or thing which was private and is entitled to
2 be private, in that Plaintiff's and the Class members' provided and disclosed their PII to
3 Experian, as customers of T-Mobile, privately with an intention that the PII would be
4 kept confidential and would be protected from unauthorized disclosure. Plaintiff and the
5 Class members were reasonable to believe that such information would be kept private
6 and would not be disclosed without their written authorization.

7 85. As a proximate result of Defendants' above acts, Plaintiff's and the Class
8 members' PII was viewed, printed, distributed, and used by persons without prior written
9 authorization and Plaintiff and the Class members suffered damages.

10 86. Defendants are guilty of oppression, fraud, or malice by permitting the
11 unauthorized disclosure of Plaintiff's and the Class members' personal information with
12 a willful and conscious disregard of Plaintiff's and the Class members' right to privacy.

13 87. Unless and until enjoined, and restrained by order of this Court, Defendants'
14 wrongful conduct will continue to cause Plaintiff and the Class members great and
15 irreparable injury in that the PII maintained by Defendants can be viewed, printed,
16 distributed, and used by unauthorized persons. Plaintiff and Class members have no
17 adequate remedy at law for the injuries in that a judgment for the monetary damages will
18 not end the invasion of privacy for Plaintiff and the Class.

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20 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
21 **Negligent Violation Of The Fair Credit Reporting Act (As To Experian And Doe**
22 **Defendants)**

23 88. Plaintiff and the Class incorporate by reference each preceding and
24 succeeding paragraph as though fully set forth at length herein.

25 89. Experian owed a duty to Plaintiff and Class Members to safeguard the
26 security of their personal customer account information and to adopt and maintain
27 reasonable procedures pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681(b)
28 ("FCRA"), including procedures to adequately secure its servers and sufficiently
encrypt its passwords, in a manner fair and equitable to consumers while maintaining

1 the confidentiality, accuracy, relevancy and proper utilization of such information.

2 90. Experian negligently failed to adopt and maintain reasonable procedures in
3 a manner fair and equitable to consumers while maintaining the confidentiality,
4 accuracy, relevancy and proper utilization of such information in compliance with
5 FCRA. In addition, Experian negligently violated FCRA because, by its failure to
6 maintain reasonable procedures, hackers gained unauthorized access to consumer report
7 information absent a permissible purpose.

8 91. Plaintiff and Class Members suffered actual damages as a result of
9 Experian's negligent violation of FCRA including but not limited to the lost monetary
10 value of their personal customer account information, expenses for credit monitoring
11 and identity theft insurance, out-of-pocket expenses, anxiety and emotional distress and
12 loss of privacy.

13 92. Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to compensation for their actual
14 damages as described above, and attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §
15 1681o(a).

17 RELIEF SOUGHT

18 Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court enter a judgment and order as follows:

- 19 A. For an order certifying that the action may be maintained as a class action
20 under Rule 23(a), (b)(2), (b)(3) and (c)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil
21 Procedure; certifying Plaintiff as a representative of the Class defined above
22 and designating his undersigned counsel as counsel for the Class;
- 23 B. A mandatory injunction directing that Defendants hereafter adequately
24 safeguard the PII of the Class by implementing improved security
25 procedures;
- 26 C. A mandatory injunction requiring that Defendants provide notice to each
27 member of the Class relating to the full nature and extent of their PII that has
28 been accessed by unauthorized persons;

- 1 D. For damages as provided by state and federal law;
- 2 E. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs as may be permitted by law; and
- 3 F. For all other legal and equitable relief as the Court may deem just and
- 4 proper.

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7 Dated: October 5, 2015

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13 **JURY DEMAND**

14 Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the putative Classes, demand a trial by jury
15 on all issues so triable.

16 Dated: October 5, 2015

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