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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION**

MADDALENA BOWERS, on behalf of
herself and a class of similarly situated
persons,

Plaintiff,

v.

SNOWFLAKE, INC.

Defendant.

NO.: CV-24-55-BU-JTJ

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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1 Plaintiff Maddalena Bowers, individually and on behalf of all others
2 similarly situated (“Plaintiff”), brings this action against Defendant Snowflake,
3 Inc. (“Snowflake” or “Defendant”), seeking monetary damages, restitution, and/or
4 injunctive relief for the proposed Class, as defined below. Plaintiff makes the
5 following allegations upon information and belief, the investigation of counsel, and
6 personal knowledge or facts that are a matter of public record.
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9 I. INTRODUCTION

10 1. The release, disclosure, and publication of sensitive, private data can
11 be devastating. Not only is it an intrusion of privacy and a loss of control, but it is a
12 harbinger of identity theft: for victims of a data breach, the risk of identity theft
13 more than quadruples.¹ A data breach can have grave consequences for victims for
14 years after the actual date of the breach—with the obtained information, thieves
15 can wreak many forms of havoc: open new financial accounts, take out loans,
16 obtain medical services, obtain government benefits, and/or obtain driver’s licenses
17 in the victims’ names, forcing victims to maintain a constant vigilance over the
18 potential misuse of their information.
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20 2. This class action arises out of Snowflake’s failure to secure its cloud
21 storage systems, enabling criminals to access and misuse highly sensitive Private
22 Information from Snowflake’s cloud storage and systems that Plaintiff and
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24 ¹ Dave Maxfield & Bill Latham, Data Breaches: Perspectives from Both Sides of the Wall, S.C. Lawyer
25 (May 2014).

1 members of the Class provided to companies that, in turn relied on Snowflake to
2 store and protect such Private Information (the “Data Breach”).
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4 3. One of Defendant’s customers was Beverly Hills, California based
5 Ticketmaster, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Live Nation and markets
6 itself as a sophisticated, reliable entertainment ticket seller. Live Nation is “the
7 largest live entertainment company in the world, connecting over 765 million fans
8 across all of our concerts and ticketing platforms in 49 countries during 2023.”² In
9 its Privacy Policy found on its website, Live Nation has a section entitled “Looking
10 After Your Information,” under which it claims” “We take steps to try to make
11 sure your information is protected and to delete it securely when we no longer need
12 it.”³
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16 4. Despite these representations, Ticketmaster engaged Defendant
17 Snowflake to manage its Data Cloud virtual warehouse, but protection of the
18 information it maintains from and about its customers was woefully inadequate.
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20 5. On May 29, 2024, Live Nation confirmed in a brief Form 8-k filing
21 with the SEC that on May 20, 2024, it discovered that a third-party database
22 containing its customers’ private information had been breached. Specifically, the
23 disclosure form stated:
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26 ² Form 10-K Annual Report for Live Nation Entertainment, Inc., BAMSEC,
27 <https://www.bamsec.com/filing/133525824000017?cik=1335258> (last visited June 4, 2024).

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

On May 20, 2024, Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. (the “Company” or “we”) identified unauthorized activity within a third-party cloud database environment containing Company data (primarily from its Ticketmaster L.L.C. subsidiary) and launched an investigation with industry-leading forensic investigators to understand what happened. On May 27, 2024, a criminal threat actor offered what it alleged to be Company user data for sale via the dark web. We are working to mitigate risk to our users and the Company, and have notified and are cooperating with law enforcement. As appropriate, we are also notifying regulatory authorities and users with respect to unauthorized access to personal information.⁴

6. On or around May 28, 2024, the Private Information of 560,000,000 Ticketmaster and Live Nation’s customers was compromised and listed for sale.⁵ The notorious hacker group known only by its alias “ShinyHunters” claimed that it had stolen 1.3 terabytes of personal data and is reportedly ready to sell, or has



⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Georgie Hewson, *Home Affairs Department confirms cyber incident impacting Ticketmaster customers*, ABC NEWS (May 29, 2024), <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-05-29/ticketmaster-hack-allegedlyshinyhunter-customers-data-leaked/103908614>. (last visited July 3, 2024).

1 already sold, such information to nefarious dark web users for \$500,000, as
2 illustrated by their post on BreachForums, a dark-web marketplace for stolen data.
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4 7. This Data Breach occurred because Snowflake enabled an
5 unauthorized third party to gain access to and obtain former and current
6 Ticketmaster and Live Nation's customers' Private Information from
7 Ticketmaster's systems housed by Snowflake.⁶
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9 8. Ticketmaster and Live Nation store customer data in a virtual
10 warehouse provided by Defendant Snowflake, which offers its "Data Cloud" to
11 institutional customers to consolidate and store data.⁷
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13 9. Snowflake provides digital warehouses, known as "Snowflake Data
14 Clouds," for its thousands of clients around the world, and as a result has access to,
15 stores, and maintains huge datasets of Private Information of its corporate clients'
16 customers and employees. For the purposes of this action, Snowflake's corporate
17 clients are entities that contracted with Snowflake to store confidential files of their
18 customers and employees. Snowflake's corporate clients include, but are not
19 limited to, AT&T, Ticketmaster, Mastercard, Nielsen, Novartis, PepsiCo, Siemens,
20 Advanced Auto Parts, Santander Bank, Allstate Insurance, Anheuser-Busch,
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27 ⁶ *Id.*

28 ⁷ *Form 10-K Annual Report for Snowflake, Inc.*, BAMSEC,
<https://www.bamsec.com/filing/164014724000101?cik=1640147> (last visited July 3, 2024).

1 Mitsubishi, Neiman Marcus, Doordash, HP, Instacart, Capital One, JetBlue, Pitney
2 Bowes, Progressive, State Farm, NBC Universal, and many others.⁸
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4 10. As a result of the Data Breach, through which their Personally
5 Identifiable Information (“PII”) was compromised, disclosed, and obtained by
6 unauthorized third parties, Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered concrete
7 damages and are now exposed to a heightened and imminent risk of fraud and
8 identity theft for a period of years, if not decades. Furthermore, Plaintiff and Class
9 Members must now and in the future closely monitor their financial accounts to
10 guard against identity theft, at their own expense. Consequently, Plaintiff and the
11 other Class Members will incur ongoing out-of-pocket costs for, *e.g.*, purchasing
12 credit monitoring services, credit freezes, credit reports, or other protective
13 measures to deter and detect identity theft.
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17 11. By this Complaint, Plaintiff seeks to remedy these harms on behalf of
18 herself and all similarly situated individuals whose Private Information was
19 accessed during the Data Breach.
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21 II. JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND CHOICE OF LAW

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23 12. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to
24 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A), as modified by the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005
25 (“CAFA”), 28 U.S.C. § 1711, *et seq.*, because at least one member of the Class, as
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27 ⁸ See Leaders Choose Snowflake, SNOWFLAKE (N.D.), [https://www.snowflake.com/en/customers/all-](https://www.snowflake.com/en/customers/all-customers/)
28 [customers/](https://www.snowflake.com/en/customers/all-customers/) (last accessed July 8, 2024).

1 defined below, is a citizen of a different state than Defendant, there are more than
2 100 members of the Class, and the aggregate amount in controversy exceeds
3 \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs. This Court also has diversity
4 jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).
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6 13. Defendant Snowflake is subject to personal jurisdiction in Montana as
7 a resident of this state. Defendant Snowflake is authorized to do and is doing
8 business, advertises, and solicits business within the state. By residing in Montana,
9 Defendant is physically present and subject to its laws.
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11 14. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) through (d)
12 because Snowflake's principal place of business is located in this District and a
13 substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in,
14 was directed to, and/or emanated from this District.
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16 III. PARTIES

17 A. Plaintiff Maddalena Bowers

18 15. Plaintiff Maddalena Bowers is a citizen of and is domiciled in
19 Torrance in the state of California.
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21 16. Plaintiff is a customer of Ticketmaster and has purchased, on average,
22 15-20 sets of tickets from Ticketmaster for various events.
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24 17. Plaintiff provided confidential and sensitive PII to Ticketmaster, as
25 requested and required by Ticketmaster for the provision of its services.
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27 Ticketmaster obtained and through Defendant Snowflake continues to maintain
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1 Plaintiff's PII and Snowflake has a legal duty and obligation to protect that PII
2 from unauthorized access and disclosure.
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4 18. Plaintiff would not have entrusted her PII to Ticketmaster had she
5 known that Ticketmaster would provide it to Snowflake, which failed to maintain
6 adequate data security.
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8 19. On or about June 27, 2024, Plaintiff read online about the Data
9 Breach. She learned that Ticketmaster had lost the information of 560 million
10 customers. Because Plaintiff regularly purchases 15-20 set of tickets from
11 Ticketmaster each year, on information and belief, Plaintiffs information is
12 included among the 560 million customer records that were compromised from
13 Snowflake's systems and offered for sale on the Dark Web.
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16 20. Plaintiff subsequently spent several hours taking action to mitigate the
17 impact of the Data Breach, including researching the Data Breach, researching
18 ways to protect herself from data breaches, and reviewing her financial accounts
19 for fraud or suspicious activity. She now plans to spend several hours a month
20 checking account statements for irregularities.
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23 21. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff has suffered emotional
24 distress as a result of the release of her PII, which she expected Defendant to
25 protect from disclosure, including anxiety, concern, and unease about unauthorized
26 parties viewing and potentially using her PII. As a result of the Data Breach,
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1 Plaintiff anticipates spending considerable time and money to contain the impact of
2 the Data Breach.

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4 **B. Defendant**

5 22. Defendant Snowflake, Inc. is a Delaware corporation headquartered
6 in Montana with its principal executive office located at 106 E. Babcock, Suite A
7 Bozeman, MT 59715.

9 23. Snowflake is a publicly traded corporation listed on the New York
10 Stock Exchange with revenues totaling approximately \$829 million for the three
11 months ended on April 30, 2024.⁹

13 24. Snowflake's Data Cloud platform is used globally, with 9,437
14 institutions trusting Snowflake to manage and store customers' data.¹⁰

16 25. Due to the nature of the services Snowflake provides, it receives and
17 is entrusted with securely storing consumers' Private Information, which includes,
18 inter alia, individuals' full name, payment information, occasional location data,
19 and other sensitive information. As a contracting party entrusted with millions of
20 customers' PII, Snowflake was expected to provide confidentiality and adequate
21 security for the data it collected in accordance with Defendant Ticketmaster's
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26 ⁹ Form 10-Q Quarterly Report for Snowflake, Inc., BAMSEC,
27 <https://www.bamsec.com/filing/164014724000135?cik=1640147> (last visited June 12, 2024).

28 ¹⁰ Form 10-K Annual Report for Snowflake, Inc., BAMSEC,
<https://www.bamsec.com/filing/164014724000101?cik=1640147> (last visited June 12, 2024).

1 promises and disclosures and is expected to comply with statutory privacy
2 requirements.
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4 26. In the course of its business, Ticketmaster collects names, phone
5 numbers, Social Security numbers, physical addresses, driver's license
6 information, and other information from its customers and prospective customers
7 and it stores and maintains this information in Snowflake's cloud computing
8 system and storage.
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10 IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

11 A. Defendant Failed to Adequately Protect Customer Data, Resulting in the 12 Data Breach

13 27. On May 28, 2024, ShinyHunters, a known criminal hacking group,
14 posted for sale 1.3 terabytes of PII on a hacker forum and marketplace.¹¹
15 According to ShinyHunters' forum post, the PII included "560 million customers
16 [sic] full details (name, address, email, phone) [¶] Ticket sales, event information,
17 [sic] full details (name, address, email, phone) [¶] Ticket sales, event information,
18 order details [¶] CC [credit card] detail [sic] [¶] customer, last 4 of card, expiration
19 date. Customer fraud details [¶] much more."¹² ShinyHunters offered to sell the
20 data for \$500,000.¹³
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26 ¹¹ Waqas, *Hackers Claim Ticketmaster Data Breach: 560M Users' Info for Sale at \$500k*, HACKREAD
(June 3, 2024), <https://hackread.com/hackers-ticketmaster-data-breach- 560m-users-sale/>.

27 ¹² *Id.*

28 ¹³ *Id.*

1 28. On May 29, 2024, Live Nation made a Form 8-k filing with the SEC
2 reporting that on May 20, 2024, it discovered that its customers' private
3 information had been offered for sale. The disclosure stated that Live Nation had
4 "identified unauthorized activity within a third-party cloud database environment
5 containing Company data (primarily from its Ticketmaster L.L.C. subsidiary) and
6 launched an investigation with industry-leading forensic investigators to
7 understand what happened."¹⁴ The disclosure further stated that Live Nation was
8 "working to mitigate risk to our users and the Company[.]"¹⁵
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12 29. Snowflake is familiar with its obligations—created by contract,
13 industry standards, common law, and representations to their customers—to
14 protect customer information. Plaintiff and Class Members provided their PII to
15 Ticketmaster and other Snowflake clients with the reasonable expectation that any
16 company entrusted with their information would comply with its obligations to
17 keep such information confidential and secure.
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20 30. Ticketmaster states on its website: "We're always taking steps to
21 make sure your information is protected and deleted securely" and "[w]e have
22 security measures in place to protect your information."¹⁶
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26 ¹⁴ See Form 8-k, attached as Exhibit A.

27 ¹⁵ *Id.*

28 ¹⁶ *Privacy Policy*, TICKETMASTER, <https://privacy.ticketmaster.com/privacy-policy> (last visited June 4, 2024).

1 31. Ticketmaster also sets forth “10 commitments” on its website,
2 including its purported commitment to “Security & Confidentiality.”¹⁷
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4 Specifically, Ticketmaster asserts that “[t]he security of our fans’ information is a
5 priority for us. We take all necessary security measures to protect personal
6 information that’s shared and stored with us.”¹⁸
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8 32. Snowflake knew that its customers were relying on it to comply with
9 their promises concerning data security, yet failed to comply with these
10 obligations, resulting in the Data Breach. Plaintiff and Class Members now face
11 years of constant surveillance of their financial and personal records.
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13 **B. Defendant’s Lack of Security for its Data Environment**
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15 33. As a direct result of Snowflake’s failure to implement basic security
16 measures, millions of Americans have had their PII made available on the dark
17 web to be purchased by criminals. Cybersecurity firms, journalists, and threat
18 actors have claimed that 165 Snowflake customers’ data had been exfiltrated. At
19 least the confidential customer data of the following companies have been released
20 as a result of Snowflake’s failure to secure its customers’ customer information:¹⁹
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- 22 • **Ticketmaster.** On May 28, 2024, threat actors posted that 1.4
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25 ¹⁷ *Our Commitments*, TICKETMASTER, <https://privacy.ticketmaster.com/en/our-commitments> (last visited
26 June 4, 2024).

27 ¹⁸ *Id.*

28 ¹⁹ *UNC5537 Targets Snowflake Customer Instances for Data Theft and Extortion*, MANDIANT (June 10, 2024), <https://cloud.google.com/blog/topics/threat-intelligence/unc5537-snowflake-data-theft-extortion> (last accessed July 8, 2024).

1 terabytes of Ticketmaster customers' Private Information was
2 available for purchase on the hacking website Breach Forums.²⁰ The
3 notorious hacking group ShinyHunters offered the trove of Plaintiff's
4 and Class Members' Private Information for \$500,000. Ticketmaster
5 has confirmed the loss of files was a result of Snowflake's Data
6 Breach which occurred on May 20, 2024.²¹ The lost information
7 included "560 million customers [sic] full details (name, address,
8 email, phone) – Ticket sales, event information, order details – CC
9 [credit card] detail [sic] – customer, last 4 of card, expiration date.
10 Customer fraud details – much more."

- 11 • **Advance Auto Parts.** Likewise, the Data Breach also affected the
12 employees and customers of Advanced Auto parts. The released
13 information included sensitive employee data. On June 5, 2024, the
14 threat actor known by their online handle "Sp1d3r," posted on a
15 hacking forum that 3 Terabytes of AAP's data was up for sale. The
16 hacker confirmed that the data was exfiltrated from "AAP Snowflake"
17 and included: "380M customer profiles (name, email, mobile, phone,
18 address, more) – 140M customer orders – 44M Loyalty/Gas card
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26 ²⁰ Waqas, *supra*, Note 12. (last accessed July 8, 2024).

27 ²¹ Form 8-K Current Report for Live Nation Entertainment, Inc., SEC.GOV,
28 <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1335258/000133525824000081/lv-20240520.htm?ref=7194ef805fa2d04b0f7e8c9521f97343> (last accessed July 8, 2024).

1 numbers (with customer details) – 358K Employees – Sales history –
2 Employment candidate info with SSNs, drivers’ license numbers,
3 demographic details – Transaction tender details – Over 200 tables of
4 data!”²² This trove of information is available for \$1.5 million USD.

- 6 • **Neiman Marcus.** As a result of Snowflake’s failure to protect
7 information, its customers – clients of Neiman Marcus, stored on its
8 data cloud, were also affected. Spid3r posted their sensitive
9 information for sale, confirming that names, emails, addresses, dates
10 of birth, last four digits of social security numbers, 50 million
11 customer emails and IP addresses, and 70 million customer
12 transaction data were included in this dataset.²³ Neiman Marcus so far
13 has confirmed that only 64,472 people were impacted, which appears
14 to be incorrect, given the size of the data set for sale.
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16 • **Lending Tree.** As a result of Snowflake’s failure to protect Private
17 Information, customers of Snowflake client Lending Tree were also
18 affected. Sp1d3r confirmed that it exfiltrated 190 million customers’
19 personal data and “3 billion pixel data” including “full customer
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25 ²² Sergiu Gatlan, *Advance Auto Parts Stolen Data For Sale After Snowflake Attack*, BLEEPINGCOMPUTER
26 (June 5, 2024) <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/advance-auto-parts-stolen-data-for-sale-after-snowflake-attack/> (last accessed July 8, 2024).

27 ²³ Lawrence Abrams, *Neiman Marcus Confirms Data Breach After Snowflake Account Hack*,
28 BLEEPINGCOMPUTER (June 28, 2024), <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/neiman-marcus-confirms-data-breach-after-snowflake-account-hack/> (last accessed July 8, 2024).

1 details, partial CC details (only middle 5 numbers masked), auto
2 history, driving records, personal background information needed for
3 insurance quotes, 3 billion tracking pixels (contains PII and IP/online
4 tracking details.” Sp1d3r furthered sweetened its trove of data by
5 including some of Lending Tree’s subsidiary’s (QuoteWizard) clients,
6 which include the largest auto insurance companies in the United
7 States, such as Allstate, State Farm, Progressive and Farmers
8 Insurance.²⁴

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12 **C. Defendant Failed to Comply with FTC Guidelines**

13 34. Defendant is prohibited by the Federal Trade Commission Act (the
14 “FTC Act”) (15 U.S.C. § 45) from engaging in “unfair or deceptive acts or
15 practices in or affecting commerce.” The Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”)
16 has concluded that a company’s failure to maintain reasonable and appropriate data
17 security for consumers’ sensitive personal information is an “unfair practice” in
18 violation of the FTC Act. *See, e.g., FTC v. Wyndham Worldwide Corp.*, 799 F.3d
19 236 (3d Cir. 2015).

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22 35. The FTC has promulgated numerous guides for businesses which
23 highlight the importance of implementing reasonable data security practices.
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27 ²⁴ Jonathan Greig, *LendingTree Confirms That Cloud Services Attack Potentially Affected Subsidiary*, THE
28 RECORD (June 10, 2024), <https://therecord.media/lendingtree-quotewizard-cybersecurity-incident-snowflake> (last
accessed July 8, 2024).

1 According to the FTC, the need for data security should be factored into all
2 business decision-making.

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4 36. In 2016, the FTC updated its publication, Protecting Personal
5 Information: A Guide for Business, which established cyber-security guidelines for
6 businesses. The guidelines note that businesses should protect the personal
7 customer information that they keep; properly dispose of personal information that
8 is no longer needed; encrypt information stored on computer networks; understand
9 their network's vulnerabilities; and implement policies to correct any security
10 problems.²⁵ The guidelines also recommend that businesses use an intrusion
11 detection system to expose a breach as soon as it occurs; monitor all incoming
12 traffic for activity indicating someone is attempting to hack the system; watch for
13 large amounts of data being transmitted from the system; and have a response plan
14 ready in the event of a breach.²⁶

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18 37. The FTC further recommends that companies not maintain PII longer
19 than is needed for authorization of a transaction; limit access to sensitive data;
20 require complex passwords to be used on networks; use industry-tested methods
21 for security; monitor for suspicious activity on the network; and verify that third-
22 party service providers have implemented reasonable security measures.
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26 ²⁵ *Protecting Personal Information: A Guide for Business*, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (Oct. 2016),
27 <https://www.ftc.gov/business-guidance/resources/protecting-personal-information-guide-business>. (last visited June
28 12, 2024).

²⁶ *Id.*

1 38. The FTC has brought enforcement actions against businesses for
2 failing to adequately and reasonably protect customer data, treating the failure to
3 employ reasonable and appropriate measures to protect against unauthorized access
4 to confidential consumer data as an unfair act or practice prohibited by Section 5 of
5 the FTC Act. Orders resulting from these actions further clarify the measures
6 businesses must take to meet their data security obligations.
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9 39. Defendant failed to properly implement basic data security practices,
10 allowing for this attack to occur, victimizing hundreds of millions of people.
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12 40. Defendant's failure to employ reasonable and appropriate measures to
13 protect against unauthorized access to consumers' Private Information constitutes
14 an unfair act or practice prohibited by Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45.
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16 41. Defendant was at all times fully aware of the obligation to protect the
17 Private Information of consumers. Defendant was also aware of the significant
18 repercussions that would result from its failure to do so.
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20 42. Cyberattacks have become so notorious that the FBI and U.S. Secret
21 Service have issued a warning to potential targets, so they are aware of, and
22 prepared for, a potential attack. The FBI, FTC, GAO, U.S. Secret Service, United
23 States Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, State Attorney General
24 Offices and many other government and law enforcement agencies, and hundreds
25 of private cybersecurity and threat intelligence firms, have issued warnings that put
26 Defendant on notice, long before the Data Breach, that 1) cybercriminals are
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1 targeting large, public companies such as Defendant Snowflake; 2) cybercriminals
2 were ferociously aggressive in their pursuit of large collections of PII like that in
3 possession of Defendant; 3) cybercriminals were selling large volumes of PII and
4 corporate information on Dark Web portals; 4) the threats were increasing.
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6 43. Had Defendant been diligent and responsible, it would have known
7 about and acted upon warnings published in 2017 that 93% of data security
8 breaches were avoidable and the key avoidable causes for data security incidents
9 are:
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- 11 a) Lack of complete assessment, including internal, third-party, and cloud-
12 based systems and services;
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- 14 b) Not promptly patching known/public vulnerabilities, and not having a way
15 to process vulnerability reports;
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- 17 c) Misconfigured devices/servers;
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- 19 d) Unencrypted data and/or poor encryption key management and
20 safeguarding;
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- 22 e) Use of end-of-life (and thereby unsupported) devices, operating systems and
23 applications;
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- 25 f) Employee errors and accidental disclosures — lost data, files, drives,
26 devices, computers, improper disposal;
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- 28 g) Failure to block malicious email; and

1 h) Users succumbing to business email compromise (BEC) and social
2 exploits.²⁷
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4 **D. The Data Breach Puts Consumers at Increased Risk of Fraud and**
5 **Identity Theft**
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7 44. An identity thief uses victims' PII, such as name, address, and other
8 sensitive and confidential information, without permission, to commit fraud or
9 other crimes that range from immigration fraud, obtaining a driver's license or
10 identification card, obtaining government benefits, and filing fraudulent tax returns
11 to obtain tax refunds.
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13 45. Identity thieves can use a victim's PII to open new financial accounts,
14 incur charges in the victim's name, take out loans in the victim's name, and incur
15 charges on existing accounts of the victim. Plaintiff's finances are now at risk due to
16 the Data Breach.
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19 46. Identity theft is the most common consequence of a data breach—it
20 occurs to 65% of data breach victims.²⁸ Consumers lost more than \$56 billion to
21 identity theft and fraud in 2020, and over 75% of identity theft victims reported
22 emotional distress.²⁹
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25 ²⁷ Gretel Egan, *OTA Report Indicates 93% of Security Breaches Are Preventable*, PROOFPOINT (Feb. 7,
26 2018), available at <https://www.proofpoint.com/us/securityawareness/post/ota-report-indicates-93-security-breaches-are-preventable> (last visited July 3, 2024).

27 ²⁸ Eugene Bekker, *What Are Your Odds of Getting Your Identity Stolen?*, IDENTITYFORCE (Apr. 15,
2021), <https://www.identityforce.com/blog/identity-theft-odds-identity-theft-statistics> (last visited Feb. 1, 2023).

28 ²⁹ *Id.*

1 47. Plaintiff is now in the position of having to take steps to mitigate the
2 damages caused by the Data Breach. Once use of compromised non-financial PII is
3 detected, the emotional and economic consequences to the victims are significant.
4 Studies done by the ID Theft Resource Center, a non-profit organization, found
5 that victims of identity theft had marked increased fear for personal financial
6 security. The report attributes this to more people having been victims before,
7 contributing to greater awareness and understanding that they may suffer long term
8 consequences from this type of crime.³⁰

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11 48. Defendant failed to protect and safeguard Plaintiff's and Class
12 Members' private information, in fact failing to adhere to even its most basic
13 obligations. As a result, Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered or will suffer
14 actual injury, including loss of privacy, costs, and loss of time.
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17 V. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

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19 49. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action under Rule 23 of the
20 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of a proposed nationwide class (the
21 "Class"), defined as:
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23 All natural persons in the United States whose Personally
24 Identifiable Information was compromised as a result of
25 the Data Breach.
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27 ³⁰ Identity Theft: The Aftermath 2013, Identity Theft Resource Center, <https://idtheftinfo.org/latest-news/72>
28 (last visited Feb. 1, 2023).

1 50. In addition, the State Subclass is defined as follows:

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

5 51. **Numerosity and Ascertainability:** Plaintiff does not know the exact
6 size of the Class or identity of the Class Members, since such information is in the
7 exclusive control of Defendant. Nevertheless, the Class, on information and belief
8 includes millions of individuals dispersed throughout the United States,
9 considering approximately 560 million Ticketmaster customers' information was
10 reportedly subject to unauthorized access. The number of Class Members is so
11 numerous that joinder of all Class Members is impracticable. The names,
12 addresses, and phone numbers of Class Members are identifiable through
13 documents maintained by Defendant.
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17 52. **Commonality and Predominance:** This action involves common
18 questions of law and fact which predominate over any question solely affecting
19 individual Class Members. These common questions include:
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21 A. whether Defendant engaged in the conduct alleged
22 herein;

23 B. whether Defendant had a legal duty to use reasonable
24 security measures to protect Plaintiff's and Class
25 Members' PII;

26 C. whether Defendant timely, accurately, and adequately
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1 informed Plaintiff and Class Members that their PII had
2 been compromised;

3 D. whether Defendant breached its legal duty by failing to
4 protect the PII of Plaintiff and Class Members;

5 E. whether Defendant acted reasonably in securing the PII
6 of Plaintiff and Class Members;

7 F. whether Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to
8 injunctive relief;

9 G. and whether Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to
10 damages and equitable relief.
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13 53. **Typicality:** Plaintiff's claims are typical of the other Class Members'
14 claims because all Class Members were comparably injured through Defendant's
15 substantially uniform misconduct, as described above. Plaintiff is advancing the
16 same claims and legal theories on behalf of herself and all other members of the
17 Class that she represents, and there are no defenses that are unique to Plaintiff. The
18 claims of Plaintiff and Class Members arise from the same operative facts and are
19 based on the same legal theories.
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22 54. **Adequacy:** Plaintiff is an adequate Class representative because her
23 interests do not conflict with the interests of the other members of the Class she
24 seeks to represent; Plaintiff has retained counsel competent and experienced in
25 complex class action litigation; and Plaintiff intends to prosecute this action
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1 vigorously. The Class's interest will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiff
2 and her counsel.
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4 55. **Superiority:** A class action is superior to any other available means
5 for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, and no unusual
6 difficulties are likely to be encountered in the management of this class action. The
7 damages and other detriment suffered by Plaintiff and other Class Members are
8 relatively small compared to the burden and expense that would be required to
9 individually litigate their claims against Defendant, so it would be virtually
10 impossible for the Class Members to individually seek redress for Defendant's
11 wrongful conduct. Even if Class Members could afford individual litigation, the
12 court system could not: individualized litigation creates a potential for inconsistent
13 or contradictory judgments, increases the delay and expense to the parties, and
14 increases the expense and burden to the court system. By contrast, the class action
15 device presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of
16 single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by this
17 Court.
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VI. CAUSES OF ACTION

A. Claims Brought on Behalf of the Nationwide Class

COUNT ONE
NEGLIGENCE

56. Plaintiff incorporates all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set forth herein.

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

58. Defendant owed a duty to Plaintiff and Class Members to implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards, such as intrusion detection processes that detect data breaches in a timely manner, to protect and secure Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII.

59. Defendant also had a duty to only maintain PII that was needed to serve customer needs.

1 60. Defendant owed a duty to disclose the material fact that its data
2 security practices were inadequate to safeguard Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII.
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4 61. Defendant also had independent duties under Plaintiff's and Class
5 Members' state laws that required Ticketmaster to reasonably safeguard Plaintiff's
6 and Class Members' PII, and promptly notify them about the Data Breach.
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8 62. Ticketmaster had a special relationship with Plaintiff and Class
9 Members as a result of being entrusted with their PII, which provided an
10 independent duty of care. Plaintiff's and Class Members' willingness to entrust
11 Ticketmaster and other Snowflake clients with their PII was predicated on the
12 understanding that these companies and their vendor, Snowflake, would take
13 adequate security precautions. Moreover, Defendant was capable of protecting its
14 networks and systems, and the PII it stored on them, from unauthorized access.
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16 63. Defendant breached its duties by, among other things: (a) failing to
17 implement and maintain adequate data security practices to safeguard Plaintiff's
18 and Class Members' PII, including administrative, physical, and technical
19 safeguards; (b) failing to detect the Data Breach in a timely manner; and (c) failing
20 to disclose that its data security practices were inadequate to safeguard Plaintiff's
21 and Class Members' PII.
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23 64. But for Defendant's breach of duties, including the duty to use
24 reasonable care to protect and secure Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII,
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1 Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII would not have been accessed by unauthorized
2 parties.
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4 65. Plaintiff and Class Members were foreseeable victims of Defendant's
5 inadequate data security practices. Defendant knew or should have known that a
6 breach of its data security systems would cause damage to Plaintiff and Class
7 Members.
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9 66. It was reasonably foreseeable that the failure to reasonably protect and
10 secure Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII would result in unauthorized access to
11 Defendant's networks, databases, and computers that stored or contained Plaintiff's
12 and Class Members' PII.
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14 67. As a result of Defendant's negligent failure to prevent the Data
15 Breach, Plaintiff and Class Members suffered injury, which includes, but is not
16 limited to, exposure to a heightened and imminent risk of fraud, identity theft, and
17 financial harm. Plaintiff and Class Members must monitor their financial accounts
18 and credit histories more closely and frequently to guard against identity theft.
19 Plaintiff and Class Members have also incurred, and will continue to incur on an
20 indefinite basis, out-of-pocket costs for obtaining credit reports, credit freezes,
21 credit monitoring services, and other protective measures to deter and detect
22 identity theft. The unauthorized acquisition of Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII
23 has also diminished the value of the PII.
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1 68. The harm to Plaintiff and Class Members was a proximate, reasonably
2 foreseeable result of Defendant's breaches of its aforementioned duties.

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4 69. Therefore, Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to damages in an
5 amount to be proven at trial.

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7 **COUNT TWO**
8 **NEGLIGENCE PER SE**

9 70. Plaintiff incorporates all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set
10 forth herein.

11 71. Under the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 45,
12 Defendant had a duty to provide fair and adequate computer systems and data
13 security practices to safeguard Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII.

14 72. In addition, under state data security statutes, Defendant had a duty to
15 implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices to safeguard
16 Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII.

17 73. Defendant breached its duties to Plaintiff and Class Members, under
18 the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, ("FTCA") and the state data
19 security statutes, by failing to provide fair, reasonable, or adequate computer
20 systems and data security practices to safeguard Plaintiff's and Class Members'
21 PII.

22 74. Plaintiff and Class Members were foreseeable victims of Defendant's
23 violations of the FTCA and state data security statutes. Defendant knew or should
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1 have known that its failure to implement reasonable measures to protect and secure
2 Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII would cause damage to Plaintiff and Class
3 Members.
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5 75. Defendant's failure to comply with the applicable laws and
6 regulations constitutes negligence *per se*.
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8 76. But for Defendant's violation of the applicable laws and regulations,
9 Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII would not have been accessed by unauthorized
10 parties.
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12 77. As a result of Defendant's failure to comply with applicable laws and
13 regulations, Plaintiff and Class Members suffered injury, which includes but is not
14 limited to the exposure to a heightened and imminent risk of fraud, identity theft,
15 financial and other harm. Plaintiff and Class Members must monitor their financial
16 accounts and credit histories more closely and frequently to guard against identity
17 theft. Plaintiff and Class Members also have incurred, and will continue to incur on
18 an indefinite basis, out-of-pocket costs for obtaining credit reports, credit freezes,
19 credit monitoring services, and other protective measures to deter or detect identity
20 theft. The unauthorized acquisition of Plaintiff's and Class Members' PII has also
21 diminished the value of the PII.
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25 78. The harm to Plaintiff and the Class Members was a proximate,
26 reasonably foreseeable result of Defendant's breaches of the applicable laws and
27 regulations.
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1 79. Therefore, Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to damages in an
2 amount to be proven at trial.
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4 **COUNT THREE**
5 **BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

6 80. Plaintiff incorporates all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set
7 forth herein.
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9 81. Plaintiff and Class Members either directly or indirectly gave
10 Defendant their Private Information in confidence, believing that Defendant would
11 protect that information. Plaintiff and Class Members would not have provided
12 Defendant with this information had they known it would not be adequately
13 protected. Defendant's acceptance and storage of Plaintiff's and Class Members'
14 Private Information created a fiduciary relationship between Defendant and
15 Plaintiff and Class Members. Considering this relationship, Defendant must act
16 primarily for the benefit of Plaintiff and Class Members, which includes
17 safeguarding and protecting Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information.
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21 82. Defendant has a fiduciary duty to act for the benefit of Plaintiff and
22 Class Members upon matters within the scope of their relationship. It breached that
23 duty by failing to properly protect the integrity of the system containing Plaintiff's
24 and Class Members' Private Information, failing to safeguard the Private
25 Information of Plaintiff and Class Members it collected.
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1 87. The money that Plaintiff and Class Members paid to Defendant
2 indirectly through Defendant's clients should have been used to pay, at least in
3 part, for the administrative costs and implementation of data management and
4 security. Defendant failed to implement—or adequately implement—practices,
5 procedures, and programs to secure sensitive PII, as evidenced by the Data Breach.
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7 88. As a result of Defendant's failure to implement security practices,
8 procedures, and programs to secure sensitive PII, Plaintiff and Class Members
9 suffered actual damages in an amount equal to the difference in the value between
10 services with reasonable data privacy that Plaintiff and Class Members paid for,
11 and the services they received without reasonable data privacy.
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13 89. Under principles of equity and good conscience, Defendant should not
14 be permitted to retain money belonging to Plaintiff and Class Members because
15 Defendant failed to implement the data management and security measures that are
16 mandated by industry standards and that Plaintiff and Class Members paid for.
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18 90. Defendant should be compelled to disgorge into a common fund for
19 the benefit of Plaintiff and the Class all unlawful or inequitable proceeds received
20 by Defendant. A constructive trust should be imposed upon all unlawful and
21 inequitable sums received by Defendant traceable to Plaintiff and the Class.
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COUNT FIVE
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

91. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in each of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

92. Plaintiff and the Class have stated claims against Defendant based on negligence, negligence per se, gross negligence and negligent misrepresentation, and violations of various state and federal statutes.

93. Defendant failed to fulfill their obligations to provide adequate and reasonable security measures for the PII of Plaintiff and the Class, as evidenced by the Data Breach.

94. As a result of the Data Breach, Defendant's system is more vulnerable to unauthorized access and requires more stringent measures to be taken to safeguard the PII of Plaintiff and the Class going forward.

95. An actual controversy has arisen in the wake of the Data Breach regarding Defendant's current obligations to provide reasonable data security measures to protect the PII of Plaintiff and the Class. Defendant maintains that its security measures were—and still are—reasonably adequate and denies that it previously had or has any obligation to implement better safeguards to protect the PII of Plaintiff and the Class.

96. Plaintiff seeks a declaration that Defendant must implement specific additional, prudent industry security practices to provide reasonable protection and

1 security to the PII of Plaintiff and the Class. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class
2 seek a declaration that Defendant's existing security measures do not comply with
3 their obligations, and that Defendant must implement and maintain reasonable
4 security measures on behalf of Plaintiff and the Class to comply with their data
5 security obligations.
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8 **B. Claims Brought on Behalf of the California Subclass**
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10 **COUNT SIX**
11 **VIOLATION OF THE**
12 **CALIFORNIA CUSTOMER RECORDS ACT,**
13 **CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 1798.80, *ET SEQ.***

14 97. Plaintiff Bowers ("Plaintiff" for purposes of this claim), individually
15 and on behalf of the California Subclass, incorporates all foregoing factual
16 allegations as if fully set forth herein. This claim is brought individually under the
17 laws of California and on behalf of all other natural persons whose Private
18 Information was compromised as a result of the Data Breach.
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20 98. "[T]o ensure that Personal Information about California residents is
21 protected," the California legislature enacted Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.81.5, which
22 requires that any business that "owns, licenses, or maintains Personal Information
23 about a California resident shall implement and maintain reasonable security
24 procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of the information, to protect the
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1 Personal Information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or
2 disclosure.”

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4 99. Defendant is a business that owns, maintains, and licenses “personal
5 information”, within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.81.5(d)(1), about
6 Plaintiff and California Subclass members.
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8 100. On information and belief, Snowflake is registered as a “data broker”
9 in California, which is defined as a “business that knowingly collects and sells to
10 third parties the personal information of a consumer with whom the business does
11 not have a direct relationship.” Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.99.80.³¹
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13 101. Businesses that own or license computerized data that includes
14 personal information, including SSNs, are required to notify California residents
15 when their personal information has been acquired (or is reasonably believed to
16 have been acquired) by unauthorized persons in a data security breach “in the most
17 expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay.” Cal. Civ. Code
18 § 1798.82. Among other requirements, the security breach notification must
19 include “the types of Personal Information that were or are reasonably believed to
20 have been the subject of the breach.” Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.82.
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24 102. Defendant is a business that own or licenses computerized data that
25 includes personal information as defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.82(h).
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28 ³¹ <https://oag.ca.gov/data-broker/registration/185724>.

1 109. This claim is brought individually under the laws of California and on
2 behalf of all other natural persons whose Private Information was compromised as
3 a result of the Data Breach.
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5 110. Defendant is a “person” as defined by Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17201.

6 111. Defendant violated Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* (“UCL”)
7 by engaging in unlawful, unfair, and deceptive business acts and practices.
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9 112. Defendant’s “unfair” and “deceptive” acts and practices include:
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11 a) Failing to implement and maintain reasonable security and privacy measures
12 to protect Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members’ Private
13 Information, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
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15 b) Failing to identify foreseeable security and privacy risks, remediate
16 identified security and privacy risks, and adequately improve security and
17 privacy measures following previous cybersecurity incidents, which was a
18 direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
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20 c) Failing to comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the
21 security and privacy of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members’
22 Private Information, including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C.
23 § 45, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
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25 d) Misrepresenting that it would protect the privacy and confidentiality of
26 Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members’ Private Information,
27 including by implementing and maintaining reasonable security measures;
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- 1 e) Misrepresenting that it would comply with common law and statutory duties
2 pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff and the California Subclass
3 Members' Private Information, including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15
4 U.S.C. § 45;
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6 f) Failing to timely and adequately notify Plaintiff and the California Subclass
7 Members of the Data Breach;
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9 g) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not
10 reasonably or adequately secure Plaintiff and the California Subclass
11 Members' Private Information; and
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13 h) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not
14 comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and
15 privacy of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private
16 Information, including duties imposed by the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45.
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19 113. Defendant has engaged in "unlawful" business practices by violating
20 multiple laws, including the CCRA, Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1798.80, *et seq.*, the CLRA,
21 Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1780, *et seq.*, 15 U.S.C. § 680, *et seq.*, the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C.
22 § 45, HIPAA, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d, COPPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6505, and the
23 CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code § 56.36(b).
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26 114. Defendant's unlawful practices include:
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- a) Failing to implement and maintain reasonable security and privacy measures to protect Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private Information, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- b) Failing to identify foreseeable security and privacy risks, remediate identified security and privacy risks, and adequately improve security and privacy measures following previous cybersecurity incidents, which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- c) Failing to comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private Information, including duties imposed by the CLRA, Cal. Civ. Code § 1780, *et seq.*, the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, 15 U.S.C. § 6801, *et seq.*, HIPAA, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d., COPPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6505, and the CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code § 56.36(b), which was a direct and proximate cause of the Data Breach;
- d) Misrepresenting that it would protect the privacy and confidentiality of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private Information, including by implementing and maintaining reasonable security measures;
- e) Misrepresenting that it would comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and privacy of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private Information, including duties imposed by the CLRA, Cal. Civ. Code § 1780, *et seq.*, the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, 15 U.S.C. § 6801,

1 *et seq.*, HIPAA, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d, COPPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501- 6505, and
2 the CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code § 56.36(b);

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4 f) Failing to timely and adequately notify the Plaintiff and the California
5 Subclass Members of the Data Breach;

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7 g) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not
8 reasonably or adequately secure Plaintiff and the California Subclass
9 Members' Private Information; and

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11 h) Omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact that it did not
12 comply with common law and statutory duties pertaining to the security and
13 privacy of Plaintiff and the California Subclass Members' Private
14 Information, including duties imposed by the CLRA, Cal. Civ. Code § 1780,
15 *et seq.*, the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, the GLBA, 15 U.S.C. § 6801, *et seq.*,
16 HIPAA, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d, COPPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6505, and the
17 CMIA, Cal. Civ. Code § 56.36(b).
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20 115. Defendant's representations and omissions were material because they
21 were likely to deceive reasonable consumers about the adequacy of Defendant's
22 data security and ability to protect the confidentiality of consumers' Private
23 Information.
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1 116. Defendant's representations and omissions were material because they
2 were likely to deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the California
3 Subclass members, into believing that their Private Information was secure.
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5 117. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unfair, unlawful, and
6 fraudulent acts and practices, Plaintiff and California Subclass members were
7 injured and lost money or property, including monetary damages from fraud and
8 identity theft, time and expenses related to monitoring their financial accounts for
9 fraudulent activity, an increased, imminent risk of fraud and identity theft, and loss
10 of value of their Private Information, including, but not limited to, the
11 diminishment of their present and future property interest in their Private
12 Information and the deprivation of the exclusive use of their Private Information.
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16 118. Defendant acted intentionally, knowingly, and maliciously to violate
17 California's Unfair Competition Law, and recklessly disregarded Plaintiff and
18 California Subclass members' rights.
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20 119. Plaintiff and California Subclass members seek all monetary and non-
21 monetary relief allowed by law, including restitution of all profits stemming from
22 Defendant's unfair, unlawful, and fraudulent business practices or use of their
23 Private Information; declaratory relief; reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under
24 California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5; injunctive relief; and other
25 appropriate equitable relief.
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COUNT EIGHT
VIOLATION OF THE
CALIFORNIA CONSUMER PRIVACY ACT,
CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 1798.100, *ET SEQ.*

120. Plaintiff Bowers (“Plaintiff” for purposes of this claim), individually and on behalf of the California Subclass, incorporates all foregoing factual allegations as if fully set forth herein.

121. This claim is brought individually under the laws of California and on behalf of all other natural persons whose Private Information was compromised as a result of the Data Breach.

122. Plaintiff and California Subclass members are residents of California.

123. Defendant is a corporation that is organized or operated for the profit or financial benefit of its shareholders or other owners.

124. Defendant is a business that collects consumers’ personal information as defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.140(e). Specifically, Defendant obtains, receives, or accesses consumers’ personal information when customers sign up with companies that use Defendant’s service.

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

1 126. Defendant violated Section 1798.150 of the California Consumer
2 Privacy Act by failing to prevent Plaintiff and the California Subclass members’
3 nonencrypted and nonredacted personal information from unauthorized access and
4 exfiltration, theft, or disclosure as a result of Defendant’s violation of its duty to
5 implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate
6 to the nature of the information.
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9 127. Defendant knew or should have known that its data security practices
10 were inadequate to secure the California Subclass members’ Private Information
11 and that its inadequate data security practices gave rise to the risk of a data breach.
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13 128. Defendant failed to implement and maintain reasonable security
14 procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of the Private Information it
15 collected and stored.
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17 129. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff and California Subclass
18 members’ Private Information accessed by the cybercriminals in the Data Breach
19 includes “nonencrypted and unredacted personal information” as covered by Cal.
20 Civ. Code § 1798.81.5(A)(1)(d).
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22 130. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring
23 Defendant to employ adequate security practices consistent with law and industry
24 standards to protect the California Subclass members’ Private Information,
25 requiring Defendant to complete its investigation, and to issue an amended
26 statement giving a detailed explanation that confirms, with reasonable certainty,
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1 what categories of data were stolen and accessed without the California Subclass
2 members' authorization, along with an explanation of how the data breach
3 occurred.
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5 131. Plaintiff and the California Subclass members seek statutory damages
6 or actual damages, whichever is greater, pursuant to Cal. Civil Code
7 § 1798.150(a)(1)(A).
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9 132. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violations of the Cal.
10 Civ. Code §§ 1798.150, Plaintiff and California Subclass members suffered
11 damages, as described above.
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13 133. Plaintiff and the California Subclass seek pecuniary damages pursuant
14 to Cal. Civil Code § 1798.150(b).
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16 **VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

17 Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and on behalf of the proposed Class and
18 Subclass, requests that the Court:
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20 a. Certify this case as a class action, appoint Plaintiff as class
21 representatives, and appoint Plaintiff's Counsel as Class Counsel for Plaintiff to
22 represent the Class;
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24 b. Find that Defendant breached its duty to safeguard and protect the PII
25 of Plaintiff and Class Members that was compromised in the Data Breach;
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27 c. Award Plaintiff and Class Members appropriate relief, including
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1 actual and statutory damages, restitution and disgorgement;

2 d. Award equitable, injunctive and declaratory relief as may be
3 appropriate;
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5 e. Award all costs, including experts' fees and attorneys' fees, and the
6 costs of prosecuting this action;
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8 f. Award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as prescribed by law;
9 and

10 g. Grant additional legal or equitable relief as this Court may find just
11 and proper.
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14 **VIII. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

15 Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.
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