

# Exhibit *A*

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,  
EASTERN DIVISION**

CHRISTINE KILLIAN, ON BEHALF OF	)	
HERSELF AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY	)	
SITUATED,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
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TRIONFO SOLUTIONS, LLC,	)	<b>No.</b>
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	<b>JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</b>
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**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

1. Plaintiff Christine Killian, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, through the undersigned counsel, hereby alleges the following against Defendant Trionfo Solutions, LLC (“Trionfo” or “Defendant”). Based upon personal knowledge, information, belief, and investigation of counsel, Plaintiff specifically alleges as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

2. Plaintiff brings this class action against Defendant for their failure to exercise reasonable care in securing and safeguarding individuals’ sensitive personal data. Between December 4, 2023, and December 6, 2023, Defendant Trionfo experienced a data breach incident (“Security Breach”). Types of personal data exposed likely included names, addresses, dates of birth, phone numbers, email addresses, and Social Security numbers (collectively “Private Information” or “PII”).

3. In May of 2024, Christine Killian received a templated notice letter describing the data breach of her Private Information.

4. Defendant's security failures enabled the hackers to steal the Private Information of Plaintiff and members of the Class (defined below). These failures put Plaintiff's and Class members' Private Information and interests at serious, immediate, and ongoing risk and, additionally, caused costs and expenses to Plaintiff and Class members associated with time spent and the loss of productivity from taking time to address and attempt to ameliorate, emotional grief associated with constant mitigation of personal banking and credit accounts, mitigate and deal with the actual and future consequences of the Security Breach, including, as appropriate, reviewing records for fraudulent charges, reissuing payment cards, purchasing credit monitoring and identity theft protection services, imposition of withdrawal and purchase limits on compromised accounts, initiating and monitoring credit freezes, and the stress, nuisance and annoyance of dealing with all issues resulting from the Security Breach.

5. The Security Breach was caused and enabled by Defendant's violation of their obligations to abide by best practices and industry standards concerning the security of consumers' records and Private Information. Defendant failed to comply with security standards and allowed their customers' Private Information to be compromised by cutting corners on security measures that could have prevented or mitigated the Security Breach that occurred.

6. Accordingly, Plaintiff asserts claims for negligence, breach of implied contract, unjust enrichment/quasi-contract, negligence *per se*, and seeks injunctive relief, monetary damages, and all other relief as authorized in equity or by law.

### **JURISDICTION**

7. The Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2) ("CAFA"), because (a) there are 100 or more Class members, (b) at least one Class member is a

citizen of a state that is diverse from Defendant's citizenship, and (c) the matter in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

8. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Trionfo's place of business is located within the District, and Defendant conducts substantial business in this District.

9. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) because Defendant maintain places of business in this District and therefore reside in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c)(2). A substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the Class's claims also occurred in this District.

### **PARTIES**

#### **Plaintiff Christine Killian**

10. Plaintiff Christine Killian. Plaintiff is a resident of Indiana. Plaintiff worked for an employer that shared her PII with Trionfo as part of its regular business operations, presumably for benefits administration.

11. In May of 2024, Plaintiff received a data breach notification alerting her that her Private Information was exposed due to Defendant's insecure data systems.

#### **Defendant**

12. Defendant Trionfo Solutions, LLC is an Illinois LLC with its principal place of business at 333 W Pierce Road, Suite 190, Itasca, Illinois 60143. It touts that it "combines the power of technology and extensive experience in the insurance industry to present a single-source platform that holistically improves insurance distribution and consumption."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://trionfosolutions.com/>

### **FACTS**

13. Defendant provides insurance benefits administration to numerous corporate clients throughout the United States. The company offers a platform meant to simplify insurance administration for both the corporations that offer it to their employees and the employees themselves.

14. Between December 4, 2023, and December 6, 2023, Defendant experienced a data security incident that exposed the Private Information of at least 65,787 individuals. Any other data breaches that may have occurred have not been publicly reported.

15. Defendant first learned of unusual systems activity whereby an unauthorized party gained access to the records that contained insured individuals' Private Information including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers.

16. Defendant has yet to affirmatively notify impacted parties individually regarding which specific pieces of their Private Information was stolen.

17. The Security Breach occurred because Defendant failed to take reasonable measures to protect the Private Information they collected and stored. Among other things, Defendant failed to implement data security measures designed to prevent this attack, despite repeated public warnings to the insurance industry about the risk of cyberattacks and the highly publicized occurrence of many similar attacks in the recent past on healthcare and insurance providers. For example, Defendant failed to maintain basic security measures. Defendant failed to disclose to Plaintiff and Class members the material fact that it did not have adequate data security practices to safeguard customers' personal data, and in fact falsely represented that their security measures were sufficient to protect the Personal Information in their possession.

18. Defendant's failure to provide immediate formal notice of the Breach to Plaintiff and Class members exacerbated the injuries resulting from the Breach.

**Defendant Failed to Maintain Reasonable and Adequate Security Measures to Safeguard Consumers' Private Information Despite Previous Data Breaches**

19. Defendant was or should have been aware of the risk of data breaches, as data breaches in the insurance industry are becoming exponentially more common.<sup>2</sup>

20. Defendant works with employers and provides "a single platform to manage your benefits throughout the entirety of the benefits life cycle. From a quote to a card, Trionfo can give a complete solution for all users."<sup>3</sup>

21. Defendant states in their Terms and Conditions that "We are aware and shall fully comply, and shall ensure compliance by our employees and subcontractors (as applicable), with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) as a Business Associate."<sup>4</sup>

22. Defendant failed to ensure that proper data security safeguards were being implemented throughout the breach period.

23. Defendant failed to ensure their operations would not be impacted in case of a data breach.

24. As Defendant acknowledges, Defendant had obligations created by industry standards, common law, and representations made to Class members, to keep Class members' Private Information confidential and to protect it from unauthorized access and disclosure.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www2.deloitte.com/tw/en/pages/risk/articles/insurance.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://trionfosolutions.com/what-we-do/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://trionfosolutions.com/terms-of-service/>

25. Plaintiff and Class members provided their Private Information to Defendant with the reasonable expectation and mutual understanding that Defendant and any of their affiliates would comply with their obligations to keep such information confidential and secure from unauthorized access.

26. Prior to and during the Security Breach, Defendant promised clients that their Private Information would be kept confidential unless for the reasons listed in their Terms and Conditions or Plaintiff so authorized. Hackers taking Plaintiff's information was not included.

27. Defendant's failure to provide adequate security measures to safeguard clients' Private Information is especially egregious because Defendant operate in a field which has recently been a frequent target of scammers attempting to fraudulently gain access to individuals' highly confidential Private Information.

28. Ponemon Institute, an expert in the annual state of cybersecurity, had indicated that in 2020, healthcare institutions and affiliated entities were the top target for cyber-attacks.

29. In fact, Defendant has been on notice for years that the medical industry is a prime target for scammers because of the amount of confidential client information maintained. Recently, a number of high-profile data breaches have rocked the healthcare and insurance industries. For instance, litigation is still ongoing in the Change Healthcare data breach that recently shut down payment processing and prescription fulfillment for millions of Americans.

#### **Damages to Plaintiff and the Class**

30. Plaintiff and the Class have been damaged by the compromise of their Private Information in the Security Breach.

31. Plaintiff and the Class have experienced or currently face a substantial risk of out-of-pocket fraud losses such as, *e.g.*, loss of funds from bank accounts, fraudulent charges on credit cards, targeted advertising, suspicious phone calls, and similar identity theft.

32. Class members have or may also incur out of pocket costs for protective measures such as credit freezing or payment for phone scam detection,

33. Plaintiff and Class members suffered a “loss of value” of their Private Information when it was acquired by cyber thieves in the Security Breach. Numerous courts have recognized the propriety of “loss of value” damages in data breach cases.

34. Class members who paid Defendant for services, or who contracted with other companies that paid Defendant, were also damaged via “benefit of the bargain” damages. Such members of the Class overpaid for a service that was intended to be accompanied by adequate data security but was not. Part of the price paid to Defendant was intended to be used by Defendant to fund adequate data security. Defendant did not properly comply with their data security obligations. Thus, the Class members did not get what they were owed.

35. Members of the Class have spent and will continue to spend significant amounts of time to monitor their financial and medical accounts for misuse.

36. According to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics, an estimated 17.6 million people were victims of one or more incidents of identity theft in 2014. Among identity theft victims, existing bank or credit accounts were the most common types of misused information.<sup>5</sup>

37. Similarly, the FTC cautions that identity theft wreaks havoc on consumers’ finances, credit history, and reputation and can take time, money, and patience to resolve. Identity

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<sup>5</sup> See DOJ, *Victims of Identity Theft, 2014* at 1 (Nov. 13, 2017), available at <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/vit14.pdf>



thieves use stolen personal information for a variety of crimes, including credit card fraud, phone or utilities fraud, and bank/finance fraud.<sup>6</sup>

38. Identity thieves can use the victim's Private Information to commit any number of frauds, such as obtaining a job, procuring housing, or even giving false information to police during an arrest. In the medical context, Private Information can be used to submit false insurance claims, obtain prescription drugs or medical devices for black-market resale, or get medical treatment in the victim's name. As a result, Plaintiff and Class members now face a real and continuing immediate risk of identity theft and other problems associated with the disclosure of their Social Security numbers, and will need to monitor their credit and tax filings for an indefinite duration.

39. Medical information is especially valuable to identity thieves. Because of its value, the medical industry has experienced disproportionately higher numbers of data theft events than other industries. Defendant knew or should have known this and strengthened their data systems accordingly. Defendant were put on notice of the substantial and foreseeable risk of harm from a data breach, yet they failed to properly prepare for that risk.

#### **The Value of Privacy Protections and Private Information**

40. The fact that Plaintiff and Class members' Private Information was stolen—and might presently be offered for sale to cyber criminals—demonstrates the monetary value of the Private Information.

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<sup>6</sup> The FTC defines identity theft as “a fraud committed or attempted using the identifying information of another person without authority.” 16 C.F.R. § 603.2. The FTC describes “identifying information” as “any name or number that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific person,” including, among other things, “[n]ame, social security number, date of birth, official State or government issued driver's license or identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, employer or taxpayer identification number[.]” *Id.*

41. At an FTC public workshop in 2001, then-Commissioner Orson Swindle described the value of a consumer's personal information:

The use of third-party information from public records, information aggregators and even competitors for marketing has become a major facilitator of our retail economy. Even [Federal Reserve] Chairman [Alan] Greenspan suggested here some time ago that it's something on the order of the life blood, the free flow of information.<sup>7</sup>

42. Commissioner Swindle's 2001 remarks are even more relevant today, as consumers' personal data functions as a "new form of currency" that supports a \$26 billion per year online advertising industry in the United States.<sup>8</sup>

43. The FTC has also recognized that consumer data is a new (and valuable) form of currency. In an FTC roundtable presentation, another former Commissioner, Pamela Jones Harbour, underscored this point:

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<sup>7</sup> Tr. at 8:2-8, Federal Trade Commission, *Public Workshop: The Information Marketplace: Merging and Exchanging Consumer Data* (Mar. 13, 2001) available at [https://www.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/documents/public\\_events/information-marketplace-merging-and-exchanging-consumer-data/transcript.pdf](https://www.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/documents/public_events/information-marketplace-merging-and-exchanging-consumer-data/transcript.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> See Julia Angwin & Emily Steel, *Web's Hot New Commodity: Privacy*, The Wall Street Journal (Feb. 28, 2011), <https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052748703529004576160764037920274>

Most consumers cannot begin to comprehend the types and amount of information collected by businesses, or why their information may be commercially valuable. Data is currency. The larger the data set, the greater potential for analysis—and profit.<sup>9</sup>

44. Recognizing the high value that consumers place on their Private Information, many companies now offer consumers an opportunity to sell this information.<sup>10</sup> The idea is to give consumers more power and control over the type of information that they share and who ultimately receives that information. And, by making the transaction transparent, consumers will make a profit from their Private Information. This business has created a new market for the sale and purchase of this valuable data.

45. Consumers place a high value not only on their Private Information, but also on the privacy of that data. Researchers have begun to shed light on how much consumers value their data privacy, and the amount is considerable. Indeed, studies confirm that the average direct financial loss for victims of identity theft in 2014 was \$1,349.<sup>11</sup>

46. At all relevant times, Defendant was well-aware, or reasonably should have been aware, that the Private Information it maintains is highly sensitive and could be used for wrongful purposes by third parties, such as identity theft and fraud. Defendant should have particularly been aware of these risks given the significant number of data breaches affecting the medical industry.

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<sup>9</sup> *Statement of FTC Commissioner Pamela Jones Harbour—Remarks Before FTC Exploring Privacy Roundtable*, (Dec. 7, 2009), [https://www.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/documents/public\\_statements/remarks-ftc-exploring-privacy-roundtable/091207privacyroundtable.pdf](https://www.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/documents/public_statements/remarks-ftc-exploring-privacy-roundtable/091207privacyroundtable.pdf)

<sup>10</sup> *Web's Hot New Commodity: Privacy*, *supra* note 7.

<sup>11</sup> *See DOJ, Victims of Identity Theft, 2014*, *supra* note 3, at 6.

47. Had Defendant followed industry guidelines and adopted security measures recommended by experts in the field, Defendant would have prevented intrusion into their systems and, ultimately, the theft of their clients' Private Information.

48. Given these facts, any company that transacts business with individuals or on their behalf and then compromises the privacy of clients' Private Information has thus deprived clients of the full monetary value they are entitled to.

49. Due to damage from Defendants, Plaintiff and the other Class members now face a greater risk of continuous identity theft.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

50. Plaintiff brings all counts, as set forth below, individually and as a class action, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of a Nationwide Class defined as:

All persons who had their Private Information submitted to Defendant or Defendant's affiliates and/or whose Private Information was compromised as a result of the data breach(es) discovered on or around December of 2023, (the "Nationwide Class").

51. In addition to and/or in the alternative to claims asserted on behalf of the Nationwide Class, Plaintiff asserts claims on behalf of the following Indiana subclass ("Subclass"):

All residents of Indiana who had their Private Information submitted to Defendant or Defendant's affiliates and/or whose Private Information was compromised as a result of the data breach(es) discovered between 2020 through 2021.

52. Excluded from both the Nationwide Class and the Subclass are Defendant and Defendant's affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, employees, officers, agents, and directors. Also

excluded is any judicial officer presiding over this matter and the members of their immediate families and judicial staff.

53. Certification of Plaintiff's claims for class-wide treatment is appropriate because Plaintiff can prove the elements of her claims on a class-wide basis using the same evidence as would be used to prove those elements in individual actions alleging the same claims.

54. **Numerosity—Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(1).** The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all Class members would be impracticable. On information and belief, the Nationwide Class and Subclass both number in the tens of thousands.

55. **Commonality and Predominance—Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(2) and 23(b)(3).** Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and predominate over questions affecting only individual members of the Class. Such common questions of law or fact include, *inter alia*:

56. Whether Defendant's data security systems prior to and during the Security Breach complied with applicable data security laws and regulations including, *e.g.*, FTC Act;

57. Whether Defendant's data security systems prior to and during the Security Breach were consistent with industry standards;

58. Whether Defendant properly implemented their purported security measures to protect Plaintiff's and the Class's Private Information from unauthorized capture, dissemination, and misuse;

59. Whether Defendant took reasonable measures to determine the extent of the Security Breach after they first learned of same;

60. Whether Defendant disclosed Plaintiff's and the Class's Private Information in violation of the understanding that the Private Information was being disclosed in confidence and should be maintained;

61. Whether Defendant's conduct constitutes breach of an implied contract;

62. Whether Defendant willfully, recklessly, or negligently failed to maintain and execute reasonable procedures designed to prevent unauthorized access to Plaintiff's and the Class's Private Information;

63. Whether Defendant were negligent in failing to properly secure and protect Plaintiff's and the Class's Private Information;

64. Whether Defendant was unjustly enriched by their actions; and

65. Whether Plaintiff and the other members of the Class are entitled to damages, injunctive relief, or other equitable relief, and the measure of such damages and relief.

66. Defendant engaged in a common course of conduct giving rise to the legal rights sought to be enforced by Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and other members of the Class. Similar or identical common law violations, business practices, and injuries are involved. Individual questions, if any, pale by comparison, in both quality and quantity, to the numerous common questions that predominate in this action.

67. **Typicality—Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(3).** Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the other members of the Class because, among other things, all Class members were similarly injured through Defendant's uniform misconduct described above and were thus all subject to the Security Breach alleged herein. Further, there are no defenses available to Defendant that are unique to Plaintiff.

68. **Adequacy of Representation—Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4).**

Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Nationwide Class and the Subclass because her interests do not conflict with the interests of the Classes she seeks to represent, she has retained counsel competent and experienced in complex class action litigation, and Plaintiff will prosecute this action vigorously. The Class's interests will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiff and her counsel.

69. **Injunctive Relief-Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2).**

Defendant have acted and/or refused to act on grounds that apply generally to the Class, making injunctive and/or declaratory relief appropriate with respect to the Class under Fed. Civ. P. 23 (b)(2).

70. **Superiority—Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3).**

A class action is superior to any other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, and no unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered in the management of this class action. The damages or other financial detriment suffered by Plaintiff and the other members of the Class are relatively small compared to the burden and expense that would be required to individually litigate their claims against Defendants, so it would be impracticable for members of the Class to individually seek redress for Defendant's wrongful conduct. Even if members of the Class could afford individual litigation, the court system could not. Individualized litigation creates a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and increases the delay and expense to all parties and the court system. By contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of a single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court.

**CAUSES OF ACTION**

**COUNT I**

**Negligence**

**(On Behalf of Class, or, in the Alternative, on Behalf of the Subclass)**

71. Plaintiff fully incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs, as though fully set forth herein.

72. Upon Defendant's accepting and storing the Private Information of Plaintiff and the Class in its computer systems and on its networks, Defendant undertook and owed a duty to Plaintiff and the Class to exercise reasonable care to secure and safeguard that information and to use commercially reasonable methods to do so. Defendant knew that the Private Information was private and confidential and should be protected as private and confidential.

73. Defendant owed a duty of care not to subject Plaintiff's and the Class's Private Information to an unreasonable risk of exposure and theft because Plaintiff and the Class were foreseeable and probable victims of any inadequate security practices.

74. Defendant owed numerous duties to Plaintiff and the Class, including the following:

75. to exercise reasonable care in obtaining, retaining, securing, safeguarding, deleting and protecting Private Information in their possession;

76. to protect Private Information using reasonable and adequate security procedures and systems that are compliant with industry-standard practices; and

77. to implement processes to quickly detect a data breach and to timely act on warnings about data breaches.

78. Defendant also breached their duty to Plaintiff and the Class members to adequately protect and safeguard Private Information by disregarding standard information security



principles, despite obvious risks, and by allowing unmonitored and unrestricted access to unsecured Private Information. Furthering their dilatory practices, Defendant failed to provide adequate supervision and oversight of the Private Information with which they were and are entrusted, in spite of the known risk and foreseeable likelihood of breach and misuse, which permitted a malicious third party to gather Plaintiff's and Class members' Private Information and potentially misuse the Private Information and intentionally disclose it to others without consent.

79. Defendant knew, or should have known, of the risks inherent in collecting and storing Private Information and the importance of adequate security. Defendant knew or should have known about numerous well-publicized data breaches within the medical industry.

80. Defendant knew, or should have known, that their data systems and networks did not adequately safeguard Plaintiff's and Class members' Private Information.

81. Defendant breached their duties to Plaintiff and the Class members by failing to provide fair, reasonable, or adequate computer systems and data security practices to safeguard Plaintiff's and Class members' Private Information.

82. Because Defendant knew that a breach of their systems would damage thousands of their customers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, Defendant had a duty to adequately protect their data systems and the Private Information contained thereon.

83. Defendant's duty of care to use reasonable security measures arose as a result of the special relationship that existed between Defendant and their clients, which is recognized by laws and regulations including but not limited to common law. Defendant was in a position to ensure that their systems were sufficient to protect against the foreseeable risk of harm to Class members from a data breach.

84. In addition, Defendant had a duty to employ reasonable security measures under Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits “unfair . . . practices in or affecting commerce,” including, as interpreted and enforced by the FTC, the unfair practice of failing to use reasonable measures to protect confidential data.

85. Defendant’s duty to use reasonable care in protecting confidential data arose not only as a result of the statutes and regulations described above, but also because Defendant are bound by industry standards to protect confidential Private Information.

86. Defendant’s own conduct also created a foreseeable risk of harm to Plaintiff and Class members and their Private Information. Defendant’s misconduct included failing to: (1) secure Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ Private Information; (2) comply with industry standard security practices; (3) implement adequate system and event monitoring; and (4) implement the systems, policies, and procedures necessary to prevent this type of data breach.

87. Defendant breached its duties, and thus was negligent, by failing to use reasonable measures to protect Class members’ Private Information, and by failing to provide timely notice of the Security Breach. The specific negligent acts and omissions committed by Defendant include, but are not limited to, the following:

88. Failing to adopt, implement, and maintain adequate security measures to safeguard Class members’ Private Information;

89. Failing to adequately monitor the security of Defendant’s networks and systems;

90. Allowing unauthorized access to Class members’ Private Information;

91. Failing to detect in a timely manner that Class members’ Private Information had been compromised; and

92. Failing to timely notify Class members about the Security Breach so that they could take appropriate steps to mitigate the potential for identity theft and other damages

93. Through Defendant's acts and omissions described in this Complaint, including its failure to provide adequate security and their failure to protect Plaintiff's and Class members' Private Information from being foreseeably captured, accessed, disseminated, stolen and misused, Defendant unlawfully breached its duty to use reasonable care to adequately protect and secure Plaintiff's and Class members' Private Information during the time it was within Defendant's possession or control.

94. Defendant's conduct was grossly negligent and departed from all reasonable standards of care, including, but not limited to: failing to adequately protect the Private Information and failing to provide Plaintiff and Class members with timely notice that their sensitive Private Information had been compromised.

95. Neither Plaintiff nor the other Class members contributed to the Security Breach and subsequent misuse of their Private Information as described in this Complaint.

96. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff and Class members suffered damages as alleged above.

97. Plaintiff and Class members are also entitled to injunctive relief requiring Defendant to, *e.g.*, (i) strengthen their data security systems and monitoring procedures; (ii) submit to future annual audits of those systems and monitoring procedures; and (iii) immediately provide lifetime free credit monitoring to all Class members.

## **COUNT II**

### **Breach of Implied Contract**

**(On Behalf of Class, or, in the Alternative, on Behalf of the Subclass)**

98. Plaintiff fully incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs, as though fully set forth herein.

99. Defendant solicited and invited Class members or others other entities working on their behalf to provide their Private Information as part of Defendant's regular business practices. When Plaintiff and Class members or other entities operating on their behalf made and paid for purchases of Defendant's services and products, they provided their Private Information to Defendants.

100. In so doing, Plaintiff and Class members entered into implied contracts with Defendant pursuant to which Defendant agreed to safeguard and protect such information and to timely detect any breaches of their Private Information. In entering into such implied contracts, Plaintiff and Class members reasonably believed and expected that Defendant's data security practices complied with relevant laws and regulations, and were consistent with industry standards.

101. Class members reasonably believed and expected that Defendant would use part of those funds to obtain adequate data security. Defendant failed to do so.

102. Plaintiff and Class members would not have provided and entrusted their Private Information with Defendant in the absence of the implied contract between them and Defendants.

103. Plaintiff and Class members fully performed their obligations under the implied contracts with Defendants.

104. Defendant breached the implied contracts they made with Plaintiff and Class members by failing to safeguard and protect their Private Information and by failing to timely detect the data breach within a reasonable time.

105. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of the implied contracts between Defendants, Plaintiff and Class members, Plaintiff and Class members sustained actual losses and damages as described in detail above.

106. Plaintiff and Class members are also entitled to injunctive relief requiring Defendant to, *e.g.*, (i) strengthen their data security systems and monitoring procedures; (ii) submit to future annual audits of those systems and monitoring procedures; and (iii) immediately provide free lifetime credit monitoring to all Class members.

### **COUNT III**

#### **Unjust Enrichment/Quasi-Contract (On Behalf of Class, or, in the Alternative, on Behalf of the Subclass)**

107. Plaintiff fully incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs, as though fully set forth herein.

108. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a monetary benefit on Defendants. Specifically, they or other entities operating on their behalf purchased goods and services from Defendant and provided Defendant with their Private Information. In exchange, Plaintiff and Class members should have received from Defendant the goods and services that were the subject of the transaction and should have been entitled to have Defendant protect their Private Information with adequate data security.

109. Defendant knew that Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on them and accepted and has accepted or retained that benefit. Defendant profited from this and used Plaintiff's and the Class members' Private Information for business purposes.

110. Defendant failed to secure Plaintiff's and the Class members' Private Information and, therefore, did not provide full compensation for the benefit of the Plaintiff's and Class members' Private Information provided.

111. Defendant acquired the Private Information through inequitable means as they failed to disclose the inadequate security practices previously alleged.

112. If Plaintiff and the Class members knew that Defendant would not secure their Private Information using adequate security, they would not have allowed entities to entrust Defendant with their Personal Information.

113. Plaintiff and Class members have no adequate remedy at law.

114. Under the circumstances, it would be unjust for Defendant to be permitted to retain any of the benefits that Plaintiff and Class members conferred on them.

115. Defendant should be compelled to disgorge into a common fund or constructive trust, for the benefit of Plaintiff and Class members, proceeds that they unjustly received from them. In the alternative, Defendant should be compelled to refund the amounts that Plaintiff and Class members overpaid.

#### **COUNT IV**

##### **Negligence Per Se**

##### **(On Behalf of Class, or, in the Alternative, on Behalf of the Subclass)**

116. Plaintiff restates and re-allege all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

117. Pursuant to the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, Trionfo has a duty to provide fair and adequate computer systems and data security practices to safeguard Plaintiffs and Class members' PII.

118. The FTC publications and orders promulgated pursuant to the FTC Act also form part of the basis of Trionfo's duty to protect Plaintiffs and Class members' sensitive Private Information. Section 5 of the FTC Act prohibits "unfair . . . practices in or affecting commerce," including, as interpreted and enforced by the FTC, the unfair act or practice by businesses, such as Trionfo, of failing to use reasonable measures to protect clients' PII.

119. Trionfo violated its duty under Section 5 of the FTC Act by failing to use reasonable measures to protect its clients' PII and not complying with applicable industry standards as described in detail herein. Trionfo's conduct was particularly unreasonable given the nature and amount of PII Trionfo had collected and stored and the foreseeable consequences of a data breach, including the immense damages that would result to its clients in the event of a breach, which ultimately came to pass.

120. The harm that has occurred is the type of harm the FTC Act is intended to guard against. Indeed, the FTC has pursued numerous enforcement actions against businesses that, because of their failure to employ reasonable data security measures and avoid unfair and deceptive practices, caused the same harm as that suffered by Plaintiff and members of the Class.

121. Trionfo had a duty to Plaintiff and the Class to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices to safeguard their PII.

122. Trionfo breached its duties to Plaintiffs and members of the Class under the FTC Act by failing to provide fair, reasonable, or adequate computer systems and data security practices to safeguard Plaintiff and Class members' PII.

123. Trionfo's violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and its failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations constitutes negligence *per se*.

124. Trionfo's failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations constitutes negligence *per se*.

125. But for Trionfo's wrongful and negligent breach of its duties owed to Plaintiffs and members of the Class, Plaintiffs and members of the Class would not have been injured.

126. The injury and harm suffered by Plaintiffs and members of the Class were the reasonably foreseeable result of Trionfo's breach of its duties. Trionfo knew or should have known

that it was failing to meet its duties and that its breach would cause Plaintiffs and the Class to suffer the foreseeable harms associated with the exposure of their PII.

127. Had Plaintiffs and members of the Class known that Trionfo did not adequately protect the PII entrusted to it, Plaintiffs and members of the Class would not have entrusted Trionfo with their PII.

128. As a direct and proximate result of Trionfo's negligence *per se*, Plaintiffs and members of the Class have suffered harm, including, but not limited to, loss of time and money resolving fraudulent charges; loss of time and money obtaining protections against future identity theft; financial losses related to the treatment Plaintiffs and members of the Class paid for that they would not have sought had they known of Trionfo's careless approach to cyber security; lost control over the use of their PII; unreimbursed losses relating to fraudulent charges; harm resulting from damaged credit scores and information; and other harm resulting from the unauthorized use or threat of unauthorized use of stolen personal information, entitling them to damages in an amount to be proven at trial

### **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the other members of the Class proposed in this Complaint, respectfully request that the Court enter judgment in their favor and against Defendants, as follows:

A. Declaring that this action is a proper class action, certifying the Nationwide Class as requested herein, designating Plaintiff as Nationwide Class and Subclass Representative, and appointing Class Counsel as requested in Plaintiff's expected motion for class certification;

B. Ordering Defendant to pay actual damages to Plaintiff and the other members of the Class;



C. Ordering Defendant to pay punitive damages, as allowable by law, to Plaintiff and the other members of the Class;

D. Ordering injunctive relief requiring Defendant to, *e.g.*: (i) strengthen their data security systems and monitoring procedures; (ii) submit to future annual audits of those systems and monitoring procedures; and (iii) immediately provide free credit monitoring to all Class members;

E. Ordering Defendant to pay attorneys' fees and litigation costs to Plaintiff and her counsel;

F. Ordering Defendant to pay equitable relief, in the form of disgorgement and restitution, and injunctive relief as may be appropriate;

G. Ordering Defendant to pay both pre- and post-judgment interest on any amounts awarded; and

H. Ordering such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Date: May 31, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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