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14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
15 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

16 ERIC STEINER, individually and  
17 on behalf of all others similarly  
18 situated.

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.  
21 **CARRIER IQ, INC.**  
22 A Delaware Corporation.

23 Defendant.

24 CASE NO.

25 **CV 11-05802**

26 **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**  
27 **FOR:**

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- (1) **VIOLATIONS OF THE  
ELECTRONIC  
COMMUNICATIONS  
PRIVACY ACT;**
- (2) **VIOLATIONS OF THE  
CALIFORNIA PRIVACY  
ACT;**
- (3) **TRESPASS TO CHATTEL;**
- (4) **VIOLATIONS OF THE  
CALIFORNIA UNFAIR  
COMPETITION LAW; and**
- (5) **VIOLATIONS OF THE  
CALIFORNIA INVASION OF  
PRIVACY ACT**

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1 Plaintiff Eric Steiner ("Plaintiff") individually and on behalf of all others  
2 similarly situated, by his undersigned counsel, alleges the following upon personal  
3 knowledge as to his own acts and upon information and belief as to all other matters.  
4 Plaintiff's information and belief are based upon the investigation conducted by  
5 counsel.

6 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

7 1. Plaintiff brings this action individually and as a class action against Carrier  
8 iQ, Inc. ("CiQ") on behalf of himself and all others who own an electronic device,  
9 including but not limited to, smartphones, feature phones, tablets, and electronic-readers  
10 (collectively the "Electronic Devices"), in which CiQ Mobile Intelligences software  
11 ("CiQ's software") is installed.

12 2. Through its software, CiQ has been illegally intercepting, collecting, and  
13 sharing the electronic communications that are sent and received by the Electronic  
14 Devices in which CiQ is installed for approximately six years.

15 3. Such electronic communications include every key that a user presses,  
16 every text message and email sent and received by the user, and all Internet browser  
17 usage and history while using the Electronic Devices.

18 4. This deeply intrusive surveillance campaign has occurred unbeknownst to  
19 Plaintiff and Class members, who were not given an opportunity to provide informed  
20 consent to such surveillance. The nature and extent of CiQ's intrusive and  
21 comprehensive surveillance was not disclosed to Plaintiff and the members of the Class.

22 5. As a result of the facts alleged herein, Defendant has violated federal and  
23 state laws governing the protection of Plaintiff's and Class members' privacy.

24 **PARTIES**

25 6. Plaintiff Eric Steiner is a citizen of the State of New Jersey. He purchased  
26 an iPhone which, unbeknownst to Plaintiff, had CiQ's electronic interception software  
27 installed on it.

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1       7.    Defendant Carrier iQ Inc. maintains its principal executive offices at 1200  
2 Villa Street, Suite 200, Mountain View CA 94041. Carrier IQ, established in 2005,  
3 develops software that CiQ, cellular service providers (“carriers”), and original  
4 equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”) use to collect and intercept data and  
5 communications sent or received by a wide variety of electronic devices, including  
6 traditional cellular telephones, smartphones, tablets, and electronic-readers (“e-  
7 readers”).

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

9       8.     This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the claims asserted in this  
10 action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because Plaintiff's claims arise under the laws of  
11 the United States.

12       9.     This Court has also subject matter jurisdiction over the claims asserted in  
13 this action pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1332.  
14 Plaintiff, a citizen of New Jersey, brings claims on behalf of a nationwide class against  
15 Defendant, a citizen of California and the aggregate claims of Plaintiff and members of  
16 the Class exceed the sum or value of \$5,000,000.

17       10. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant  
18 maintains sufficient contacts in this jurisdiction.

19       11.   Venue is proper in this District because Defendant maintains its principal  
20 executive offices and headquarters in this District, and a substantial part of the events  
21 giving rise to the claim occurred in this District.

## **SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS**

24 | Background on the Smartphones and other Electronic Devices

25 12. CiQ estimates on its website that it has installed its program on more than  
26 140 million Electronic Devices.

27       13. A “smartphone,” is a mobile phone that offers wireless internet  
28 connectivity and more advanced computing ability than a traditional cellular phone.

1 Because smartphones have many of the features possessed by computers, smartphones  
2 require an operating system to function. An operating system (“OS”) is software,  
3 consisting of programs and data, that runs on computers and manages computer  
4 hardware resources and providing common services for efficient execution of various  
5 application software.

6       14. A tablet computer is a class of small mobile computers, usually having a  
7 touchscreen or pen-enabled interface. An e-reader is an electronic device for reading  
8 content, such as books, newspapers and documents in digital format. Both e-readers  
9 and tablets have wireless connectivity for downloading content and conducting other  
10 Web-based tasks.

11       15. The capabilities of the smartphones and the other Electronic Devices make  
12 information accessible at the user’s finger tips. CiQ has capitalized on this technology  
13 by using it to illegally surveil Electronic Device users 24 hours per day 7 days per  
14 week, as admitted by CiQ’s own Vice President of Marketing, Andrew Coward.

15       16. According CiQ’s website, “Our software is embedded by device  
16 manufacturers along with other diagnostic tools and software prior to shipment.”

17       18. **CiQ’s Illegal Surveillance and Communication Interception**

19       17. CiQ’s software enables CiQ to monitor all communications that are sent  
20 and received by an electronic device in which CiQ’s software is installed. CiQ  
21 describes its software and data interception services as “Mobile Intelligence.”

22       18. CiQ’s Vice President, Andrew Coward, described the surveillance, data  
23 interception, and data collection provided through CiQ’s software in detail when he  
24 stated in relevant part:

25       26. The answers lie within the handset itself because the handset holds untapped  
27 information about what actually happens. Getting out and exploiting this  
28 information is what we call ‘mobile intelligence.’ To extract it, we work  
with handset manufacturers to embed an agent inside the phone—an agent

1 that works pretty much like a rewind button and records when things go  
2 wrong and brings together the data to make them right again. So far this  
3 agent has shipped on 150 million devices. And not just on handsets, but on  
4 tablets, readers, and data sticks to provide detailed ‘mobile intelligence’ on  
5 how well and where networks, devices, and applications are really  
6 performing. . . .

7 19. CiQ’s website states in relevant part:

8 7 Carrier IQ delivers Mobile Intelligence on the performance of mobile  
9 devices and networks to assist operators and device manufacturers . . . . We  
10 do this by counting and measuring operational information in mobile devices  
11 – feature phones, smartphones and tablets. . . .

#### CiQ’s Illegal Interception Scheme is Publicly Exposed

12 20. In reality, CiQ’s “Mobile Intelligence” amounts to illegal surveillance and  
13 interception conducted without the consent of the Class members.

14 21. Electronic Device users were unaware that CiQ was illegally intercepting  
15 their communications until a systems administrator, Trevor Eckhart, publicly revealed  
16 the truth.

17 22. Trevor Eckhart discovered that the CiQ program was running in his HTC  
18 Evo 3D smartphone. However, his phone would not allow him to disable the CiQ  
19 program.

20 23. Trevor Eckhart connected his smartphone to a device that allowed him to  
21 observe the activity of the CiQ software, which is referred to as USB debugging to read  
22 logcat logs created by the CiQ program.

##### A. CiQ Records Every Keystroke and Action

23 24. By depressing every button on his smartphone, Mr. Eckhart demonstrated  
25 that a specific code called a “wkeycode” for each button was recorded and was sent to  
26 CiQ. This enabled CiQ to recognize and store every word he typed into his smartphone.

27 25. In addition, every action he took with his phone, such as turning it on or  
28 off, had an action identifier. The action identifier was also sent to CiQ.

1                   **B. CiQ Intercepts Every Text Message Sent and Received**

2       26. Using the USB debugger, Trevor Eckhart was able also to observe that  
3 every time he sent or received a text message, CiQ was able to illegally intercept that  
4 text message and recognize that a text message was sent or received. CiQ software  
5 would then read and display the actual text of the text message to CiQ, as depicted in  
6 **Figure 1** below.

7                   **Figure 1**

8                   Carrier IQ Part #2  
9                   by Trevor Eckhart

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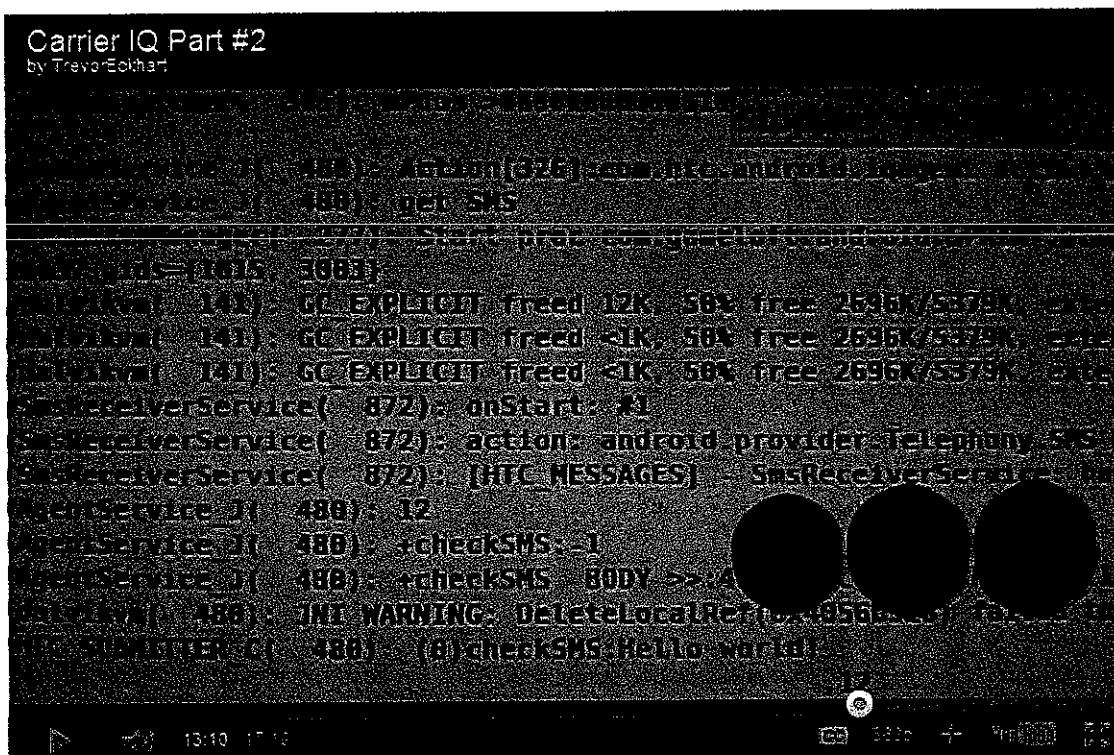
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22       27. CiQ's interception software is so sophisticated that it actually reads all text  
23 messages sent from, or received by, an Electronic Device before the users of those  
24 Electronic Devices are able to read them.

25       28. All of this information is then transmitted to not only CiQ, but also all of  
26 CiQ's customers, which include OEMs and carriers.

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### **C. CiQ Illegally Intercepts Internet Communications on Private Wi-Fi Networks**

29. Trevor Eckhart also discovered that CiQ also illegally intercepted all Internet browsing history while he was using his own wireless network, not his carrier's network.

30. When Mr. Eckhart entered search terms into Google.com and performed an Internet search, CiQ's software once again illegally intercepted these electronic communications and actually read and displayed the search as depicted by **Figure 2** below.

**Figure 2**



31. When a user enters search terms into a search engine or enters a URL into the navigation toolbar, CiQ's software illegally intercepts and records and transmits this information to CiQ. CiQ, by its own admission, illegally collects this data and provides

1 it to its customers.

2       32. Eckhart discovered that, despite his efforts to disable CiQ software, it was  
3 incapable of being disabled.

4       33. When CiQ became aware that Mr. Eckhart was about to alert the public  
5 about CiQ's illegal scheme, CiQ attempted to squelch Mr. Eckhart's activities by  
6 serving him with a cease-and-desist letter, giving him two days to respond, and  
7 threatening to seek damages from him if he did not cease his activities.

8       34. Undeterred by CiQ's threats, however, Eckhart hired the Electronic  
9 Frontier Foundation, an organization committed to protecting privacy, to defend him.  
10 Soon thereafter, CiQ withdrew its Cease-and-Desist letter and apologized to him by  
11 stating that CiQ was "deeply sorry for any concern or trouble" that CiQ's Cease-and-  
12 desist letter may have caused Eckhart.

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14 **CiQ Software is Embedded in the Electronic Devices, Including the iPhone**

15       35. Apple has admitted that it used CiQ's software in its iPhones. Specifically  
16 Apple has stated in relevant part,

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18       "We stopped supporting Carrier IQ with iOS 5 in most of our products and  
19 will remove it completely in a future software update. With any diagnostic  
20 data sent to Apple, customers must actively opt-in to share this information,  
21 and if they do, the data is sent in an anonymous and encrypted form and  
22 does not include any personal information. We never recorded keystrokes,  
messages or any other personal information for diagnostic data and have no  
plans to ever do so."

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24       36. Contrary to Apple's claims, however, testing by a well-known iPhone  
25 hacker and blogger, Grant Paul, has confirmed that CiQ software exists on any iPhone  
26 that runs any version of iOS 3, iOS 4, and iOS 5 operating systems.

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1                   Any Purported “Opt Out” or “Consent” is Deceptive and Invalid

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3                   37. Carriers themselves do not disclose in their contracts the kind of  
4                   surveillance that Trevor Eckhart has shown CiQ to be performing.

5                   38. CiQ never has entered into any agreement with electronic device users, let  
6                   alone obtains their consent to intercept their electronic communications.

7                   39. Moreover, no provision in any contract or service agreement of any  
8                   electronic device in which CiQ is installed discloses to the user that CiQ the following  
9                   information: (i) CiQ will read and intercept all text typed into the electronic device; (ii)  
10                   CiQ will read and intercept all of the content of the user’s text messages and emails,  
11                   sent or received; and (iii) CiQ will read and intercept all internet browsing history.

12                   40. Without any disclosure of the intrusive and comprehensive nature of CiQ’s  
13                   communication interception, data collection, and surveillance, Plaintiff and Class  
14                   members were not capable of providing informed consent to CiQ’s.

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16                   User Outrage Over the Illegal Interception of Their Communications

17                   41. Plaintiff and Class members reasonably expected that text messages,  
18                   emails, and Internet browsing habits were private and confidential. They did not expect  
19                   or have knowledge that CiQ would illegally intercept read and their private  
20                   communications, much less share them with CiQ’s customers.

21                   42. As one incensed smartphone user exclaimed, “Stay out of my phone! And  
22                   reading my messages, everything I type even my id/passwords helps you support me  
23                   how? You say my information is secured, how and why would I trust you? You don’t  
24                   give any option to opt-out or remove your spyware, and don’t inform anyone what you  
25                   doing upfront, [expletive deleted]. I hope you get sued you [expletive deleted].”

26                   43. Another smartphone user complained “A video by the aptly named  
27                   Andrew COWARD, pushing this program that has been lurking in my phone recording  
28                   every keystroke, website and message I get. Just how does this benefit me? I don’t

1 remember signing up for this, and I certainly never gave you any sort of permission to  
2 receive MY personal information that I pay a hefty amount per month to be able to send  
3 and receive on MY phone. How you skirt legalities I haven't a clue, but I hope a lawsuit  
4 is put together soon to put you out of business.”

5       44. Yet another user echoed these sentiments, “OUT...OUT...STAY OUT OF  
6 MY PHONE,LIERS...LIERS...LIERS...-DONT YOU DARE TO SAY WE DONT  
7 UNDERSTAND F>>OFF...OUT THIEVES.”

8       45. This particular complaint reflects the concerns shared by other Class  
9 members, “The reasons everyone are so up in arms about this: 1) The data you collect  
10 goes well beyond data you need to help carriers support hardware/software. Why do  
11 they need my text messages, google searches, and unencrypted login/password details  
12 for my banking???? 2) You went to great lengths to hide this software on phones and  
13 prevent users from turning it off. 3) Now that it has been exposed, you are backpedaling  
14 and doing damage control after threatening to sue a user for simply exposing you.”

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#### CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

16       46. Plaintiff brings this action both individually and as a class action pursuant  
17 to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3) against Defendant, on his own behalf and on the  
18 behalf of any person who owns an Electronic Device in which CiQ software is installed  
19 in the United States.

20       47. Members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members would  
21 be impracticable. Plaintiff estimates that there are more than 140 million members of  
22 the Class.  
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24       48. There are questions of law and fact common to all the members of the  
25 Class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual members,  
26 including:

27           a. Whether Defendant intercepted Plaintiff and Class members' electronic  
28           communications;

- b. Whether Defendant's interceptions of Plaintiff's and Class members' electronic communications were intentional;
- c. Whether Defendant's interceptions of Plaintiff's and Class members' electronic communications were without consent;
- d. Whether Defendant obtained and continues to retain valuable information from Class members;
- e. Whether, because of Defendant's misconduct, Plaintiff and other Class members are entitled to damages, restitution, equitable relief, injunctive relief, or other relief, and the amount and nature of such relief.

49. The claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the members of the Class. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to those of the Class, and CiQ has no defenses unique to the Plaintiff.

50. Plaintiff will protect the interests of the Class fairly and adequately, and Plaintiff has retained attorneys experienced in complex class action litigation.

51. A class action is superior to all other available methods for this controversy because:

- a. the prosecution of separate actions by the members of the Class would create a risk of adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class that would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the adjudications, or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests;
- b. the prosecution of separate actions by the members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to the individual members of the Class, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant;
- c. Defendant acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class; and

- d. questions of law and fact common to members of the Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

52. Plaintiff does not anticipate any difficulty in the management of this litigation.

**COUNT I**

**Violation of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act  
Title 18 United States Code, Section 2510, *et seq.* (Wiretap Act)**

53. Plaintiff incorporates the above allegations by reference as if fully set forth herein.

54. Defendant intercepted, tracked and recorded Plaintiff and Class Members' electronic communications on Plaintiff and Class Members' Electronic Devices by and through the use of Defendant's Carrier IQ software application. Defendant used this software application to acquire the contents of Plaintiff and Class Members' communications, thereby diverting and transferring information containing and constituting the substance, purport, and meaning of Plaintiff and Class Members' communications.

55. Defendant's conduct was in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2511(1)(a) because Defendant intentionally intercepted and endeavored to intercept Plaintiff and Class Members' electronic communications.

56. Defendants' conduct was in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2511(1)(d) in that Defendant used and endeavored to use the contents of Plaintiff and Class Members' electronic communications, knowing and having reason to know that the information was obtain through interception in violation of Title 18, United States Code Section 2511(1).

57. Defendant's conduct was knowing and intentional in that Defendant designed and operated its Carrier IQ software application described herein and executed

1 this software application specifically for the purpose of engaging in the interceptions  
2 that Defendant did, in fact, carry out.

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4 58. Defendant was not a party to the respective communications between  
5 Plaintiff and Class Members and websites, which Defendant monitored in-process.

6 59. Defendant's interception processes were invisible and unknown to Plaintiff  
7 and Class Members.

8 60. Defendant failed to disclose its interception processes to Plaintiff and Class  
9 Members.

10 61. Because Defendant's interception processes were invisible and  
11 undisclosed, any consent Defendants received to participate in Plaintiff and Class  
12 Members' communications did not constitute consent to Defendant's interception.

13 62. Only Plaintiff and Class Members possessed the authority to consent to  
14 another party's interception of their electronic communications.

15 63. Defendant's interception was therefore undertaken without the consent of  
16 any party to the communications that Defendant intercepted.

17 64. Defendant's tracking and interception of Plaintiff and Class Members'  
18 electronic communications were not necessarily incident to Defendant's rendition of  
19 services or protection of rights or property.

20 65. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff and  
21 Class Members' electronic communications were intercepted and intentionally used in  
22 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 119.

23 66. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to such preliminary  
24 and other equitable or declaratory relief as may be just and proper.

25 67. Plaintiff and Class Members are also entitled to damages computed as the  
26 greater of: (i) the sum of actual damages suffered by Plaintiff and Class Members plus  
27 Defendant's profits made through the violative conduct herein; (ii) statutory damages  
28 for each Class Member of \$100 a day for each day of violation; or (iii) statutory

1 damages of \$10,000 per individual.

2 68. Plaintiff and Class Members are also entitled to and request Defendant's  
3 payment of punitive damages.

4 69. Plaintiff and Class Members are also entitled to and hereby request  
5 Defendant's payment of reasonable attorneys' fees and other litigation costs reasonably  
6 incurred.

7 **COUNT II**

8 **Violation of the Privacy Act**  
9 **California General Laws, Chapter 214, Section 1B**

10 70. Plaintiff incorporates the above allegations by reference as if fully set forth  
herein.

11 71. Defendant illegally intercepted, tracked and recorded Plaintiff and Class  
12 Members' electronic communications as described herein.

13 72. Through the use of Defendant's Carrier IQ software application described  
herein, Defendant disclosed to third parties, and/or caused to be disclosed to the other  
15 third parties, Plaintiff and Class Members' Web-browsing, texting and calling  
16 information, which included facts of a highly private, sensitive, personal or intimate  
17 nature.

18 73. Defendant did so repeatedly throughout the Class Period.

19 74. Defendant did so knowing and intending to engage in conduct that Plaintiff  
20 and Class Members did not reasonably expect.

21 75. Defendant did so knowing Plaintiff and Class Members' reasonably  
believed their privacy was protected. Defendant did so intending to circumvent the  
23 measures Plaintiff and Class Members' had taken to protect their privacy.

24 76. Defendant did so knowing its actions would seriously diminish, intrude  
upon, and invade Plaintiff and Class Members' privacy.

25 77. Defendant did so intending to seriously diminish, intrude upon, and invade  
26 Plaintiff and Class Members' privacy.

1       78. Defendant did so in a manner designed to evade detection by Plaintiff and  
2 Class Members.

3       79. Defendant had no legitimate, countervailing business interest in engaging  
4 in such conduct.

5       80. Defendant' actions did unreasonably, substantially, and seriously interfere  
6 with Plaintiff and Class Members' privacy.

7       81. In addition, Defendant's conduct has caused, and continues to cause,  
8 Plaintiff and Class Members' irreparable injury. Unless restrained and enjoined,  
9 Defendant will continue to commit such acts. Plaintiff and Class Members' remedy at  
10 law is not adequate to compensate them for these inflicted, imminent, threatened, and  
11 continuing injuries, entitling Plaintiff and Class Members to remedies including  
12 injunctive relief.

13       82. Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to equitable relief that includes  
14 Defendant's cessation of the illegal conduct alleged herein.

15       83. Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to equitable relief that includes an  
16 accounting of what personal information of theirs was collected, used, merge, and  
17 further disclosed to whom, under what circumstances, and for what purposes.

18       84. As a proximate and direct result of Defendant's invasion of privacy,  
19 Plaintiff and Class Members were harmed.

20       85. Plaintiff and Class Members are therefore entitled to damages in an  
21 amount to be determined at trial.

22       86. Plaintiff and Class Members request such other preliminary and equitable  
23 relief as the Court deems appropriate.

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### COUNT III

## Trespass to Chattel

87. Plaintiff incorporates the above allegations by reference as if fully set forth herein.

88. The common law prohibits the intentional intermeddling with personal property, including the Electronic Devices, in the possession of another that results in the deprivation of the use of the personal property or impairment of the condition, quality, or usefulness of the personal property, or impairs some other legally protected interest, including the legally protected interest in privacy and confidential information.

89. By engaging in the acts alleged in this complaint without the authorization or consent of Plaintiff and Class Members, Defendant dispossessed Plaintiff and Class Members from use and/or access to their personal confidential information. Further, these acts impaired the use, value, and quality of Plaintiff and Class Members' personal confidential information. Defendant's acts constituted an intentional interference with the use and enjoyment of Plaintiff's and Class Members' personal confidential information. By the acts described above, Defendant repeatedly and persistently engaged in trespass to personal property in violation of the common law.

90. Without Plaintiff and Class Members' authorization or consent, or in excess of any authorization or consent given, Defendant knowingly and intentionally accessed Plaintiff and Class Members' property, thereby intermeddling with Plaintiff and Class Members' right to exclusive possession of the property and causing injury to Plaintiff and the members of the Class.

91. Defendant engaged in deception and concealment to gain access to Plaintiff and Class Members' computers.

92. Defendant engaged in the following conduct with respect to Plaintiff and Class Members' Electronic Devices: Defendant accessed and obtained control over Plaintiff and Class Members' personal confidential information; Defendant caused the installation of Defendants' Carrier IQ software application on Plaintiff and Class

1 Members' Electronic Devices; Defendant deliberately programmed the operation of its  
2 software application code to bypass and circumvent the Electronic Device owners'  
3 privacy and security controls, to remain beyond their control, and to continue to  
4 function and operate without notice to them or consent from them. All these acts  
5 described above were acts in excess of any authority Plaintiff and Class Members  
6 granted when visiting websites and none of these acts was in furtherance of Plaintiff  
7 and Class Members' viewing the content or utilizing services on websites. By engaging  
8 in deception and misrepresentation, whatever authority or permission Plaintiff and Class  
9 Members may have granted to the Defendants did not apply to Defendant's conduct.

10 93. Defendant's installation and operation of its program used, interfered,  
11 and/or intermeddled with Plaintiff and Class Members' Electronic Devices. Such use,  
12 interference and/or intermeddling was without Plaintiff and Class Members' consent or,  
13 in the alternative, in excess of Plaintiff and Class Members' consent.

14 94. Defendant's installation and operation of its program constitutes trespass,  
15 nuisance, and an interference with Plaintiff and Class Members' chattels, to wit, their  
16 Electronic Devices and personal confidential information.

17 95. Defendant's installation and operation of its Carrier IQ software  
18 application impaired the condition and value of Plaintiff and Class Member's Electronic  
19 Devices and personal confidential information.

20 96. Defendant's trespass to chattels, nuisance, and interference caused real and  
21 substantial damage to Plaintiff and Class Members.

22 97. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's trespass to chattels,  
23 nuisance, interference, unauthorized access of and intermeddling with Plaintiff and  
24 Class Members' property, Defendant has injured and impaired in the condition and  
25 value of Class Members' Electronic Devices and personal confidential information, as  
26 follows:

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1 a. by consuming the resources of and/or degrading the performance of  
2 Plaintiff and Class Members' Electronic Devices (including hard drive  
3 space, memory, processing cycles, and Internet connectivity);  
4 b. by diminishing the use of, value, speed, capacity, and/or capabilities of  
5 Plaintiff and Class Members' Electronic Devices;  
6 c. by devaluing, interfering with, and/or diminishing Plaintiff and Class  
7 Members' possessory interest in their Electronic Devices and personal  
8 confidential information;  
9 d. by altering and controlling the functioning of Plaintiffs and Class  
10 Members' Electronic Devices and personal confidential information;  
11 e. by infringing on Plaintiffs and Class Members' right to exclude others  
12 from their Electronic Devices and personal confidential information;  
13 f. by infringing on Plaintiffs and Class Members' right to determine, as  
14 owners of their Electronic Devices, which programs should be installed  
15 and operating on their Electronic Devices;  
16 g. by compromising the integrity, security, and ownership of Class Members'  
17 Electronic Devices and personal confidential information; and  
18 h. by forcing Plaintiffs and Class Members' to expend money, time, and  
19 resources in order to remove the program installed on their Electronic  
20 Devices without notice or consent.

21 98. Defendant's conduct constituted an ongoing and effectively permanent  
22 impairment of Plaintiff and Class Members' Electronic Devices and personal  
23 confidential information.

24 99. Plaintiff and Class Members each had and have legally protected, privacy  
25 and economic interests in their Electronic Devices and personal confidential  
26 information.

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1 100. Plaintiff and Class Members sustained harm as a result of Defendant's  
2 actions, in that the expected operation and use of their Electronic Devices and personal  
3 confidential information were altered and diminished on an ongoing basis.

4 101. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's trespass to chattels,  
5 interference, unauthorized access of and intermeddling with Plaintiff and Class  
6 Members' Electronic Devices and personal confidential information, Plaintiff and Class  
7 Members have been injured, as described above.

8       102. Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the Class, seek injunctive relief  
9 restraining Defendant from such further trespass to chattels and requiring Defendant to  
10 account for its use of Plaintiff and Class Members' Electronic Devices and personal  
11 confidential information, account for the personal information they have acquired,  
12 purge such data, and pay damages in an amount to be determined.

**COUNT IV**

**Violation of the Unfair Competition Law ("UCL")  
California Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq.**

16       103. Plaintiff incorporates the above allegations by reference as if fully set forth  
17 herein.

18       104. By engaging in the above-described acts and practices, Defendant has  
19 committed one or more acts of unfair competition within the meaning of the UCL and,  
20 as a result, Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury-in-fact and have lost money  
21 and/or property—specifically, personal confidential information and the full value of  
22 their Electronic Devices and personal confidential information.

23        105. Defendant's actions described above are in violation of California Business  
24 and Professions Code section 17500, et seq. and violations of the right of privacy  
25 enshrined in Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of California.

26        106. In addition, Defendant's business acts and practices are unlawful, because  
27 they violate the Electronic Communications Privacy Act and California Invasion of  
28 Privacy Act. Defendant is therefore in violation of the "unlawful" prong of the UCL.

107. Defendant's business acts and practices are unfair because they cause harm and injury-in-fact to Plaintiff and Class Members and for which Defendant has no justification. Defendant's conduct lacks reasonable and legitimate justification in that Defendant has benefited from such conduct and practices while Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered material disadvantage regarding their interests in the privacy and confidentiality of their personal information. Defendant's conduct offends public policy in California tethered to the right of privacy set forth in the Constitution of the State of California, and California statutes recognizing the need for consumers to obtain material information with which they can take steps to safeguard their privacy interests.

108. Defendant's acts and practices were also fraudulent within the meaning of the UCL because they are likely to mislead the members of the public to whom they were directed.

109. As a result, Plaintiffs and the Class have suffered and will continue to suffer damages.

110. Further, as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's willful and intentional actions, Plaintiffs and the Class have suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial and, unless Defendant is restrained, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer damages.

**COUNT V**

111. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

112. At all material times, Penal Code Sections 631 and 632.7 were in full force and effect and were binding upon Defendant, and existed for the benefit of the Class members, including Plaintiff, all of whom are and/or were protected by the California Invasion of Privacy Act (Penal Code §§ 630 *et seq*).

1       113. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereupon allege that Defendant  
2 willfully and without the consent of all parties to communications, or in some other  
3 unauthorized manner, read, or attempted to read, or to learn the contents or meaning of  
4 messages, reports, or communications while the same were in transit or passing over  
5 wires, lines, or cables, or were being sent from, or received at any place within  
6 California; or used, or attempted to use, in some manner, or for any purpose, or to  
7 communicate in any way, any information so obtained, or aided, agreed with,  
8 employed, or conspired with any person or persons to unlawfully do, or permit, or cause  
9 to be done any of the acts or things mentioned herein during the Class Period. (Cal.  
10 Pen.Code § 631(a).)

11       114. Plaintiff is further informed, believes, and thereupon alleges that  
12 Defendant, without the consent of all parties to the communication, intercepted or  
13 received and intentionally recorded, or assisted in the interception or reception and  
14 intentional recordation of, a communication transmitted by and between the Electronic  
15 Devices. (Cal. Pen.Code § 632.7(a).)

16       115. Penal Code Section 637.2 is a manifestation of the California Legislature's  
17 determination that the privacy invasion arising from the non-consensual interception,  
18 wiretapping, eavesdropping, or recording of a confidential communication constitutes  
19 an affront to human dignity that warrants a minimum of \$5,000 in statutory damages  
20 per violation, even in the absence of proof of actual damages, as well as injunctive relief  
21 enjoining further violations. (Cal. Pen.Code § 637.2(a)-(c).) Defendants' unlawful  
22 conduct caused injury to Plaintiff and the Class in the form of an affront to their human  
23 dignity.

24       116. Based upon the foregoing, the Class members, including the Plaintiff, are  
25 entitled to, and below do pray for, statutory damages for each of Defendant's violations  
26 of Penal Code Sections 631, 632.7 and for injunctive relief, as provided under Penal  
27 Code Section 637.2.

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## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays that this Court:

- a. Certify this action as a class action under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, appoint the named Plaintiff as the Class representative, and appoint the undersigned as class counsel;
- b. Order Defendant to pay Plaintiff and other members of the Class an amount of actual and statutory damages, restitution and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- c. Issue a permanent injunction or other appropriate equitable relief requiring Defendant refrain from its ongoing illegal interception and other activities;
- d. Issue an order granting Plaintiffs' reasonable costs and attorney's fees; and
- e. Grant such other relief as may be just and proper.

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## DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

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

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