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15	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE DIVISION
16	NOAM LAZEBNIK, M.D., ON BEHALF) CASE NO.
17	OF HIMSELF AND ALL OTHERS) SIMILARLY SITUATED) JUDGE
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19	Plaintiff)
20) VS.)
21)) <u>CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT</u>
22	APPLE, INC.) [Jury Demand Endorsed Hereon]
23) Defendant)
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25	Plaintiff Noam Lazebnik, M.D., through undersigned counsel, on behalf of himself
26	and all consumers nationwide who are similarly situated, alleges the following based on
27	personal knowledge as to allegations regarding the Plaintiff and on information and
28	belief and the investigation of his attorneys as to other allegations.

1		INTRODUCTION
2	1.	When a consumer buys a ticket to a football game, he does not have to
3	leave at half	time. When a consumer buys an opera ticket, he does not get kicked out at
4		. When a consumer buys a "Season Pass" to a full season of a television
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6	show on iTu	nes, that consumer should get access to the whole season.
7	2.	Defendant Apple, Inc. ("Apple") apparently disagrees. This case is about
8	Apple's dec	eptive and unfair sales practices with regard to Season 5 of the popular
9	television pr	ogram "Breaking Bad," which is produced by AMC Networks, Inc., marketed
10	by AMC and	Apple and sold through Apple's iTunes platform.
11	3.	From the time Season 5 of Breaking Bad was first announced, it was
12	referred to a	s the "Final Season" and was slated to include 16 episodes.
13	4.	For example, AMC issued the following press release on May 12, 2012:
14		AMC announced today its summer programming slate, including the
15		highly anticipated premiere of the first part of <i>Breaking Bad</i> 's final season on Sun., Jul. 15 at 10/9c. The final season of the Emmy®
16		Award-winning and critically acclaimed drama, produced by Sony Pictures Television, consists of 16 episodes, with the first eight
17		episodes beginning July 15th and culminating with the series' final eight episodes next summer 2013.
18		http://blogs.amctv.com/breaking-bad/2012/05/season-5-premiere-
19 20		announced/
20	5.	In describing the current season, their website indicates that:
21		AMC's Emmy® Award-winning drama <i>Breaking Bad</i> returns to AMC for its final eight episodes on Sun., Aug. 11 at 9/8c. <i>At the end of</i>
22 23		the first half of Season 5, Jesse (Aaron Paul) has abandoned the meth business and parted ways with Walt, who claims to Skyler
23 24		(Anna Gunn) that he, too, is finished.
24 25	6.	AMC, in presenting video clips and summaries from past and current
25	episodes on	its website, continues to present the 8 episodes that aired in 2012 and the 8
27	episodes cu	rrently airing collectively as "Season 5." (Ex. 1)
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7. AMC's website identifies and numbers the episodes currently airing on AMC as Season 5, Episode 9 (509), Season 5, Episode 10 (510), etc. (Ex. 2)

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8. Breaking Bad's creators, writers and actors have consistently referred to the final 16 episodes as "Season 5," sometimes describing the two 8-episode runs as "Part 1" and "Part 2" of Season 5, but never as two separate seasons. (Ex. 3)

9. On or around the time the first episode of Season 5 became available on iTunes, Apple began selling a "Season Pass" for the program.

10. Customers would pay a one-time charge, in this case \$21.99 for high definition ("HD") and \$13.99 for standard definition ("SD"), and in exchange they were promised: "[t]his Season Pass includes all current and future episodes of Breaking Bad, Season 5."

11. The iTunes informational page regarding the "Season Pass" option explained (and still explains, as of the date of the filing of this Complaint) that 15 16 "[p]urchasing a Season Pass gets you every episode in that season and at a better price than if you were to purchase it one at a time." (Ex. 4) (emphasis added)

12. Therefore, customers who purchased a "Breaking Bad: Season 5" Season Pass from iTunes reasonably believed that they would receive access to all 16 episodes of Season 5, as announced and promoted by AMC, the network responsible for producing and airing the program on "live" TV, just as Apple had promised.

13. However, when the second half of Season 5 started to air on AMC and became available on iTunes in early August of 2013, iTunes customers who had purchased a Season Pass did *not* have access to the new episodes.

26 14. Instead, Apple chose to treat the final 8 episodes – what AMC is calling the 27 second half of Season 5 – as a *different season*. (Ex. 5) 28

1	15. Apple deemed the new episodes a "Final Season" that it did not consider
2	part of Season 5, and expected individuals who had already purchased Season 5 to
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4	pony up another \$22.99 or \$14.99 in order to access it. ¹
5	16. Apple made this decision despite the fact that its customers who
6	purchased a Season Pass prior to the release of Episode 9 of Season 5 were
7	specifically informed in writing that they were paying for "all current and future" episodes
8	of Season 5.
9	17. In fact, up until the very point in time that Apple first made the final
10	8 episodes available, Apple was still evidently informing its customers who inquired that
11	"Season 5" would include all 16 episodes. ²
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13	¹ This is one of several complaints regarding this practice currently posted on the product page for
14	Breaking Bad "The Final Season" on iTunes:
15	Great Show/Shame on iTunes
16	by lambert of NC
17	It is too bad that BB will suffer from this poor delivery (unless this was their intention all
18	along.) This season was billed as "the end" long before it began last fall. They announced it, and iTunes new [sic] that. Why would they go and split it in half with a
19	shady title like "the final season." The first 8 episodes ARE part of the final season. I bought a season pass and I feel completely betrayed. Again, it is too bad that Breaking
20	Bad was the vehicle of this train wreck.
21	https://itunes.apple.com/us/tv-season/breaking-bad-the-final-season/id665386598 Retrieved September 2, 2013
22	² See the following, e.g., which is a response a customer received from iTunes customer service regarding
23	this issue in July of 2013 and posted to a discussion board on Apple's website:
24	"Dear Don,
25	Welcome to iTunes Store Customer Support. My name is Bibin and I am glad to help you today.
26	I understand that you would like to know more about a season pass you purchased.
27	I understand the issue and I am happy to provide you necessary information.
28	Don, as you have purchased season pass, whenever an episode aired, you will be notified. You do not have to purchase the remaining episodes again as well.
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1	18. Apple's behavior was deceptive, fraudulent and undertaken only to
2	maximize its revenue with regard to Season 5 of Breaking Bad, the most popular TV
3	program on iTunes, all at the expense of its customers.
4	JURISDICTION AND VENUE
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6	19. This Court has original jurisdiction of this action under the Class Action
7	Fairness Act of 2005. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1332(d)(2) and (6), this Court has original
8	jurisdiction because the aggregate claims of the putative Class members exceed
9	\$5 million, exclusive of interest and costs, and at least one of the members of the
10	proposed Class is a resident of a different state than the Defendant.
11	20. Venue is proper in the Northern District of California, pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
12 13	1391, because Apple is headquartered in this District, is subject to personal jurisdiction
14	here, and regularly conducts business here, and because a substantial part of the
15	events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred and continue to
16	occur in that District.
17	21. Further, the terms and conditions that govern the use of Apple's iTunes
18	service dictate that:
19	All transactions on the iTunes Service are governed by California
20	law, without giving effect to its conflict of law provisions. Your use of the iTunes Service may also be subject to other laws. You
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22	I hope that this will resolve your issue.
23	If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us and we will be happy to assist you.
24	Have a nice day!
25	Sincerely,
26	Bibin
27	iTunes Store Customer Support"
28	https://discussions.apple.com/thread/5184008?start=15&tstart=0
	Retrieved September 2, 2013. 5

1 2	expressly agree that exclusive jurisdiction for any claim or with Apple or relating in any way to your use of the iTunes resides in the courts in the State of California.	
3	THE PARTIES	
4	22. The named Plaintiff is an Ohio resident	
5	23. Defendant Apple, Inc., is a publicly-traded Delaware corpora	ation.
6	24. Apple's principal place of business is in Cupertino, California	
7 8	THE CONSUMER TRANSACTION BETWEEN PLAINTIFF AND	
9	25. On or about September 20, 2012, Plaintiff purchased a "Se	
10	Season 5 of Breaking Bad on Apple's iTunes service.	
11	26. The purchase was made by Plaintiff, Dr. Noam Lazebnik.	
12	27. The purchase was paid for using a credit card belonging to	Plaintiff but his
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14	son-in-law, Jeremy Tor, actually completed the transaction, using his iTur	
15	28. Plaintiff and Mr. Tor were fans of the show and had watch	ed the previous
16	four seasons.	
17	29. When he purchased his "Season Pass," Plaintiff and Mr. To	or were pleased
18	that his purchase would include all "current and future" episodes of Sea	son 5. Mr. Tor
19	saw and specifically relied upon Apple's promise that the "Season Pass	" would include
20	all current and future episodes of Season 5.	
21 22	30. Plaintiff and Mr. Tor understood, from AMC's anno	uncement and
22 23	advertising and press reports based on AMC's announcement, that S	eason 5 would
24	constitute 16 episodes.	
25	31. Prior to Plaintiff's purchase, Mr. Tor related to Plaintiff App	le's promise on
26	the iTunes site that the Season Pass would include all of Season 5.	·
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32. The Plaintiff and Mr. Tor watched the first 8 episodes of Season 5 and waited for the second half of the season to become available.

33. However, when the second half of Season 5 first started to air on AMC and become available on iTunes, Plaintiff and Mr. Tor realized that the "future episodes" of Season 5 Plaintiff had been promised and had paid for were not, in fact, being provided to him.

34. Instead, Plaintiff realized he was being asked to pay anew for the second 8 episodes of Season 5, notwithstanding Apple's clear representations that Plaintiff had already purchased access to the full season.

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35. Plaintiff and Mr. Tor purchased Episode 9 of Season 5 for \$2.99.

36. Mr. Tor later reached out to Apple and indicated that he felt Plaintiff had not received what he had paid for and that Plaintiff should be given access to the second half of Season 5.

16 37. Apple informed him that it considered the second half of Season 5 to be a 17 different season, which it refers to as the "Final Season," and which it was then selling 18 on iTunes for an additional \$22.99.

19 38. Apple grudgingly refunded the \$2.99 Plaintiff had spent to purchase Episode 9 of Season 5, but it told Mr. Tor that if Plaintiff wanted to watch the remaining 7 episodes, he would have to pay for them - again. (Ex. 5) 22

39. As such, Plaintiff was deprived of the benefit of the bargain he struck with 23 24 Apple and was unfairly deceived, misled and taken advantage of by Apple's promise to 25 deliver something it never intended to provide.

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THE CONSUMER TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE PUTATIVE CLASS AND APPLE

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3	40. Each member of the putative Class entered into a consumer transaction
4	with Apple identical to the one entered into by Plaintiff; that is, Class members
5	purchased Season 5 of Breaking Bad on iTunes at a time when Apple represented that a
6	purchase of Season 5 included all 16 episodes of Season 5.
7	41. For each Class member, Apple has breached that contract by refusing to
8	provide access to all 16 episodes of Season 5.
9	42. In each case, the putative Class member was induced to enter into the
10	transaction with Apple because of a material misrepresentation – specifically, that the
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12	consumer was purchasing "all current and future episodes" of Season 5. ³
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15	³ A few salient examples of complaints regarding this issue currently posted on a discussion board on
16	A new salient examples of complaints regarding this issue currently posted on a discussion board on Apple's website:
17	suspendedrain
18	Currently Being Moderated
19	Re: Breaking Bad Season 5/Final Season Aug 12, 2013 3:16 PM (in response to Kevin Maness)
20	I agree. I too purchased season 5 with the understanding that it would contain the entire
21	5th season. I will never subscribe to programming before it is complete again. This is very unethical Very disappointing iTunes! You should stand by your descriptions not
22	change them after the fact! 🤤 insert_name_here somewhere
23	Currently Being Moderated Re: Breaking Bad Season 5/Final Season
24	Aug 16, 2013 12:51 PM (in response to epruss)
25	I'll say this one last time to apple. It's simple, you advertised season 5 (all episodes) and
26	we bought it. If the content provider changed their minds you tell them it is too late or you honor the agreement you made to us and pay for it yourselves. If you made the mistake in your advertising than you pay for the mistake. 100% it wasn't our fault so we should not
27	pay for it.
28	Having said all that, I have no expectation of anything from Apple and I just won't buy through iTunes in the future.
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1	43.	In each case, Apple's misrepresentation and failure to live up to its word
2	has harmed	the putative Class members in a quantifiable amount.
3	44.	All of Apple's Breaking Bad Season 5 Season Pass advertisements during
4	the relevant	Class Period contain a false representation and/or omit a material fact.
5	45.	Apple intended for Plaintiff and Class members to rely upon and trust
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7	Apple's adve	ertisements.
8	46.	Plaintiff makes the following specific fraud allegations with as much
9	specificity as	s possible:
10	a.	Who: Defendant Apple, Inc.
11	b.	What: Apple expressly represented that the Season 5 Season Pass
12		entitled customers to all 16 episodes of Season 5 by stating, inter alia, that
13		"[p]urchasing a Season Pass gets you every episode in that season and
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15		at a better price than if you were to purchase it one at a time." (Ex. 4)
16		(emphasis added). Likewise, Apple never said that a Season 5 Season
17		Pass would only entitle consumers to half of Season 5.
18	C.	When: Starting no later than August 2012.
19	d.	Where: On Apple's iTunes Store page for Season 5 of Breaking Bad,
20		available to all registered users of the iTunes service.
21		How: Apple has affirmatively misrepresented whether customers who
22	e.	
23		purchased the Season 5 Season Pass would be entitled to all 16 episodes
24		of the season.
25	f.	Why: For the purpose of inducing Plaintiff and Class members to
26		purchase the Season 5 Season Pass.
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CLASS CERTIFICATION IS APPROPRIATE

47. Plaintiff brings this lawsuit as a class action on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated as a Class pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a), (b)(2), and/or (b)(3), as described below.

48. This action satisfies the numerosity, commonality, typicality, adequacy, predominance and superiority requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23.

49. The Class is so numerous that the individual joinder of all its members, in this or any action, is impracticable. The exact number or identification of Class members is presently unknown to Plaintiff, but based on Apple's own representation that Breaking Bad is the most popular television show downloaded via the iTunes service, it is likely to number at least in the tens or hundreds of thousands, making joinder impractical. The Class is composed of an easily ascertainable set of individuals who purchased the Season Pass for Season 5 of Breaking Bad.

16 50. Common questions of fact and law that are capable of class-wide 17 resolution exist as to all Class members and predominate over questions affecting only 18 individual Class members. The answers to these common questions will advance this 19 litigation significantly. Common questions capable of generating common answers apt 20 to drive the resolution of the litigation include, but are not limited to, the following:

> a. Whether Apple's advertising and marketing of the Season Pass to Season 5 of Breaking Bad represented that customers would be entitled to the entirety of Season 5;

> Whether Apple's refusal to allow purchasers of the Season Pass for
> Season 5 to access the 2013 episodes constitutes deception, fraud,

1 false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, the or 2 concealment, suppression, or omission of a material fact; 3 Whether Apple advertised the Season Pass for Season 5 with the C. 4 intent that others rely on the representation that customers would 5 be entitled to the entire 16-episode season; and 6 d. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to damages and/or 7 8 declaratory relief. 9 51. The answers to these questions will be the same for Plaintiff and Class 10 members, and will establish (or not establish) elements of Plaintiff's and Class members' 11 claims. 12 52. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of other Class members, in that 13 Plaintiff, like all Class members, was sold a Season Pass for Season 5 of Breaking Bad 14 that Apple has not fully honored. 15 16 53. The factual bases of Apple's misconduct are common to all Class 17 members and represent a common thread of fraudulent misconduct resulting in injury to 18 all Class members. Plaintiff is asserting the same rights, making the same claims, and 19 seeking the same relief for him and all other Class members. 20 54. Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Class because he is a Class 21 member and does not have interests that conflict with those of the other Class members 22 he seeks to represent. Plaintiff is represented by experienced counsel who have 23 24 litigated numerous class action lawsuits, including class actions involving consumer 25 claims similar to this one, and Plaintiff's counsel intend to prosecute this action 26 vigorously for the benefit of the entire Class. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel can fairly 27 and adequately protect the interests of all Class members. 28

55. Class certification is also appropriate pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2) because Apple has acted and/or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, making appropriate declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to Plaintiff and the Class as a whole.

56. Class certification is also appropriate pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3) because common questions of fact and law predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the class, and because a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation. The Class members have been damaged and are entitled to recovery as a result of Apple's refusal to fully honor its Season Pass for Season 5 of Breaking Bad. Apple has computerized customer data that will make calculation of damages for specific Class members relatively simple.

15 57. A class action is the best available method for the efficient adjudication of 16 this litigation. It would be impracticable and undesirable for each member of the Class 17 who has suffered or may suffer harm to bring a separate action for these claims. In 18 addition, the commencement of separate actions would put a substantial and 19 unnecessary burden on the courts, while a single class action can determine the rights of 20 all Class members with judicial economy.

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58. The Class should be defined as follows:

 All persons who purchased Season 5 of Breaking Bad through Apple's iTunes service on or before approximately August 12, 2013, which is the last date prior to when Episode 9 of that season became available on iTunes.

26 59. Excluded from the Class are (1) Apple, any entity in which Apple has a
 27 controlling interest, and its legal representatives, officers, directors, employees, assigns
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1 and successors; (2) the judge to whom this case is assigned and any member of the 2 judge's immediate family; and (3) claims for emotional distress. 3 60. Plaintiff reserves the right to modify the Class definition after discovery and 4 at any time up to and including trial. 5 The Class should be certified and each Class member should be 61. 6 compensated in a manner that will put the Class member in the position the member 7 8 would have been in had Apple delivered the service it had promised. 9 COUNT I: BREACH OF CONTRACT (Individually And On Behalf Of The Class) 10 62. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs. 11 63. Apple entered into a contract with the Plaintiff and each member of the 12 13 putative Class when Plaintiff and Class members purchased Season 5 of "Breaking Bad" 14 through Apple's iTunes service. 15 64. That contract provided that in exchange for a fixed sum, \$21.99 in the case 16 of the Plaintiff, Apple would provide the purchaser with access to "all future and current 17 episodes" of Season 5 of Breaking Bad. 18 "Season 5" of Breaking Bad consists of the 16 episodes airing over the 65. 19 20 course of 2012 and 2013. It is so defined by the individuals writing, producing and airing 21 the program and has been advertised as such. 22 66. Prior to their purchase of the Season 5 Season Pass, Apple never 23 informed Plaintiff or Class members that when *Apple* referred to "Season 5," unlike the 24 producers, writers, and directors of the show and the network on which it airs, *it* meant 25 something other than all 16 episodes of Season 5. 26 27 28

1	67.	Thus, when Apple failed to make the final 8 episodes of Season 5 of
2	Breaking Ba	ad available to the Plaintiff and the putative Class, pursuant to the terms of
3	the contract,	, Apple breached that contract.
4	68.	Because the Plaintiff and each member of the putative Class were
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6	deprived the	e benefit of the bargain and either forced to pay an additional \$22.99 for
7	those episod	des or simply not allowed to view them, they were damaged by the breach.
8	WHE	REFORE, Plaintiff and the Class demand judgment as follows:
9	1.	Compensatory damages in an amount according to proof;
10	2.	Prejudgment interest at the maximum rate permitted by applicable law; and
11	3.	Such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.
12		/IOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSUMERS LEGAL REMEDIES ACT
13	<u></u>	(Individually And On Behalf Of The Class)
14	69.	Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs.
15	70.	Pursuant to § 1770 of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act:
16		(a) The following unfair methods of competition and unfair or
17		deceptive acts or practices undertaken by any person in a transaction intended to result or which results in the sale or lease of
18		goods or services to any consumer are unlawful:
19		(5) Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses,
20		benefits or quantities which they do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation or
21		connection which he or she does not have
22		(9) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised
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24		(14) Representing that a transaction confers or involves rights, remedies or obligations which it does not have or
25		involve, or which are prohibited by law
26	71.	The Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by California Civil Code § 1761(d).
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72. Similarly, all members of the putative Class are U.S. residents and each is a "consumer" as defined by California Civil Code § 1761(d).

73. Each putative Class member's purchase of Season 5 of Breaking Bad from Apple was a "transaction" as defined by California Civil Code § 1761.

74. Apple represented to the Plaintiff and the putative Class that the service Plaintiff was purchasing – electronic access to Season 5 of Breaking Bad through the Defendant's iTunes service – contained a greater quantity of episodes (16) than were in fact provided, in violation of § 1770(a)(5).

75. Apple represented to the Plaintiff and the putative Class that the service Plaintiff was purchasing – electronic access to Season 5 of Breaking Bad through the Defendant's iTunes service – had a characteristic of being the complete Season 5 of Breaking Bad when, in fact, it was not. This was done in violation of § 1770(a)(5).

76. Apple advertised that in exchange for a fixed fee, the Plaintiff and the putative Class would receive "all current and future episodes" of Breaking Bad: Season 5. Apple had no intention of providing those episodes. This was done in violation of § 1770(a)(9).

19 77. Apple represented to the Plaintiff and the putative Class that it would have
20 the right to download all current and future episodes of Breaking Bad, Season 5. But
22 Apple never intended to grant Plaintiff the right to download all 16 episodes of Season 5,
23 in violation of § 1770(a)(14).

78. § 1781 of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act indicates that:

(a) Any consumer entitled to bring an action under Section 1780 may, if the unlawful method, act, or practice has caused damage to other consumers similarly situated, bring an action on behalf of himself and such other consumers to recover damages or obtain other relief as provided for in Section 1780. (b) The court shall permit the suit to be maintained on behalf of all members of the represented class if all of the following conditions exist:

1 2	(1) It is impracticable to bring all members of the class before the court.
3	(2) The questions of law or fact common to the class are substantially similar and predominate over the questions
4	affecting the individual members.
5 6	(3) The claims or defenses of the representative plaintiff are typical of the claims or defenses of the class.
7	(4) The representative plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.
8	79. Thus, the General Assembly has specifically provided for class treatment
9	of cases of this nature.
10	80. Plaintiff explicitly seeks only equitable relief under the California
11	Consumers Legal Remedies Act.
12 13	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and the Class demand judgment as follows:
13	1. A declaration that Apple's sales practices as described herein are wrongful,
15	unfair, unconscionable and in violation of California law;
16	2. Enjoining Apple from further use of misrepresentative descriptions and
17	claims in the advertising in violation of California law;
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19	3. Costs and disbursements assessed by Plaintiff in connection with this
20	action, including reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to applicable law; and
21	4. Such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.
22	COUNT III: VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA UNFAIR COMPETITION ACT (On Behalf Of Plaintiff and on behalf of the Class)
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24	81. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs.
25	82. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 states, in relevant part, that:
26	[U]nfair competition shall mean and include any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice and unfair, deceptive, untrue or
27	misleading advertising and any act prohibited by Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 17500) of Part 3 of Division 7 of the
28	Business and Professions Code.
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83. Apple's acts, conduct and practices, as alleged herein, were unlawful in that Apple's conduct violated the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, California Civil Code §§ 1750, *et seq.*, as specified and alleged in Count II of this Complaint.

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84. Apple's acts, conduct and practices, as alleged herein, were unfair in that Apple affirmatively misrepresented at all times to Plaintiff and Class members that a Season Pass to Season 5 of Breaking Bad would entitle the consumer to all 16 of the Season 5 episodes when, in fact, the 8 episodes aired in 2013 would be available only after purchasing a new Season Pass. This misrepresentation and/or omission offends established public policy and/or is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous and/or substantially injurious to Plaintiff and Class members in that they were led to believe that the Season Pass for Season 5 of Breaking Bad had qualities and benefits that it does not have.

85. The injury to Plaintiff and Class members greatly outweighs any alleged countervailing benefit to consumers or competition under all of the circumstances, and served no purpose but to mislead the public and line Apple's pockets.

19 86. There were reasonably available alternatives to further Apple's legitimate
20 business interests, other than the conduct described herein.

87. Apple's statements regarding the sale of Season 5 of Breaking Bad on its iTunes service were also fraudulent in that they deceived and/or likely to have deceived Plaintiff and Class members. Specifically, Apple intentionally and misleadingly advertised that the Season Pass for Season 5 of Breaking Bad would entitle customers to the entire 16-episode season, when that was not the case.

88. Because Apple has violated the unfair competition law, Bus. & Prof. Code
§§ 17200, *et seq.*, an action under Bus. & Prof. Code § 17206 is proper and necessary

to prevent Apple from continuing to engage in deceptive advertising practices and preying on consumers.

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3 89. As a result of Apple's unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices. 4 Plaintiff and Class members have suffered injury in fact and have lost money or property. 5 Pursuant to California Bus. and Prof. Code § 17203, Plaintiff and Class members are 6 therefore entitled to equitable relief, including restitution of all monies paid to and/or 7 received by Apple; disgorgement of all profits accruing to Apple because of its unfair and 8 9 improper business practices; a permanent injunction enjoining Apple from its unfair 10 business activities; and any other equitable relief the Court deems proper. 11 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and the Class demand judgment as follows: 12 1. Declaration that Apple's sales practices as described herein are 13 wrongful, unfair, unconscionable and in violation of California law; 14 2. Enjoining Apple from further use of misrepresentative descriptions 15 16 and claims in its advertising in violation of California law; 17 3. Restitution and disgorgement of profits; 18 4. Costs and disbursements assessed by Plaintiff in connection with 19 this action, including reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to 20 applicable law; and 21 5. Such other relief as this Court deems just and proper. 22 DAMAGES 23 24 90. Plaintiff and each member of the putative Class – whether they ultimately 25 spent additional monies to purchase additional individual episodes (among Episodes 9-26 16 of Season 5) or the entire second half of Season 5 or not – were deprived of services, 27 28

1 specifically access to Episodes 9-16 of Season 5, that Apple itself values between 2 \$14.99 and \$22.99, depending on format.

91. Plaintiff was denied access to the HD version of Episodes 9-16, despite having paid for them, and was therefore damaged in the amount of \$22.99. However, Plaintiff did receive a refund of \$2.99 from Apple, which appropriately reduces his right to recover by that amount.

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92. Plaintiff's damages are therefore \$20.

93. Each Class member's damages can be similarly calculated 10 mathematically and from Apple's own records, by taking the cost of the episodes they 11 were or will be inappropriately denied access to and, where applicable, reducing that 12 amount by any related rebates they might have received. 13

JURY DEMAND

Now comes Plaintiff, by and through counsel, and hereby requests that the within 15 matter be tried by a jury of the maximum number allowed by law. 16

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