UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA NORFOLK DIVISION

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Plaintiff,

V.

Civil Action No. 2:11-cv-512

AOL, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

<u>DECLARATION OF DANIELLE ROMAIN IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION</u> TO SEAL

- I, Danielle Romain, declare as follows:
- 1. I am Manager of Planning Product P&Ls at Google Inc. ("Google") where I have been employed since August 27, 2007. As part of my duties at Google, I am responsible for financial reporting, resource planning, and analytics for certain products at Google.
- I am providing this declaration to describe the extraordinarily sensitive and valuable nature of Google's confidential financial information. This declaration is based on my personal knowledge.
- 3. I understand that Google produced extensive confidential financial information in this litigation in response to Plaintiff's requests, including worldwide and U.S. financial information related to the overall revenues of Google AdWords, AdSense for Search, and

- AdSense for Mobile Search. This information included revenues, costs, and margins for the accused products. I understand that this confidential financial information was discussed in depositions, as well as in the parties' expert reports.
- 4. While Google makes some financial information available to the public in its public financial statements, Google does not provide publically the detailed breakdowns of product-based financial information as it has been produced in this litigation.
- 5. A lack of Court protection of the aforementioned information would severely harm Google because the information could be used by Google's competitors adversely to Google. For example, knowledge of Google's margin information and the amounts that Google provides to its publishers under its AdSense system could provide competitors with an advantage for those competitors in negotiating with third party publishers. Additionally, information regarding Google's confidential financial information by product would provide insight to competitors regarding how Google's changes to its accused products and systems impact Google's revenues and costs for those systems. Google's confidential financial information would also provide its competitors with insight into Google's profitability, and thus allow competitors to adjust their own financial strategy to undercut Google in the marketplace.
- 6. Only by keeping the information regarding Google's revenue in the strictest of confidence can Google protect itself from adverse exploitation of its financial information by its competitors.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this twentieth day of September, 2012 in Mountain View, California.

I declare under penalty of perjur	y of the laws of the	United States that	the foregoing is
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true and correct.

Dated: September 20, 2012

Danielle Romain

DATED: September 24, 2012

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I hereby certify that on September 24, 2012, I will electronically file the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to the following:

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