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**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

T-MOBILE US, INC., a foreign  
corporation, and T-MOBILE USA, INC., a  
Washington registered corporation,

Defendants.

NO.

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND  
OTHER RELIEF

Plaintiff, State of Washington, by and through Robert W. Ferguson, Attorney General, and Mina Shahin, Kathleen Box, Gardner Reed, and Bret Finkelstein, Assistant Attorneys General, brings this action against Defendants T-Mobile US, Inc. and T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile” or “Defendants”). Plaintiff alleges that T-Mobile engaged in unfair and deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Washington Consumer Protection Act (CPA), RCW 19.86. Plaintiff alleges the following on information and belief:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 T-Mobile is a large well-known telecommunications carrier that offers mobile communication services, among other products and services, to over 119 million customers. T-Mobile’s business model requires prospective and current customers to turn over personally identifiable information (PII). T-Mobile knows the value and risk of maintaining and storing a vast amount of perspective, current, and former customer data.





1           • Information about its customers’ use of T-Mobile products, services, and  
2 network, including IP addresses, text and data use history, websites and URLs visited, mobile  
3 apps installed or used or that interact with customer devices, and other network analytics and  
4 Wi-Fi usage data; and

5           • Data from sources other than the customer, such as shippers, financial  
6 institutions, and credit agencies, and through analyzing customer use of its products and services.

7           4.4 Prior to its merger with T-Mobile, Sprint likewise collected and managed  
8 significant personal data. As of August 2020, immediately prior to the merger, this data included:

9           • Customer name, gender, marital status, age, date of birth, postal address,  
10 telephone number, e-mail address, social security number or other government identification  
11 number, physical characteristics or description, bank account numbers, credit card numbers,  
12 debit card numbers, activities, location information, education history, employment status and  
13 history, as well as consumer personal preferences, trends, and behavior; and

14           • Data “automatically” collected from customers’ devices, including  
15 customer location, web sites customers visit, IP addresses, applications purchased, applications  
16 downloaded, applications used, and when customer phones were on and functioning.

17           After the merger, this data continued to be stored in legacy Sprint databases maintained  
18 by T-Mobile.

19           4.5 T-Mobile profits from its collection of personal information. Beyond maintaining  
20 a customer database to provide services and products, T-Mobile uses data to send targeted ads  
21 to market its services and products. T-Mobile also markets products and services for other  
22 companies. In addition, T-Mobile uses personal information to conduct research and perform  
23 market analysis.

24           4.6 T-Mobile also profits from its collection of personal information by providing it  
25 to third parties, such as advertising networks like Google Ad Manager. This allows third parties  
26 to run analytics and serve targeted ads on behalf of T-Mobile and other companies.

1 4.7 In addition to being used and sold for legitimate purposes, consumers' personal  
2 information has immense value to bad actors. Bad actors often sell personal information on the  
3 dark web, leading to theft of funds from the consumer whose personal information was stolen.

4 **B. The August Breach Affected Millions of Washington Consumers**

5 4.8 In August 2021, T-Mobile exposed the data of more than 79 million consumers,  
6 including current, former, and prospective T-Mobile customers. Over 2 million of the impacted  
7 consumers were Washingtonians. The data exposed included social security numbers (SSNs),  
8 phone numbers, names, physical addresses, unique International Mobile Equipment Identity  
9 (IMEI) numbers, and driver's license information.

10 4.9 Despite the massive impact of the exposure, a lack of adequate security  
11 monitoring and alerting left T-Mobile unaware of the breach until an anonymous cybersecurity  
12 threat intelligence firm informed T-Mobile that its customer data was posted for sale on the dark  
13 web on August [REDACTED] 2021, by a threat actor. On information and belief, T-Mobile would have  
14 remained in the dark even longer without the outside source notifying them of security failure.

15 4.10 As early as [REDACTED] T-Mobile [REDACTED] of the threat  
16 actor that breached T-Mobile's security system in August 2021 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]  
18 4.11 In or around [REDACTED], the same threat actor gained initial access to T-Mobile's  
19 networks, [REDACTED]. The entry point was [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED]  
23 4.12 From [REDACTED] through August [REDACTED] 2021, the threat actor [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED] After the entry point was established, the threat  
25 actor [REDACTED] without detection [REDACTED]

26 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 4.13 The threat actor discovered [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] easily guessable username and password. [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] The account credentials was for [REDACTED]

6 4.14 The threat actor used access to the [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 4.15 On August [REDACTED], 2021, the threat actor [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] On that date, the threat actor successfully [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 4.16 On August [REDACTED], 2021, through the [REDACTED], the threat actor accessed the

14 T-Mobile [REDACTED]

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16 [REDACTED]

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18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

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21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

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1 4.17 From August [REDACTED], 2021, the threat actor transferred files, containing copies of  
2 consumer information [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] The files contained customer names, addresses, phone number,  
4 date of birth, SSN, and T-Mobile account information.

5 4.18 Almost immediately after the data was stolen, the personal information of  
6 T-Mobile customers appeared on the dark web for sale to the highest bidder. One dark web forum  
7 offered to sell T-Mobile customer data consisting of SSNs, dates of birth, and driver licenses for  
8 [REDACTED]

9 **C. T-Mobile Was Aware of the Risk of Cybersecurity Threats**

10 4.19 T-Mobile is no stranger to data breaches and other cybersecurity incidents  
11 resulting from inadequate implementation of data security policies and practices.

12 • In October 2017 an “ethical hacker” and security researcher found an  
13 Application Programming Interface (API) vulnerability that could have exposed PII, including  
14 customer names, email addresses, and account numbers, just by knowing or guessing a  
15 customer’s phone number.

16 • In August 2018, a hacker used a T-Mobile API to gain access to customer  
17 data. While T-Mobile detected the hack and shut it down in less than 24 hours, it was reported  
18 that approximately 2 million customers were affected, including names, email addresses,  
19 encrypted passwords, account numbers, and other billing information.

20 • In November 2019, hackers manipulated an authenticated API session for  
21 their own accounts to return unauthorized data for other, unrelated customer accounts. The data  
22 reportedly exposed included customer names, phone numbers, addresses, account information,  
23 and rate, plan and calling features.

24 • In December 2021, a hacker compromised the T-Mobile for Business  
25 Account Hub. The hacker obtained multiple sets of employee credentials and a customer email  
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1 account giving access to “Customer proprietary network information” such as call logs and  
2 minutes used.

3 • In April 2022, hackers used stolen employee credentials to access internal  
4 T-Mobile systems that housed operational tools software. The hackers reportedly stole  
5 proprietary T-Mobile source code.

6 4.20 In the Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in 2020,  
7 T-Mobile stated: “We are subject to the threat of unauthorized access or disclosure of  
8 Confidential Information by . . . malicious actors . . . that could compromise the confidentiality  
9 and integrity of Confidential Information.” T-Mobile went on to state that it would “expect to  
10 continue to be the target of cyber-attacks, data breaches, or security incidents.”

11 4.21 T-Mobile also admitted that its merger with Sprint created an additional security  
12 risk. In its 2020 Form 10-K, T-Mobile also stated that as a result of operating multiple billing  
13 systems during the migration “we or our supporting vendors may experience errors, cyber-  
14 attacks or other operational disruptions that could negatively impact us and over which we may  
15 have limited control.”

16 **D. The August Breach was the Result of T-Mobile’s Failure to Adequately**  
17 **Implement its Cybersecurity Policies and Procedures**

18 4.22 For years prior to the August Breach, T-Mobile inadequately implemented its  
19 cyber security policies and procedures. T-Mobile knew of the risks from cyber-attacks and  
20 decided to accept the risks rather than adequately implement safeguards.

21 4.23 The August Breach threat actor exploited the following known risks to T-Mobile  
22 cyber security:

- 23 • Inadequate cybersecurity risk management
- 24 • Inadequate network configuration management
- 25 • Inadequate identification and authentication management
- 26 • Inadequate asset management



- Inadequate security monitoring and alerting management

4.24 T-Mobile’s failure to remediate its cybersecurity vulnerabilities went against its internal policies and procedures, as well as known industry standards. T-Mobile’s business practices led directly to the exposure and exfiltration of PII in the August Breach.

**1. Cybersecurity Risk Management**

4.25 T-Mobile had an inadequate process to conduct security impact assessments for major network changes and potential cybersecurity risks. This significant gap in oversight was a direct contributor to the August Breach, highlighting T-Mobile’s failure to implement a cohesive and effective risk management strategy to address vulnerabilities and safeguard against future security incidents.

4.26 [REDACTED] these deficiencies were rooted in the absence of a comprehensive risk management structure. [REDACTED] T-Mobile was aware that its risk assessment processes were insufficient for identifying and addressing known security vulnerabilities. [REDACTED]

4.27 T-Mobile lacked centralized ownership for ensuring compliance with risk assessments and remediation. [REDACTED]

4.28 [REDACTED]

1 4.29 [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] This fragmented  
3 approach left significant gaps in their security posture.

4 4.30 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]  
10 4.31 T-Mobile's persistent deficiencies in security risk management, identified  
11 through [REDACTED], underscores a systemic lack of  
12 centralized oversight and accountability, which ultimately resulted in the August Breach.

13 **2. Network Configuration Management**

14 **a. T-Mobile failed to [REDACTED]**  
15 [REDACTED]

16 4.32 T-Mobile's inadequate [REDACTED] directly contributed to the August  
17 Breach, by allowing the threat actor to easily [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]

19 4.33 T-Mobile was aware of its [REDACTED]  
20 prior to the breach and did not fix the problem. T-Mobile did not prioritize the security of its  
21 [REDACTED]  
22 which the threat actor was able to exploit.

23 4.34 [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED]  
26 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] The  
2 identified security standards [REDACTED] were not met at the time of the August  
3 Breach.

4 4.35 [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED] T-Mobile did not follow its own requirements.  
8 [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED]

15 4.37 T-Mobile's failure to adhere to its [REDACTED] policies allowed the  
16 threat actor to [REDACTED]

17 **b. T-Mobile failed to** [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]

19 4.38 T-Mobile [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED] allowed  
22 the connection from the threat actor's IP address.

23 4.39 [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED]  
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1 [REDACTED] was not in place at the time of the August  
2 Breach.

3 4.40 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] a well-known risk factor  
5 that can lead to significant security vulnerabilities.

6 4.41 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]  
8 4.42 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 4.43 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED]  
17 4.44 T-Mobile's inadequate network configuration facilitated the threat actor's  
18 connection from its IP address and ability to [REDACTED]

### 19 3. Identification and Authentication Management

20 4.45 T-Mobile used weak credentials [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] This included [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED]

23 4.46 The threat actor discovered and used the [REDACTED]  
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4.47 Moreover, based on information and belief, T-Mobile did not implement any rate-limit to authentication attempts. [REDACTED]

4.48 T-Mobile's identification and authentication management also deviated from its own security policies.

4.49 First, [REDACTED]

4.50 Second, [REDACTED]

4.51 Third, [REDACTED]

4.52 Last, [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]

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3 4.53 T-Mobile did not follow [REDACTED] policies and  
4 procedures. [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 4.54 T-Mobile was aware [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

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9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 4.55 T-Mobile was also aware [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 4.56 T-Mobile’s inadequate password management failed to adhere to FTC standards.  
20 The FTC recommends “maintaining up-to-date and appropriate programs and controls to prevent  
21 unauthorized access to customer information.”

22 4.57 T-Mobile’s inadequate identification and authentication management [REDACTED]  
23 [REDACTED], directly contributing to the August Breach.

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1                   **4.     Asset Management**

2           4.58   [REDACTED]

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19          4.63   [REDACTED]

24           4.64   The FTC also recommends that “keeping customer information in encrypted files  
25 provides better protection in case of theft.”  
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1 4.65 T-Mobile failed to ensure compliance with its asset management policies and  
2 procedures, as well as industry standards, [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]  
4 4.66 T-Mobile's failure to implement adequate asset management contributed to the  
5 August Breach.

6 **5. Security Monitoring and Alerting Management**

7 **a. T-Mobile failed to** [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]

9 4.67 T-Mobile failed to [REDACTED]

10 4.68 The threat actor [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]  
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13 4.69 The threat actor [REDACTED]  
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19 4.71 [REDACTED]  
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21 4.72 The threat actor also [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

4.77 Adequate [REDACTED] would have made T-Mobile aware of the threat actors unauthorized activity and allowed T-Mobile to stop the malicious activities in a timely manner.

4.78 T-Mobile's inadequate [REDACTED] increased the impact of the August Breach.

1 b. T-Mobile failed to [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED]

3 4.79 The threat actor [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]  
6 4.80 On information and belief, T-Mobile's monitoring and alerting configuration for  
7 external connections to the T-Mobile lab environment either never raised an alert from the  
8 repeated connections or any alert was disregarded.

9 4.81 T-Mobile's monitoring and alerting configuration for external connections also  
10 failed to [REDACTED]

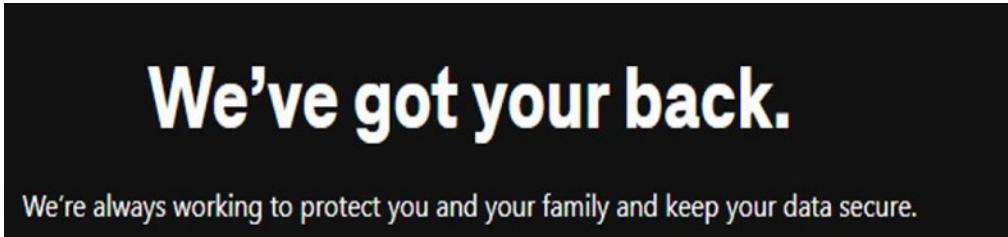
11 4.82 T-Mobile's inadequate monitoring and alerting configuration facilitated the threat  
12 actor's continued access to T-Mobile's network.

13 **E. T-Mobile's Privacy Notices and August Breach Notifications**

14 **1. Despite failing to remediate known cybersecurity vulnerabilities, T-Mobile misrepresented that it adequately safeguarded consumer data**  
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16 4.83 At the time of the August 2021 breach, T-Mobile misrepresented a high level of  
17 commitment to protecting customer data. T-Mobile made these statements despite a history of  
18 data breaches and cybersecurity incidents in addition to, as explained above, lacking  
19 accountability in data security governance.

20 4.84 At the time of the August Breach, T-Mobile's Privacy Center webpage used bold,  
21 prominently featured text that encouraged customers not to worry about the security of their data  
22 held by T-Mobile:



# With T-Mobile, you don't have to worry.

Our privacy principles mean you can trust us to do the right thing with your data.

4.85 These statements created a public perception that T-Mobile took care of all its customers' cybersecurity needs, in stark contrast to the ongoing, inadequate implementation of data security policies and practices.

4.86 The "How We Protect Your Data" section of T-Mobile's Privacy Notice webpage as of May 2021 also assured customers their data was safe:

#### **How We Protect Your Data**

We use administrative, technical, contractual, and physical safeguards designed to protect your data while it is under our control. For example, when you contact us by phone or visit us in our stores, we have procedures in place to make sure that only the primary account holder or authorized users have access.

Despite our efforts, we cannot guarantee that our safeguards will prevent every unauthorized attempt to access, use, or disclose personal data. Be sure to use a strong password to access your information and not one you use for other services. You should also use multi-factor authentication where possible.

4.87 This assurance, however, implies that T-Mobile's security safeguards would prevent all types of unauthorized access attempts apart from customers' own weak passwords. This statement put the onus of maintaining adequate cybersecurity on the consumer and ignored the existence of cybersecurity threats to T-Mobile's networks, such as hackers. Given the lack of adequate cybersecurity efforts as explained above, T-Mobile's statements misrepresented the quality of its data security practices.

4.88 Despite its assurances, T-Mobile failed to implement adequate data security measures to prevent unauthorized access and exposure of consumer PII in the August Breach. T-Mobile's external statements created a public image of a company committed to excellence in cybersecurity in order to protect consumer data despite the reality of T-Mobile's wholly inadequate implementation of basic data security policies and practices, which T-Mobile did not disclose to consumers.

1                   **2. T-Mobile’s breach notifications were inadequate**

2           4.89 T-Mobile’s data breach notifications to current customers regarding the August  
3 Breach were inadequate in a number of ways.

4           4.90 T-Mobile sent different notifications to different groups of consumers based on  
5 whether the consumer was a current or former customer and the type of PII exposed.

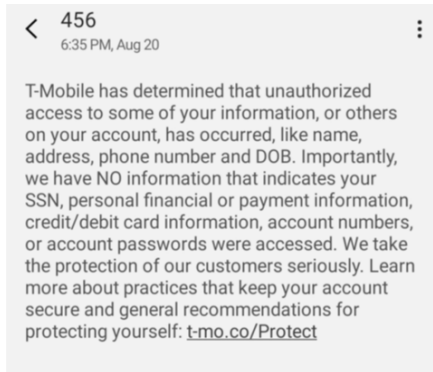
6           4.91 T-Mobile sent breach notifications to current customers by text message. The text  
7 messages were brief, omitted critical information, and in certain cases actively misled customers  
8 regarding the seriousness of the breach.

9           4.92 Most critically, T-Mobile failed to notify current customers, whose SSNs were  
10 exposed in the August Breach, that their SSN had been exposed. Rather, T-Mobile’s notifications  
11 to those customers said nothing about SSNs and only informed them that their debit or credit  
12 card information was *not* exposed:

T-Mobile has determined that unauthorized access to some of your personal data has occurred. We have no evidence that your debit/credit card information was compromised. We take the protection of our customers seriously. We are taking actions to protect your T-Mobile account and we recommend that you take action to protect your credit. Read more here. [t-mo.co/Protect](https://t-mo.co/Protect)

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19           4.93 T-Mobile’s decision not to inform customers that their SSNs and other PII had  
20 been exposed to criminals on the dark web stands in stark contrast to the choice T-Mobile made  
21 when it notified customers whose SSNs were *not* exposed. For those customers, T-Mobile  
22 highlighted that their SSNs were not exposed and minimized the perceived impact of the breach:

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8 4.94 T-Mobile’s breach notifications to current customers failed to include the name  
9 and contact information of the reporting business, a list of the types of PII exposed in the breach,  
10 the time frame of the exposure, or contact information for the major credit reporting agencies.  
11 Instead, that required information was only available if the customer chose to click on a link at  
12 the end of the notice. That link, however, appeared to relate only to T-Mobile’s recommendation  
13 that consumers “take action to protect your credit” or to “learn more about practices that keep  
14 your account secure and general recommendations for protecting yourself.” The text failed to  
15 indicate that additional information about the nature of the PII exposed in the breach, or other  
16 critical information T-Mobile was required to notify customers about by law, was available at  
17 the linked website.

18 4.95 Furthermore, upon information and belief, T-Mobile’s current customers did not  
19 consent to receive electronic data breach notifications in the form that T-Mobile provided such  
20 notifications of the August Breach, *i.e.*, by text message with a link to T-Mobile’s website.

21 **3. T-Mobile’s breach notifications misled consumers as to the severity**  
22 **of the August Breach**

23 4.96 Because T-Mobile’s breach notifications omitted critical information, T-Mobile’s  
24 customers were unaware of the seriousness of the August Breach. Instead, customers were left  
25 to piecemeal information from various sources to gather all the pertinent information required to  
26 take reasonable steps to protect their information.

1 4.97 T-Mobile’s notifications furthermore failed to inform customers that the breaches  
2 may have exposed them to the risk of identity theft and fraud. Indeed, in some instances,  
3 customers’ PII was available for sale on the dark web after the breaches. If customers had been  
4 appropriately notified, they could have taken steps to protect themselves, such as by obtaining  
5 credit monitoring, setting up fraud alerts, or getting a security freeze.

6 4.98 Even into early 2022, thousands of consumers received alerts from McAfee that  
7 their information was still on the dark web. Despite this, T-Mobile continued to downplay the  
8 severity of the breach. For example, in T-Mobile’s 2021 Annual Report to its shareholders,  
9 published in February 2022, T-Mobile spent more time reporting what was *not* exposed in the  
10 breach rather than elaborating on the vast amount of PII that *was* exposed and remained on the  
11 dark web to that day.

## 12 V. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

### 13 (Deceptive Acts in Violation of the Consumer Protection Act, RCW 19.86.020)

14 5.1 Plaintiff re-alleges Paragraphs 1.1 through 4.98 and incorporates them as if set fully  
15 herein.

16 5.2 T-Mobile engages in “trade” or “commerce” within the meaning of the Consumer  
17 Protection Act, RCW 19.86.010(2), when it advertised, offered, and sold goods and services to  
18 Washington consumers.

19 5.3 T-Mobile engaged in deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of  
20 RCW 19.86.020 by misrepresenting that it adequately safeguards consumer personal information  
21 from unauthorized access or exposure when it misrepresented:

- 22 a. The adequacy of its cybersecurity measures;
- 23 b. The threat to consumers’ data held by T-Mobile; and
- 24 c. The scope of the August Breach in its breach notification.

25 5.4 T-Mobile’s conduct had the capacity to deceive a substantial number of  
26 Washington consumers.

1 5.5 T-Mobile's conduct affects the public interest and is likely to continue without  
2 relief from this Court.

3 5.6 Based on the above deceptive acts and practices, Plaintiff is entitled to relief  
4 under the Consumer Protection Act including injunctive relief and restitution pursuant to  
5 RCW 19.86.080, civil penalties pursuant to RCW 19.86.140 for each and every violation of  
6 RCW 19.86.020, and reimbursement of the costs of this action, including reasonable attorneys'  
7 fees, pursuant to RCW 19.86.080.

8 **VI. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
9 **(Violation of the Data Breach Notification Statute, Ch. 19.255 RCW, Per Se Violation of**  
10 **the Consumer Protection Act, RCW 19.86.020)**

11 6.1 Plaintiff re-alleges Paragraphs 1.1 through 5.6 and incorporates them as if set  
12 fully herein.

13 6.2 T-Mobile was required to notify consumers of the August Breach pursuant to  
14 RCW 19.255.010.

15 6.3 RCW 19.255.010(4) lists the methods by which T-Mobile could have provided  
16 proper notification to consumers: written notice, electronic notice, or substitute notice. T-Mobile's  
17 breach notifications to current customers by text message with a link to T-Mobile's website did not  
18 comply with the requirements of any of those allowable methods.

19 6.4 RCW 19.255.010(6) describes the content requirements of the breach  
20 notification. Notifications must:

- 21 a. List the name and contact information of the reporting business;
- 22 b. List the types of PII that are reasonably believed to have been the subject  
23 of the breach;
- 24 c. Identify the time frame of the exposure, including the date of the breach  
25 and the date of the discovery of the breach; and
- 26 d. Inform the consumer of the toll-free telephone numbers and addresses of  
the major credit reporting agencies.

1           6.5     T-Mobile’s breach notifications to current customers failed to include the name and  
2 contact information of the reporting business, a list of the types of PII exposed in the breach, the  
3 time frame of the exposure, or contact information for the major credit reporting agencies.

4           6.6     T-Mobile’s violation of Ch. 19.255 RCW is a per se violation of the Consumer  
5 Protection Act. RCW 19.255.040(2).

6           6.7     Based on T-Mobile’s violations of Ch. 19.255 RCW, Plaintiff is entitled to relief  
7 under the Consumer Protection Act including injunctive relief and restitution pursuant to  
8 RCW 19.86.080, civil penalties pursuant to RCW 19.86.140 for each and every violation of  
9 RCW 19.86.020, and reimbursement of the costs of this action, including reasonable attorneys’ fees,  
10 pursuant to RCW 19.86.080.

## 11                                 **VII.    THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

### 12                                 **(Unfair Acts in Violation of the Consumer Protection Act, RCW 19.86.020)**

13           7.1     Plaintiff re-alleges Paragraphs 1.1 through 6.7 and incorporates them as if set fully  
14 herein.

15           7.2     T-Mobile engages in “trade” or “commerce” within the meaning of the Consumer  
16 Protection Act, RCW 19.86.010(2), when it advertised, offered, and sold goods and service to  
17 Washington consumers.

18           7.3     T-Mobile engaged in numerous unfair acts or practices within the meaning of  
19 RCW 19.86.020 by, including but not limited to:

- 20                   a.     Failing to implement adequate cybersecurity risk management;
- 21                   b.     Failing to implement adequate network configuration management;
- 22                   c.     Failing to implement adequate identification and authentication  
23 management;
- 24                   d.     Failing to implement adequate asset management; and
- 25                   e.     Failing to implement adequate security monitoring and alerting  
26 management.



1           7.4     T-Mobile’s conduct affects the public interest and is likely to continue without relief  
2 from this Court.

3           7.5     Based on the above deceptive acts and practices, Plaintiff is entitled to relief under  
4 the Consumer Protection Act including injunctive relief and restitution pursuant to  
5 RCW 19.86.080, civil penalties pursuant to RCW 19.86.140 for each and every violation of  
6 RCW 19.86.020, and reimbursement of the costs of this action, including reasonable attorneys’ fees,  
7 pursuant to RCW 19.86.080.

### 8                           **VIII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

9           Wherefore, the State prays for the following relief:

10          8.1     That the Court adjudge and decree that the Defendants have engaged in the conduct  
11 complained of herein.

12          8.2     That the Court adjudge and decree that the conduct complained of constitutes unfair  
13 or deceptive acts or practices and is unlawful in violation of the Consumer Protection Act,  
14 RCW 19.86.

15          8.3     That the Court issue a permanent injunction pursuant to the Consumer Protection  
16 Act, RCW 19.86.080, enjoining and restraining Defendants and their representatives, successors,  
17 assigns, offices, agents, servants, employees, and all other persons acting or claiming to act for, on  
18 behalf of, or in concert or participation with Defendants, from continuing or resuming the unlawful  
19 conduct complained of herein.

20          8.4     That the Court assess civil penalties, pursuant to RCW 19.86.140, against  
21 Defendants for each and every violation of RCW 19.86.020 caused by the conduct complained of  
22 herein.

23          8.5     That the Court, as an equitable remedy, disgorge Defendants of money or property  
24 acquired by Defendants as a result of the conduct and violations complained of herein.

