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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

JASON LIEBICH, individually and on  
behalf of all other similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES DISTRICT,

Defendant.

No. CV2014-006870

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

(Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_)

Plaintiff, Jason Liebich, individually and as class representative on behalf of all  
similarly situated persons and the general public, brings this action against Maricopa  
County Community Colleges District ("MCCCD") and alleges as follows:

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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2 1. A community college district that requests for its own purposes and then  
3 retains millions of individuals' personal information must ensure that the information is  
4 safeguarded from theft, especially when the district is put on notice that its security  
5 measures are insufficient and that the personal information is at risk of theft or hacking.  
6 When a data breach affecting at least 2.5 million current and former students, employees,  
7 and vendors occurs, those students, employees, and vendors must be notified immediately  
8 of unauthorized access to their information so they may act to prevent financial losses  
9 arising out of the misuse of stolen personal and financial information. This lawsuit stems  
10 from MCCCCD's failure on both accounts.

11 2. MCCCCD is a community college district operating ten community colleges  
12 and two skill centers in Maricopa County, Arizona. MCCCCD currently has over 265,000  
13 students and over 9,500 employees. In the 2012-2013 period, MCCCCD had over \$1.5  
14 billion in revenue.

15 3. Beginning in at least January 2011, and continuing through November 27,  
16 2013, several of MCCCCD's databases were breached and made available for sale on the  
17 internet. The breach affected over 2.5 million current and former students, employees,  
18 and vendors.

19 4. The MCCCCD data breach could have been prevented. In January 2011,  
20 MCCCCD was specifically warned by the FBI that several of its databases had been  
21 breached and made available for sale on the internet. MCCCCD employees were  
22 independently aware of this security breach at the time. Even though MCCCCD was  
23 aware of the breach, it failed to implement any changes or take any actions to secure  
24 those databases. This failure to act resulted in a second breach in 2013. On April 29,  
25 2013, the FBI informed MCCCCD that fourteen of its databases had been breached and  
26 made available for sale on the internet. Despite the 2011 warning, MCCCCD did not  
27 make any significant changes, and certainly did not take the action necessary to prevent  
28 further data incursions by unauthorized persons.

1           5.     To make matters worse, MCCCCD failed to promptly disclose the data  
2 breach and failed to notify victims of the data breach in a reasonable or timely manner.  
3 MCCCCD waited over six months, until November 27, 2013, to inform its current and  
4 former students, employees, and vendors that the data system was breached and their  
5 personally identifiable information may have been sold and exploited.

6           6.     As a result of the MCCCCD data breach, the names, addresses, phone  
7 numbers, email addresses, Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, financial and bank  
8 account information, demographical information, information related to employment,  
9 education, and training, benefits information, academic information, financial aid  
10 information, and Federal Employer Identification Numbers have been exposed to fraud  
11 and these individuals have been harmed as a result. The harm to victims of the MCCCCD  
12 data breach includes expenses related to credit monitoring, credit restoration, and identity  
13 theft prevention, and the time and inconvenience of dealing with issues resulting from the  
14 unauthorized disclosure of personal information. Plaintiff seeks to remedy these harms,  
15 and prevent their future occurrence, on his behalf and on behalf of all victims of the  
16 MCCCCD data breach.

## 17                               **II.     PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

18           7.     Plaintiff Jason Liebich is a resident of Maricopa County, Arizona.

19           8.     MCCCCD is a state agency operating in Maricopa County, Arizona.

20           9.     Plaintiff served a notice of claim on MCCCCD on March 4, 2014, pursuant  
21 to A.R.S. § 12-821.01. MCCCCD denied Plaintiff's notice of claim in writing on April 14,  
22 2014.

23           10.    This court has jurisdiction pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-123.

24           11.    Venue is proper in this court pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-401.  
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### III. FACTS

#### A. MCCCCD Collects and Stores Personal Information for its Current and Former Students, Employees, and Vendors.

12. MCCCCD collects and maintains information on former and current students, former and current employees, and former and current vendors.

13. MCCCCD publishes a policy entitled "Best Practices for Data Security, Acceptable Use and Access Management" ("the Best Practices policy"). This policy has been in effect since July 1, 2007.

14. According to MCCCCD's Best Practices policy, MCCCCD "[r]ecognizes its affirmative and continuing need to protect confidential employee and student data and to maintain the confidentiality of that data."

15. By its own terms, MCCCCD's Best Practices policy was designed to:

- a. Ensure the security and protection of confidential information in its custody, whether in electronic, paper, or other forms;
- b. Protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such confidential information; and
- c. Protect against unauthorized access to or use of such confidential information.

16. MCCCCD's Best Practices policy further states, "While access and use of data is essential to accomplishing the MCCCCD's institutional mission, it further requires the observance of critical standards to safeguard individuals' rights that are protected by state and federal laws or MCCCCD regulations."

17. MCCCCD's Best Practices policy charges, "[a]ll employees and agents of MCCCCD and anyone working on behalf of MCCCCD . . . with the protection of MCCCCD data."

18. MCCCCD's Best Practices policy references another policy, titled "Reasonable Protection."

1           19.    MCCCD's Reasonable Protection policy specifically addresses storing data,  
2 and provides, "Confidential data should be stored or made available in such a way that  
3 access is restricted and authorization required prior to presenting such data to authorized  
4 persons or processes."

5           20.    MCCCD's policy further provides that MCCCD may use "firewalls,  
6 restricted or private networks, physical access security or other techniques or systems  
7 designed to stop or mitigate the success of unauthorized attempts to obtain data."

8           21.    MCCCD's Best Practices Policy maintains that MCCCD is compliant with  
9 state and federal legislation, including FERPA, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Federal  
10 Trade Commission Regulations (16 CFR, Part 314), Standards for Safeguarding  
11 Customer Information, HIPAA, and A.R.S. § 15-141.

12           22.    MCCCD was not compliant with these state and federal standards.

13           23.    For example, the FTC's guidelines provide that "to develop, implement,  
14 and maintain your information security program," an entity shall:

- 15           a.    Designate an employee or employees to coordinate your information security  
16                program.
- 17           b.    Identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the security,  
18                confidentiality, and integrity of customer information that could result in the  
19                unauthorized disclosure, misuse, alteration, destruction or other compromise of  
20                such information, and assess the sufficiency of any safeguards in place to  
21                control these risks. At a minimum, such a risk assessment should include  
22                consideration of risks in each relevant area of your operations, including:
- 23                1.   Employee training and management;
- 24                2.   Information systems, including network and software design,  
25                as well as information processing, storage, transmission and  
26                disposal; and
- 27                3.   Detecting, preventing and responding to attacks, intrusions, or  
28                other systems failures.
- c.    Design and implement information safeguards to control the risks you identify  
              through risk assessment, and regularly test or otherwise monitor the  
              effectiveness of the safeguards' key controls, systems, and procedures.



1 d. Oversee service providers, by:

- 2 1. Taking reasonable steps to select and retain service providers that  
3 are capable of maintaining appropriate safeguards for the customer  
4 information at issue; and  
5 2. Requiring your service providers by contract to implement and  
6 maintain such safeguards.

7 e. Evaluate and adjust your information security program in light of the results of  
8 the testing and monitoring required by paragraph (c) of this section; any  
9 material changes to your operations or business arrangements; or any other  
10 circumstances that you know or have reason to know may have a material  
11 impact on your information security program.

12 16 C.F.R. § 314.4.

13 24. These regulations create an industry standard for school districts like  
14 MCCCCD, but, as shown below, MCCCCD failed to implement and follow these standards.

15 **B. MCCCCD Knew Its ITS System Was Breached in 2011 But Failed to Remedy**  
16 **the Breach or Notify the Affected Individuals.**

17 25. MCCCCD was aware in January 2011 that its servers and databases were not  
18 secure.

19 26. In January 2011, MCCCCD Information Technology Services ("ITS")  
20 employees discovered that MCCCCD databases had been breached and made available for  
21 sale on the internet.

22 27. ITS employees also discovered that MCCCCD's system had been hacked and  
23 contained viruses.

24 28. At least two of MCCCCD's ITS employees were tasked with fixing these  
25 problems.

26 29. As part of that effort, these ITS employees continually reported the ongoing  
27 issues to Vice Chancellor George Kahkedjian.

28 30. In January 2011, the FBI similarly informed MCCCCD ITS that one or more  
of MCCCCD's databases had been breached and made available for sale on the internet.

1           31.     MCCCD reported that after the FBI informed them it of the breach, it began  
2 an internal investigation.

3           32.     In early 2011, MCCCD also hired outside security consultants Stach & Lui  
4 (now Bishop Fox) to conduct an investigation.

5           33.     Stach & Lui issued a report to MCCCD sometime in 2011, identifying  
6 significant security vulnerabilities in MCCCD's data systems.

7           34.     In November 2011, MCCCD employees also delivered an internal report,  
8 titled "ITS Oversight Report," to Vice Chancellor George Kahkedjian, which identified  
9 the ongoing security risks and vulnerabilities in the MCCCD servers.

10          35.     This report noted that MCCCD servers had been hacked and MCCCD  
11 continued to run on a compromised server.

12          36.     Despite these reports and MCCCD's knowledge of the breach, MCCCD  
13 failed to remedy the data breach, failed to secure its servers, and failed to address the  
14 security vulnerabilities identified by MCCCD employees or by Stach & Lui.

15          37.     MCCCD also failed to notify the affected students, employees, and vendors  
16 that their personal information was likely compromised and was not secure.

17          38.     Upon information and belief, MCCCD Vice Chancellor Kahkedjian was  
18 aware of the data breach in 2011 and failed to take sufficient actions to remedy the breach  
19 or secure MCCCD's servers.

20          39.     On October 12, 2012, at least two MCCCD ITS employees filed a formal  
21 grievance with the MCCCD Chancellor, Rufus Glasper, and Vice Chancellor Kahkedjian.  
22 The grievance mentions the 2011 ITS Oversight Report as well as other problems in the  
23 ITS department.

24 **C.     MCCCD Was Informed In Early 2013 of the Ongoing Security Breach But**  
25 **Again Failed to Notify the Affected Individuals.**

26          40.     On April 29, 2013, the FBI informed MCCCD that fourteen of its  
27 databases had been breached and made available for sale on the internet. The databases  
28 were located on MCCCD web servers.

1           41. After receiving the second notice from the FBI, MCCCCD finally took the  
2 compromised servers, as identified by the FBI, offline.

3           42. MCCCCD then retained outside counsel, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman  
4 & Dicker LLP ("Wilson").

5           43. Wilson retained Kroll Advisory Services ("Kroll") to investigate the data  
6 breach and the failure of MCCCCD to act following the 2011 data breach.

7           44. The compromised data systems contained the following information, which  
8 constitutes "Personally Identifiable Information" or "PII":

- 9           a. for current and former students, names, addresses, phone numbers, email  
10 addresses, Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, certain demographical  
11 information, and enrollment, academic, and financial aid information;
- 12           b. for current and former employees, names, addresses, phone numbers, email  
13 addresses, Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, financial and bank account  
14 information, certain demographical information, information related to  
15 employment, education, and training, and benefits information, including plan  
16 selection, vacation accrual, and dependent information; and
- 17           c. for current and former vendors, names, business names, addresses, Federal  
18 Employer Identification Numbers, and bank account information.

19           45. Although MCCCCD was aware that these servers could have been accessed  
20 by a third party and MCCCCD's databases were for sale on the internet, it did not  
21 immediately notify the affected individuals, but instead waited seven months to issue any  
22 kind of notification.

23           46. Kroll finished its investigation on October 18, 2003, but could not  
24 definitively determine whether any PII was improperly accessed or taken from  
25 MCCCCD's servers. Kroll did determine that PII could have been improperly accessed or  
26 taken.

27           47. Even after MCCCCD received Kroll's report, MCCCCD waited more than a  
28 month to announce the data breach to the public.



1           48.     MCCCD finally announced the data breach on November 28, 2013, seven  
2 months after receiving notice of the latest breach and almost three years after it first  
3 learned its systems were not secure.

4           49.     MCCCD also began notifying current and former students, employees and  
5 vendors that their Personally Identifiable Information had been compromised on  
6 November 27, 2013.

7           50.     As part of that notification, MCCCD began mailing notices to some current  
8 and former students, employees, and vendors.

9           51.     As part of that notification, MCCCD offered to provide one year of credit  
10 monitoring and credit restoration with Kroll.

11           52.     As of April 15, 2014, MCCCD was falsely advising class members that no  
12 data breach had occurred, including current students who were never informed (in writing  
13 or otherwise) that a data incursion had occurred.

14     **D.     Plaintiff's Personal Information Is at Risk Because of the Security Breach.**

15           53.     Jason Liebich is a current student at Phoenix College, one of MCCCD's ten  
16 community colleges.

17           54.     Mr. Liebich applied to attend classes at Phoenix College in late 2011, early  
18 2012, and he enrolled at Phoenix College in January 2012. As part of the application and  
19 enrollment process, Mr. Liebich provided personally identifiable information including  
20 but not limited to his name, address, phone number, email address, Social Security  
21 Number, date of birth, certain demographical information, and enrollment, academic, and  
22 financial aid information.

23           55.     Phoenix College requested this information from Mr. Liebich as a condition  
24 of his application and enrollment. Mr. Liebich provided the information understanding  
25 that Phoenix College would safeguard his information from unauthorized disclosure.  
26 Mr. Liebich understood and expected that Phoenix College maintained the security of its  
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1 data systems in accordance with MCCCCD policies, industry standards, and state and  
2 federal law.

3 56. Mr. Liebich heard about the data breach in early 2014 but did not receive  
4 notice of the breach from MCCCCD directly. While MCCCCD had mailed notice of the  
5 data breach to some former and current students, employees, and vendors, MCCCCD had  
6 not mailed notice of the data breach to Mr. Liebich.

7 57. Mr. Liebich called MCCCCD to verify whether his PII was included in the  
8 data breach.

9 58. MCCCCD informed Mr. Liebich that his personal information was included  
10 in the data breach and that MCCCCD would send him a letter notifying him of the breach.

11 59. MCCCCD failed to send Mr. Liebich the requested letter. Mr. Liebich is in  
12 the process of requesting a copy of the letter again.

13 60. The letter MCCCCD sent out to data breach victims stated that MCCCCD  
14 "recently discovered" that MCCCCD "IT systems may have been accessed without  
15 authorization."

16 61. The letter advised that "on October 18th, 2013, we determined that your  
17 information, including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, Social  
18 Security number, date of birth, certain demographical information, and enrollment,  
19 academic and financial aid information may have been accessed without authorization."

20 62. The letter claimed that "immediately" after discovering the breach,  
21 MCCCCD conducted an investigation and took steps to enhance security measures to  
22 "prevent this type of event from happening again."

23 63. The letter stated that MCCCCD was "not aware of any misuse of your  
24 information" but "out of an abundance of caution" MCCCCD hired Kroll to provide one  
25 year of its "ID TheftSmart program," which includes "Continuous Credit Monitoring and  
26 Enhanced Identity Theft Consultation and Restoration."

27 64. The letter then provides instructions to on how to receive the Kroll services.  
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1           65. Mr. Liebich has not been able to take advantage of that credit monitoring  
2 because MCCCCD has failed to provide him with a copy of this letter and those  
3 instructions.

4           66. Mr. Liebich has requested credit reports from the major credit reporting  
5 agencies. Mr. Liebich had to bear the cost of obtaining these reports, an expense of  
6 approximately ten dollars per month, paid out of pocket.

7           67. Mr. Liebich is continually monitoring his bank accounts and credit cards  
8 for any unauthorized or suspicious activity.

9           68. In 2013, Mr. Liebich discovered fraudulent charges on his debit card.  
10 Although he does not how his bank account information was procured, it could have been  
11 obtained as a result of the MCCCCD breach.

12 **E. The Data Breach Harmed Plaintiff and Other Class Members.**

13           69. MCCCCD's offer of a single year of credit monitoring fails to address the  
14 damage caused by the breach.

15           70. Cyber criminals would not have access to MCCCCD's network but for  
16 MCCCCD's inadequate security protections and willful failure to act once those  
17 inadequacies were identified. MCCCCD failed to implement and maintain reasonable  
18 security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature and scope of the information  
19 that was compromised.

20           71. Despite the risk posed to current and former students, employees, and  
21 vendors, MCCCCD did not immediately notify the affected individuals of the breach.  
22 Additionally, in its letter sent to some (but not all) of the 2.5 million affected individuals,  
23 MCCCCD also claimed that it "recently discovered" the breach and "[i]mmediately after  
24 learning of this situation, we initiated a thorough investigation," "and implemented  
25 measures designed to prevent this type of event from happening again." MCCCCD also  
26 downplayed the threat to the affected individuals by assuring that "we are not aware of  
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1 any misuse of your information” and that that it was providing credit monitoring “out of  
2 an abundance of caution.”

3 72. These claims by MCCCCD imparted a false sense of security to affected  
4 individuals and misrepresented the facts. In reality, MCCCCD had failed to investigate  
5 and remedy known data breach problems over a period of three years, MCCCCD had  
6 waited seven months after the latest breach to provide notice, and MCCCCD’s offer of  
7 short-term credit monitoring by a company of MCCCCD’s choosing was an insufficient  
8 remedy.

9 73. MCCCCD’s failure to promptly and effectively inform students, employees,  
10 and vendors earlier of the data theft left an untold number vulnerable to attack.

11 74. As a result of MCCCCD’s unfair, inadequate, and unreasonable data  
12 security, cyber-criminals claimed the ability to sell the personal information of Plaintiff  
13 and the Class and, in the case of employees, their financial information as well. As a  
14 result, breach victims must add themselves to credit fraud watch lists, which substantially  
15 impair the victims’ ability to obtain additional credit. Because names, addresses, phone  
16 number and email addresses were stolen and made available for sale, there is a real and  
17 compounding risk that Plaintiff and the Class will be victims of identity theft.

18 75. Immediate notice of the breach is essential to obtain the best protection  
19 afforded by identity theft protection services. MCCCCD failed to provide such immediate  
20 notice, thus further exacerbating the damages sustained by Plaintiff and the Class  
21 resulting from the breach.

22 76. Personal and financial information is a valuable commodity. A “cyber  
23 black-market” exists in which criminals openly post stolen credit card numbers, Social  
24 Security numbers, and other personal information on a number of Internet websites.

25 77. The PII that MCCCCD failed to adequately protect, including Plaintiff’s  
26 identifying information, is “as good as gold” to identity thieves because identity thieves  
27 can use victims’ personal data to open new financial accounts and incur charges in  
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1 another person's name, take out loans in another person's name, incur charges on existing  
2 accounts, or clone ATM, debit, or credit cards.

3 78. As reported by the Identity Theft Protection Association, "[T]he ongoing  
4 exposure of confidential consumer and business information through data security  
5 breaches fuels a thriving internet black market in which this sensitive information is  
6 traded, sold, and re-sold on a daily basis through online black market websites, secret  
7 chat rooms, and underground forums."<sup>1</sup>

8 79. According to the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive, the  
9 cost to purchase an individual's personal information is surprisingly low, sometimes as  
10 little as a few dollars, making it highly likely that Plaintiff's and Class members' PII is  
11 available for sale or has already been sold on the black market.<sup>2</sup>

12 80. Although MCCCCD ultimately offered free credit monitoring, the credit  
13 monitoring services will not prevent identity theft or protect Plaintiff and the Class for  
14 more than a year. Meanwhile, personal information could be misused by identity thieves  
15 and others years into the future.

16 81. Moreover, experts warn that when a breach occurs "[o]ne year of credit  
17 monitoring may not be enough. Hackers tend to lay low when data breaches are  
18 exposed...They often wait until consumers are less likely to be on the lookout for  
19 fraudulent activities."<sup>3</sup> Thus, Plaintiff and the Class must take additional steps to protect  
20 their credit and identities.

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24 <sup>1</sup> Barnett, Michael. The Internet Information Black Market, *available at*  
25 <http://businessidtheft.org/Education/BusinessIDTheftScams/InternetBlackMarket/tabid/117/Default.aspx>

26 <sup>2</sup> See Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive, How Much Do You Cost  
27 On The Black Market, *available at* [http://www.ncix.gov/issues/cyber/identity\\_theft.php](http://www.ncix.gov/issues/cyber/identity_theft.php).

28 <sup>3</sup>  
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304856504579337263720948556>

82. In fact, the FTC recommends placing an extended fraud alert with each credit reporting agency after your identity has been compromised.<sup>4</sup> These fraud alerts last for seven years.

83. The FTC also recommends taking multiple steps once your data has been compromised, which depending upon the circumstances may include: placing a fraud alert, requesting a credit freeze, ordering your credit reports, creating an identity theft report, and filing a police report.

84. And, according to a 2011 report by Javelin Strategy and Research, individuals who receive a data breach notification letter are more than four times as likely to become victims of identity theft, average out-of-pocket costs to remedy a data breach are \$631, and data breach victims spend an average of 41 hours resolving the breach.<sup>5</sup>

#### IV. CLASS ALLEGATIONS

85. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff brings this action as a class action for himself and all members of the following Class of similarly situated individuals and entities:

All persons and entities whose Personally Identifiable Information existed or was being maintained on MCCCCD electronic data systems on or before November 27, 2013.

86. Excluded from the Class are MCCCCD, its co-conspirators, officers, directors, legal representatives, heirs, successors and wholly or partly owned subsidiaries or affiliated companies; class counsel and their employees; and the judicial officers and their immediate family members and associated court staff assigned to this case, and all persons within the third degree of relationship to any such persons.

87. **Numerosity.** The Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is unfeasible and not practical. While the precise number of Class members has not been

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0009-taking-charge.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> Javelin Strategy & Research, “2011 Identity Fraud Survey Report,” February 2011, available at [https://www.javelinstrategy.com/uploads/1103.R\\_2011%20Identity%20Fraud%20Survey%20Consumer%20Report.pdf](https://www.javelinstrategy.com/uploads/1103.R_2011%20Identity%20Fraud%20Survey%20Consumer%20Report.pdf).

1 determined at this time, 2.5 million persons and entities had their Personally Identifiable  
2 Information compromised in the data breach that MCCCCD first disclosed on  
3 November 27, 2013.

4 88. **Commonality.** Questions of law and fact common to all Class members  
5 exist and predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class members,  
6 including, *inter alia*:

- 7 a. whether MCCCCD implemented reasonable and industry-standard safety  
8 measures to protect Class members' Personally Identifiably Information;
- 9 b. whether MCCCCD knew or should have known that its ITS system was not  
10 secure;
- 11 c. whether MCCCCD failed to secure its ITS system once MCCCCD determined  
12 those systems had been breached;
- 13 d. whether MCCCCD was negligent in adopting, designing, implementing, or  
14 supervising its ITS security systems, in failing to remedy any breach of its ITS  
15 systems, and in failing to timely notify Plaintiff and the Class that their  
16 Personally Identifiable Information had been breached;
- 17 e. whether MCCCCD breached its express or implied contractual duties to Plaintiff  
18 and the Class by failing to implement its Best Practices and Reasonable  
19 Protection policy; and
- 20 f. whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to recover compensatory and  
21 punitive damages, credit monitoring, and/or other equitable relief.

22 89. **Typicality.** Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class.  
23 Plaintiff and all Class members were injured through the uniform misconduct described  
24 above and assert the same claims for relief, all of which arose out of the same scheme or  
25 conduct. While not all aspects of each class members' circumstances are identical, the  
26 material aspects of their claims are typical.

27 90. **Adequacy.** Plaintiff and his counsel will fairly and adequately represent the  
28 interests of the Class members. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to, or in conflict

1 with, the interests of the other class members, and he will zealously pursue the claims in  
2 this action. Plaintiff's lawyers are highly experienced in the prosecution of consumer  
3 class actions and complex commercial litigation, capable of providing the financial  
4 resources necessary to litigate this matter to conclusion, and have litigated other data  
5 breach matters in a class context.

6 91. **Superiority.** A class action is superior to all other available methods for  
7 fairly and efficiently adjudicating the claims of Plaintiff and the Class members. Plaintiff  
8 and the Class members have been harmed by MCCCCD's wrongful actions and/or  
9 inaction. Litigating this case as a class action will reduce the possibility of repetitious  
10 litigation relating to MCCCCD's wrongful actions and/or inaction, and provides an  
11 efficient mechanism for adjudication for class members, most of whose claims are too  
12 small to warrant individual litigation.

13 92. Class certification is appropriate under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3), because  
14 the above common questions of law or fact predominate over any questions affecting  
15 individual members of the Class, and a class action is superior to other available methods  
16 for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

17 93. As to claims for injunctive or declaratory relief, class certification is  
18 appropriate under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2) because MCCCCD has acted or refused to act  
19 on grounds generally applicable to the Class, so that final injunctive relief or  
20 corresponding declaratory relief is appropriate as to the Class as a whole.

21 94. The expense and burden of litigation would substantially impair the ability  
22 of Plaintiff and Class members to pursue individual lawsuits to vindicate their rights on  
23 an efficient basis. Absent a class action, MCCCCD will have wrongfully jeopardized the  
24 personal information of class members and shifted the risk of problems and misuse to the  
25 class members. Through the use of effective, long-term credit monitoring and identity  
26 protection services, the deleterious effects of MCCCCD's misconduct can be mitigated or  
27 prevented.



## V. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

### CLAIM I

#### Negligence

95. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.

96. By requesting and accepting Plaintiff's and Class members' Personally Identifiable Information, MCCCCD assumed a duty requiring it to use reasonable and industry standard care to secure such information against theft and misuse.

97. MCCCCD breached its duty of care by failing to adequately secure and protect Plaintiff's and the Class members' Personally Identifiable Information from theft, collection, and misuse by third parties.

98. Once MCCCCD became aware that Plaintiff's and the Class' Personally Identifiable Information was for sale on the internet and was subject to a security breach, MCCCCD acted with reckless indifference and conscious disregard of Plaintiff's and the Class members' rights by failing to take any remedial action to protect their Personally Identifiable Information. MCCCCD's actions (or inactions) created a substantial and unjustifiable risk of serious harm to Plaintiff and the Class.

99. MCCCCD further breached its duty of care by failing to promptly, clearly, accurately, and completely inform Plaintiff and the Class that their Personally Identifiable Information had been breached.

100. Among other things, MCCCCD's failure to safeguard Plaintiff's and Class members' Personally Identifiable Information, and the resulting data breach, has left Plaintiff and class members exposed to greatly increased, long-term risk of identity theft, including without limitation well-known risks of credit damage, reputational harm, and financial loss.

101. Routine and robust credit monitoring and identity protection is necessary to protect class members, to the extent possible, from credit damage, reputational harm, and financial loss.

102. Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury in fact, and will continue to be injured and incur damages as a result of MCCCCD's negligence and misconduct.

103. As a direct and proximate result of MCCCCD's failure to take reasonable care and use industry standard measures to protect the Personally Identifiable Information placed in its care, Plaintiff's and Class members' Personally Identifiable Information was disclosed or acquired by unauthorized parties, to the detriment of each class member.

104. As a direct and proximate result of MCCCDC's negligence and misconduct, Plaintiff and the Class were injured in fact by the unauthorized disclosure of their Personally Identifiable Information, and are entitled to recover the costs associated with the detection and prevention of identity theft, including credit monitoring, identity theft consultation, and identity restoration, and with the detection and prevention of unauthorized use of their financial accounts, including credit monitoring, all of which have an ascertainable monetary value to be proven at trial.

105. As a direct and proximate result of MCCCCD's reckless indifference and conscious disregard for Plaintiff's and the Class members' rights, Plaintiff and the Class are also entitled to punitive damages.

## CLAIM II

### Breach of Contract, Express and Implied

106. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.

107. As a condition of application, enrollment, employment, and business contracts, MCCCCD requested Plaintiff's and Class members' Personally Identifiable Information. Plaintiff and Class members provided Personally Identifiable Information to MCCCCD in accordance with MCCCCD's contractual requirements.

108. MCCCCD, through its Best Practices and Reasonable Protection policy, promised to protect this information and take reasonable measures to ensure its security. MCCCCD's Best Practices and Reasonable Protection policy is incorporated into MCCCCD's contracts with Plaintiff and the Class.

1           109. To the extent that MCCCCD's contracts allow discretion on how to  
2 implement its Best Practices and Reasonable Protection policies, MCCCCD exercised that  
3 discretion in bad faith.

4           110. MCCCCD breached its express and implied contractual duties when it failed  
5 to establish "appropriate and reasonable safeguards" to protect and "restrict access" to  
6 Plaintiff's and the Class members' Personally Identifiable Information.

7           111. MCCCCD further breached its express and implied contractual duties with  
8 Plaintiff and the Class when MCCCCD discovered that Plaintiff's and Class members'  
9 Personally Identifiable Information had been breached and, nevertheless, failed to act in  
10 accordance with MCCCCD's own protocols to remedy the breach or mitigate any damages  
11 to Plaintiff and the Class.

12           112. Among other things, MCCCCD's failure to safeguard Plaintiff's and Class  
13 members' Personally Identifiable Information, and the resulting data breach, has left  
14 Plaintiff and class members exposed to greatly increased risk of identity theft, including  
15 without limitation well-known risks of credit damage, reputational harm, and financial  
16 loss.

17           113. Routine and robust credit monitoring and identity protection is necessary to  
18 protect class members, to the extent possible, from credit damage, reputational harm, and  
19 financial loss.

20           114. Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury in fact, including monetary  
21 damages, and will continue to be injured and incur damages as a result of MCCCCD's  
22 breach of contract.

23           115. As a natural and probable consequence of MCCCCD's breach of contract,  
24 Plaintiff's and Class members' Personally Identifiable Information was disclosed to  
25 unauthorized parties, to the detriment of each class member.

26           116. Because of MCCCCD's breach of contract, Plaintiff and the Class were  
27 injured in fact by the unauthorized disclosure of their Personally Identifiable Information,  
28 and are entitled to recover all costs associated with the detection and prevention of

1 identity theft, including credit monitoring, identity theft consultation, and identity  
2 restoration, and with the detection and prevention of unauthorized use of their financial  
3 accounts, all of which have an ascertainable monetary value to be proven at trial.

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5 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

6 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the following relief:

7 A. That the Court certify this case as a class action and appoint Plaintiff Jason  
8 Liebich to be Class Representative and Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro, LLP, as Class  
9 Counsel;

10 B. That the Court certify Claim I under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3);

11 C. That the Court certify Claim II under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2);

12 D. That the Court award Plaintiff appropriate compensatory damages,  
13 including without limitation damages associated with credit monitoring, credit  
14 restoration, and identity protection, as well as punitive damages,

15 E. Any declaratory or injunctive relief sought or required to effect justice;

16 F. An award of attorneys' fees to Class Counsel and an incentive award for  
17 Plaintiff, each in an amount deemed reasonable by this Court; and

18 G. That the Court award Plaintiff such other, relief as may be available and  
19 appropriate.

20 **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

21 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues.  
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