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COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF

Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "the Commission"), for its Complaint alleges:

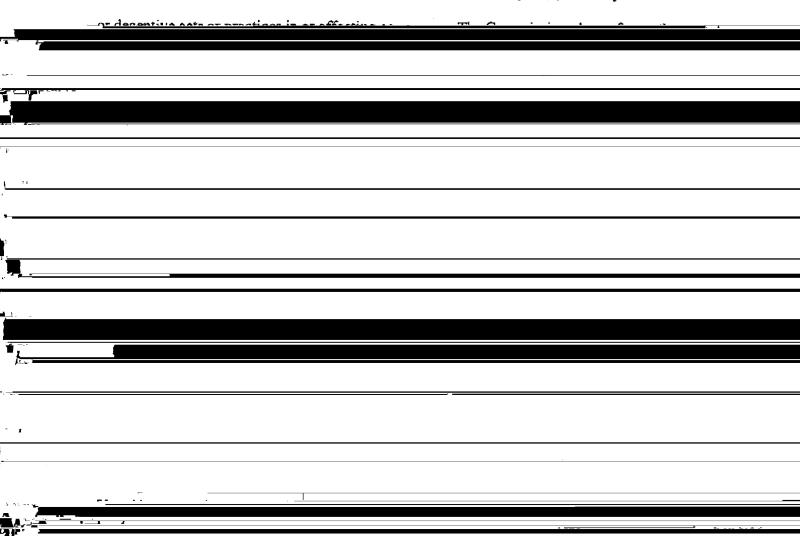
1. Plaintiff, Federal Trade Commission, brings this action under Sections 5(a) and 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a) and 53(b), and the

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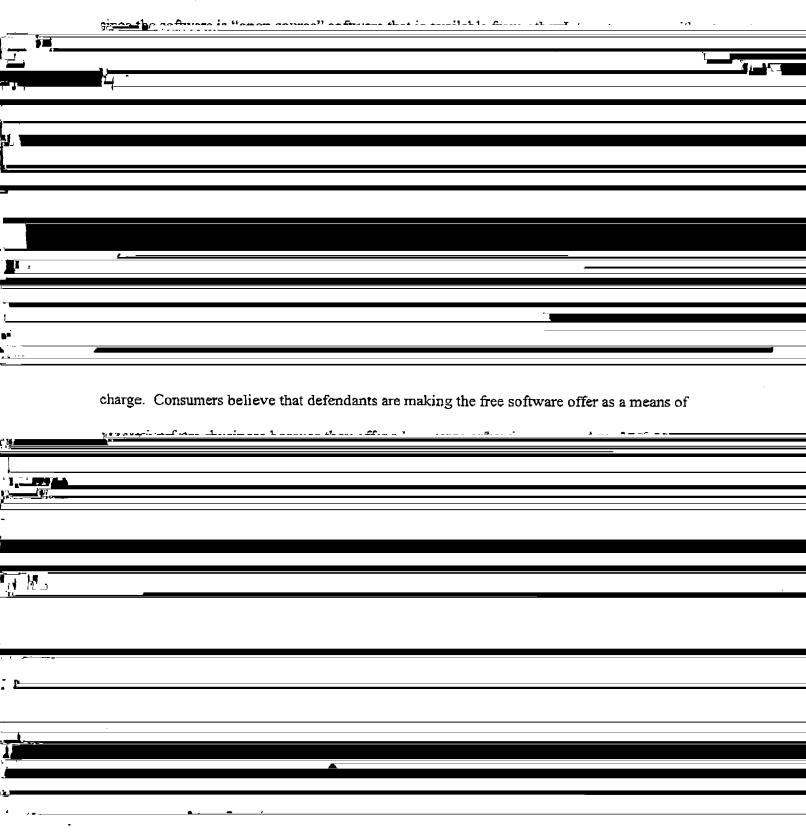
- This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a) and 53(b), and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337(a), and 1345.
- Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas under 15 U.S.C. § 53(b) and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c).

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4. Plaintiff, Federal Trade Commission, is an independent agency of the United States Government created by statute, 15 U.S.C. §§ 41-58. The Commission is charged, *inter alia*, with enforcement of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), which prohibits unfair



10. Consumers generally are not surprised to find that the computer software is free



11. Consumers who wish to receive the free software provide their names, addresses, and credit or debit card numbers on an online order form. Before consumers are able to complete

must send back two of the four "free" CDs within 10 days or they will be charged a fee of \$39.00 to \$49.00. It also states that consumers are automatically enrolled in a software continuity program in which they periodically will be sent more computer software CDs. Furthermore, the document discloses that consumers will be charged \$39.00 to \$49.00 for each shipment of CDs if they do not return them within 10 days. In contrast to these nine point type disclosures, the initial

14. The "Terms of Use" document is an unsuccessful attempt to rescind defendants'

(1) they must send back two of the "free" software CDs within 10 days to avoid being charged for them, and (2) they have automatically been enrolled in a software continuity program.

15. Consumers typically receive the four free computer software CDs they ordered

charged them for two of the "free" CDs.

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	23. Therefore, the defendants' representation as set forth in Paragraph 21 is false and	
	misleading and constitutes a deceptive act or practice in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act,	
	15 U.S.C. § 45(a).	
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	24. In numerous instances, in connection with the marketing, offering for sale, or sale	
	of computer software CDs, defendants have represented, expressly or by implication, that	
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	without the express informed consent of consumers.

28. Defendants' practice of causing charges to be submitted for payment for the

UNORDERED MERCHANDISE STATUTE VIOLATIONS

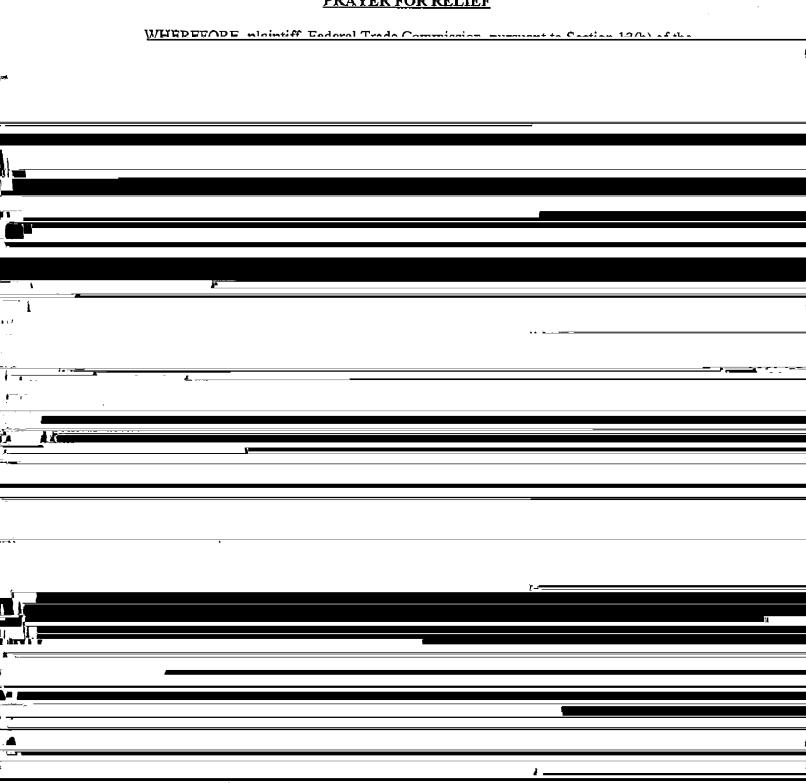
COUNT IV



defendants, who are not a charitable organization soliciting contributions, have mailed packages of computer software CDs to consumers without the prior expressed request or consent of the

35. This Court, in the exercise of its equitable jurisdiction, may award ancillary relief to remedy injury caused by defendants' law violations.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF



Award plaintiff such preliminary injunctive and ancillary relief as may be 1.

Dated: 1/9/07

Respectfully submitted,

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