

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

OMAR ABDUL-HAMEED, Individually
and on Behalf of All Others Similarly
Situating,

Plaintiff,

v.

SNAP INC., EVAN T. SPIEGEL,
and DEREK ANDERSEN,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-CV-07844

CLASS ACTION

**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS
OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES
LAWS**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff Omar Abdul-Hameed (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of all
2 other persons similarly situated, by his undersigned attorneys, alleges in this
3 Complaint for violations of the federal securities laws (the “Complaint”) the
4 following based upon knowledge with respect to his own acts, and upon facts
5 obtained through an investigation conducted by his counsel, which included, *inter*
6 *alia*: (a) review and analysis of relevant filings made by Snap, Inc. (“Snap” or the
7 “Company”) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the
8 “SEC”); (b) review and analysis of Snap’s public documents, conference calls, press
9 releases, and stock chart; (c) review and analysis of securities analysts’ reports and
10 advisories concerning the Company; and (d) information readily obtainable on the
11 internet.

12 Plaintiff believes that further substantial evidentiary support will exist for the
13 allegations set forth herein after a reasonable opportunity for discovery. Most of the
14 facts supporting the allegations contained herein are known only to the defendants
15 or are exclusively within their control.

16 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

17 1. This is a federal securities class action on behalf of all investors who
18 purchased or otherwise acquired Snap securities between April 29, 2025, to August
19 5, 2025, inclusive (the “Class Period”), seeking to recover damages caused by
20 Defendants’ violations of the federal securities laws (the “Class”).

21 2. Defendants provided investors with material information concerning
22 Snap’s advertising revenue expectations for the second quarter and full year fiscal
23 2025. Defendants’ statements included, among other things, confidence in Snap’s
24 ability to execute on its advertising growth potential and in management’s claims
25 that ongoing headwinds in April were externally sourced, coupled with the
26 minimization of both the significance of such headwinds and the magnitude of their
27 impact.

1 3. Defendants provided these overwhelmingly positive statements to
2 investors while, at the same time, disseminating materially false and misleading
3 statements and/or concealing material adverse facts concerning the true state of
4 Snap's advertising revenue growth rate; notably, that, due to Snap's own execution
5 failure, it had significantly declined from 9% in the first quarter to only 1% in April.
6 Such statements absent these material facts caused Plaintiff and other shareholders
7 to purchase Snap's securities at artificially inflated prices.

8 4. On August 5, 2025, Snap announced its financial results for the second
9 quarter of fiscal 2025, disclosing a deceleration in advertising revenue growth. The
10 Company attributed the slowdown to "an issue related to our ad platform, the timing
11 of Ramadan and the effects of the de minimis changes."

12 5. Investors and analysts reacted immediately to Snap's revelation. The
13 price of Snap's common stock declined dramatically. From a closing market price
14 of \$9.39 per share on August 5, 2025, Snap's stock price fell to \$7.78 per share on
15 August 6, 2025, a decline of about 17.15% in the span of just a single day.

16 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

17 6. Plaintiff brings this action, on behalf of himself and other similarly
18 situated investors, to recover losses sustained in connection with Defendants' fraud.

19 7. The claims asserted herein arise under and pursuant to §§10(b) and
20 20(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a)) and Rule 10b-5
21 promulgated thereunder by the SEC (17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5).

22 8. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action
23 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1337, and Section 27 of the Exchange Act, 15
24 U.S.C. §78aa.

25 9. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to §27 of the Exchange Act
26 and 28 U.S.C. §1391(b), as Defendant Snap is headquartered in this District and a
27 significant portion of its business, actions, and the subsequent damages to Plaintiff
28 and the Class, took place within this District.

1 10. In connection with the acts, conduct and other wrongs alleged in this
2 Complaint, Defendants, directly or indirectly, used the means and instrumentalities
3 of interstate commerce, including but not limited to, the United States mail, interstate
4 telephone communications and the facilities of the national securities exchange.

5 **THE PARTIES**

6 11. Plaintiff purchased Snap common stock at artificially inflated prices
7 during the Class Period and was damaged upon the revelation of the Defendants’
8 fraud. Plaintiff’s certification evidencing his transaction(s) in Snap is attached
9 hereto.

10 12. Snap, Inc. is a California corporation with its principal executive offices
11 located at 3000 31st Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405. During the Class Period, the
12 Company’s common stock traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”)
13 under the symbol “SNAP.”

14 13. Defendant Evan T. Spiegel (“Spiegel”) was, at all relevant times, the
15 Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer, and a Director of Snap.

16 14. Defendant Derek Andersen (“Andersen”) was, at all relevant times, the
17 Chief Financial Officer of Snap.

18 15. Defendants Spiegel and Andersen are sometimes referred to herein as
19 the “Individual Defendants.” Snap together with the Individual Defendants are
20 referred to herein as the “Defendants.”

21 16. The Individual Defendants, because of their positions with the
22 Company, possessed the power and authority to control the contents of Snap’s
23 reports to the SEC, press releases, and presentations to securities analysts, money
24 and portfolio managers, and institutional investors, *i.e.*, the market. Each Individual
25 Defendant was provided with copies of the Company’s reports and press releases
26 alleged herein to be misleading prior to, or shortly after, their issuance and had the
27 ability and opportunity to prevent their issuance or cause them to be corrected.
28 Because of their positions and access to material non-public information available

1 to them, each of these Individual Defendants knew that the adverse facts specified
 2 herein had not been disclosed to, and were being concealed from, the public, and
 3 that the positive representations which were being made were then materially false
 4 and/or misleading. The Individual Defendants are liable for the false statements
 5 pleaded herein, as those statements were each “group-published” information, the
 6 result of the collective actions of the Individual Defendants.

7 17. Snap is liable for the acts of the Individual Defendants, and its
 8 employees under the doctrine of respondeat superior and common law principles of
 9 agency as all the wrongful acts complained of herein were carried out within the
 10 scope of their employment with authorization.

11 18. The scienter of the Individual Defendants, and other employees and
 12 agents of the Company are similarly imputed to Snap under respondeat superior and
 13 agency principles.

14 **SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS**

15 **A. Company Background**

16 19. Snap is a technology company best known for Snapchat, a visual
 17 messaging application.

18 20. Snapchat connects brand and direct response advertisers to customers
 19 through the Snapchat platform. Snapchat offers multiple different ad types,
 20 integrations, and locations, and provides the ability for entities to bid for more
 21 targeted ad placements.

22 **B. The Defendants Materially Misled Investors Concerning Snap’s** 23 **Expectations for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025**

24 April 29, 2025

25 21. On April 29, 2025, Defendants issued a press release announcing first
 26 quarter fiscal 2025 results. During the accompanying earnings call, Defendant
 27 Spiegel touted Snap’s advertising revenue growth, stating, in pertinent part:
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1 In Q1, our community grew to 460 million daily active users, an
2 increase of 38 million year-over-year, and content viewers and total
3 time spent watching content grew year-over-year. Q1 revenue
4 increased 14% year-over-year to \$1.36 billion, driven by the progress
5 we have made with our direct response advertising solutions, continued
6 momentum in driving performance for small and medium-sized
7 businesses and the growth of our Snapchat+ subscription business. The
8 benefits of our more focused investments are now evident in our
9 improved profitability and free cash flow generation.

10 ...

11 Given the progress we have made with our advertising platform, and
12 the pace of execution against our 2025 strategic priorities, we believe
13 we are well positioned to deliver improved business performance and
14 meaningful positive free cash flow as we make further progress towards
15 GAAP profitability.

16 22. Defendant Andersen took over the prepared remarks to pertinently
17 provide the financial breakdown of the Company's results and management's broad
18 expectations for their advertising platform, stating:

19 In Q1, total revenue was \$1.363 billion, up 14% year-over-year, and up
20 15% year-over-year on a constant currency basis. Advertising revenue
21 was \$1.211 billion, up 9% year-over-year, driven primarily by growth
22 from DR advertising revenue, which increased 14% year-over-year.

23 Brand-oriented advertising revenue was down 3% year-over-year due
24 to a combination of softness in upper funnel demand across all regions,
25 as well as the ongoing shift in the mix of our advertising business
26 toward performance-oriented advertising solutions. This mix shift is
27 evident in the fact that direct response advertising revenue contributed
28 75% of our total advertising revenue for the first time in Q1.

...

North America revenue growth accelerated to 12% year-over-year in
Q1, up from 8% in the prior quarter. With a faster growth rate in Q1,
driven primarily by a higher rate of Direct Response advertising
revenue growth. Europe revenue grew 14% year-over-year, and Rest of
World revenue grew 20% year-over-year, with softer brand-oriented

1 advertising demand in these regions, partially offsetting continued
2 strong growth in Direct Response advertising revenue, and continued
3 momentum in the SMB customer segment, in particular, in these
4 regions.

5 23. Defendant Andersen then broadly provided management's expectations
6 for the coming quarter, stating, in pertinent part:

7 Given the uncertainty with respect to how macroeconomic conditions
8 may evolve in the months ahead, and how this may impact advertising
9 demand more broadly, we do not intend to share formal financial
10 guidance for Q2. *While our top line revenue has continued to grow,*
11 *we have experienced headwinds to start the current quarter, and we*
12 *believe it is prudent to continue to balance our level of investment*
13 *with realized revenue growth.* As a result, we are updating our full year
14 cost structure guidance to reflect our current investment plans.

15 ...

16 *While there is uncertainty regarding the macro operating*
17 *environment, we remain optimistic about the long-term prospects for*
18 *our business.* We remain optimistic because of the progress we have
19 made with our ad platform to improve performance for our advertising
20 partners, because of the progress we have made to diversify our
21 advertiser base as well as our revenue sources with the growth of
22 Snapchat+. *Because of our demonstrated ability to prioritize our cost*
23 *structure to balance investment with top line growth over time,* and
24 because we have built a strong balance sheet with the financial
25 flexibility necessary to maintain strategic focus through volatile macro
26 conditions.

27 Moving forward, we will remain focused on executing against our
28 strategic priorities of growing our community and improving depth of
engagement, driving top line revenue growth and diversifying our
revenue sources, and building toward our long-term vision for
augmented reality.

(Emphasis added).

24. During the question-and-answer segment, Defendants discussed their expectations for the ad platform and Snap's progress in the ongoing second quarter during the following pertinent exchanges:

<Q: Ross Adam Sandler – Barclays Bank PLC – MD of Americas Equity Research & Senior Internet Analyst> Great. I got to ask the obligatory macro question. So I think everybody is curious what you guys are seeing thus far here in the second quarter on both brand and DR. It sounds like you're growing, but you're starting to see some impact. So I guess, could you just give us a little more color on what categories or what segments of the business are seeing an impact?

...

<A: Derek Andersen> . . . At a high level, the macro is changing quickly. And I think the path we're concerned here going forward is an entirely clear that obviously impacts visibility on our end. We've learned from some of the big past macro events that we experienced in external events to be thoughtful about how this can impact the operating environment and therefore, our approach to guidance generally.

We've had a really solid Q1 top line growth at the very high end of our guide range and then both adjusted EBITDA and net income well above those ranges. So we started the year really strong. ***Thus far in Q2, we're still growing. But we've seen some headwinds to our top line growth so far.***

As one example, we've heard from a subset of advertisers that their spending has been impacted by the changes to the de minimis exemption. However, I caution here, it's just really difficult to parse the drivers between the various potential factors there. ***We're just really focused on continuing to execute for our customers and to build on the momentum we saw in Q1 with active advertisers up to 60%, DR advertising revenue reaching 70% of total ad revenue for the first time.***

...

<Q: Richard Scott Greenfield – Lightshed Partners, LLC – Partner and Media & Technology Analyst> I guess one of the big questions that everyone is trying to understand, you've been sort of in that mid-teens-

1 ish, low to mid-teens-ish growth rate for Direct Response advertising.
2 The comp was definitely harder this quarter than it's been in a long time.
3 But I think as you sort of look at the investments you've been making,
4 the rollout of new products like Sponsored Snaps, what will it take to
5 deliver 20-plus percent growth in the DR business?

6 Like do you have line of sight to like what needs to happen or how long
7 it will take to sort of get that to be a 20-plus percent growth business?
8 And then just 2 housekeeping things, Derek. One of the de minimis that
9 you just mentioned, anything that you could say in terms of how much
10 China-based advertisers is a percentage of your revenue?

11 And on the guidance comment, the forward-looking that April is
12 continuing to grow, I've gotten a lot of questions. Is advertising
13 growing? Or is it -- if you look -- excluding Snap+, is it still growing,
14 excluding Snap+, as you look into April because everyone is trying to
15 isolate what's happening in core ad business given everything that's
16 happened with tariffs?

17 <A: Evan T. Spiegel> Yes. We're really excited about the progress
18 we've been making on the Direct Response business over the past
19 couple of years, we've really invested heavily there. I think -- just
20 thinking big picture in terms of the contributors to accelerating to 20%
21 from, I think, about 14% we're at today. ***Of course, we're going to***
22 ***continue the ongoing ad platform improvements. We've mentioned on***
23 ***the call, including larger and fresher models and better signal***
24 ***utilization.***

25 ***I think in terms of the product road map and the product pieces, we've***
26 ***got a really good road map for our app goal-based bidding objectives,***
27 ***and for dynamic product ads as well that will land throughout the***
28 ***year.*** And then I think bringing Direct Response goal-based bidding
objectives to new placements like Sponsored Snaps will also be a
contributing factor as well.

...

<A: Derek Andersen> . . . On the China-based advertisers, we don't
really break it down at that level of detail. We've not previously
disclosed that market as a breakout market in our Qs and Ks. So in some
ways, that perhaps is helpful in and of itself.

1 *And look, we're early in the quarter. We're only a few weeks in. You*
2 *were [sic] continuing to grow as a business, but we've seen some*
3 *headwinds thus far.* I think it's early. And of course, there's a lot of
4 quarter ahead of us and the macro uncertainty and how that's going to
5 evolve over time. So we're going to keep watching it and monitoring
6 the growth of the business and go from there. So hopefully, that gives
7 you a little bit more color on the China base side of things.

8 ...

9 <Q: Kenneth James Gawrelski – Wells Fargo Securities, LLC – Equity
10 Analyst> Maybe first, you could talk a little bit about the kind of
11 progression through the first quarter on the ad side. And as you go into
12 April, any particular categories that you're seeing, or geographies that
13 you're seeing changes in performance? Maybe we'll start there and I
14 follow-up after that.

15 <A: Derek Andersen> . . . *In terms of what we're seeing early here in*
16 *the new quarter, we're just a few weeks in. It's very early in the going.*
17 *As I said earlier, the business is continuing to grow, but we have seen*
18 *some headwinds to start the quarter to the growth rate.* As I mentioned
19 earlier, one example of a factor that we've seen as a driver there is some
20 advertisers that have been impacted by the changes to the de minimis
21 exemption. But as I also said earlier, it's really difficult, this early in the
22 going, to parse the different drivers that can be impacting that. *So we're*
23 *going to continue to watch it really carefully.* And of course, where we
24 head from here on the macro and some of the factors there is also
25 uncertain.

26 *So the key is that we stay focused on executing for our customers,*
27 *improving the ad platform* and that we continue to be thoughtful about
28 balancing our investment levels over time to make progress for the
29 business financially. So hopefully, that gives you a little bit more color
30 on your question.

31 ...

32 <Q: Benjamin Thomas Black – Deutsche Bank AG – Research
33 Analyst> You mentioned hitting 900 million DAUs and that you're

1 approaching 1 billion yet. North America DAUs contracted
 2 sequentially. I know you've been working on a number of initiatives to
 3 restimulate growth in North America. So curious to hear what is
 4 potentially not working? And what gives you confidence that those
 trends can inflect positively again?

5 <A: Evan T. Spiegel> . . . In North America, in particular, we sort of
 6 trended around this 100 million, 99 million DAU sort of number. *We're*
 7 *not expecting further declines here in Q2 in North America. And the*
 8 *things that sort of make us confident or that we're excited about are*
 9 *really the engagement around snapping that is so core to the service,*
 10 people making and sending snaps with their friends. So we've seen
 some positive trends there. We're continuing to build on those overall
 and then continuing to invest in the content business as well.

11 (Emphasis added).

12 25. The above statements in Paragraphs 21 to 24 were false and/or
 13 materially misleading. Defendants created the false impression that they possessed
 14 reliable information pertaining to the Company's expected advertising revenue and
 15 anticipated growth while emphasizing potential macroeconomic instability. In truth,
 16 Snap's optimistic reports of advertising growth and earnings potential fell short of
 17 reality as they relied far too heavily on Snap's ability to execute on its potential;
 18 Snap was already experiencing the ramifications of a significant execution error
 19 when Defendants' claimed a lack of visibility due to macroeconomic conditions.
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21 **C. The Truth Emerges during Snap's Second Quarter Earnings** 22 **Report**

23 August 5, 2025

24 26. On August 5, 2025, Defendants released disappointing second quarter,
 25 fiscal year 2025 results, disclosing that advertising revenue decelerated significantly
 26 in the quarter. In pertinent part, Defendant Andersen stated:
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28 As our global community continues to grow, we have continued to scale
 our top line with total revenue reaching \$1.345 billion in Q2 and up 9%

1 year-over-year. Our rate of top line growth was impacted by a number
 2 of factors in Q2, including *an issue related to our ad platform, the*
 3 *timing of Ramadan and the effects of the de minimis changes.*
 4 Unfortunately, in our efforts to improve advertiser performance, *we*
 5 *shipped a change that caused some campaigns to clear the auction at*
 6 *substantially reduced prices. We have since reverted this change and*
 7 *advertising revenue growth has improved as advertisers adjust their*
 8 *bid strategies to achieve their objectives.*

9 Despite these headwinds, *advertising revenue reached \$1.174 billion*
 10 *in Q2, up 4% year-over-year*, driven primarily by growth from DR
 11 advertising revenue, which increased 5% year-over-year.

12 (Emphasis added).

13 27. Defendant Andersen elaborated on the timing and details of the error to
 14 the company's advertising auction during the question-and-answer portion that
 15 followed:

16 One of them certainly is the one you mentioned around the ad platform.
 17 We also had a factor around the timing of Ramadan, which was less of
 18 a benefit in Q2 than in the prior year. And as well, there was the impact
 19 of the de minimis changes in the quarter.

20 ...

21 So if you recall, we grew ad revenue at a rate of approximately 9% in
 22 Q1. *And what we saw in April is that ad revenue growth declined to*
 23 *approximately 1% before largely recovering as we move through May*
 24 *and what you saw in May is, number one, we've gone to the work of*
 25 *reverting the ad platform change*, but also the factor around Ramadan
 26 obviously being diminished during that period of time. So we saw the
 27 recoveries we went through May.

28 ...

So the big focus at this point is building demand we have seen post the
 rollback of the ad change as we moved through June and into
 July. We've seen ad revenue specifically growing at a rate between 3%
 to 4% *so give you a sense of how the topography sort of moved from*
9% in Q1 to approximately 1% ad revenue in April than to a rate of

1 *recovering largely in May and then we're looking at 3% to 4% plus*
2 *the roll back to that change.*

3 (Emphasis added).

4 28. The aforementioned press releases and statements made by the
5 Individual Defendants are in direct contrast to statements they made during the April
6 29, 2025, earnings call. On that call, Defendants praised their continued growth and
7 promised to stay “focused on continuing to execute for our customers,” while
8 deferring guidance on potential macroeconomic risk and alleged reduced visibility.
9 Defendants made no mention of an ongoing advertising issue, nor did they suggest
10 the significant degree to which Snap’s advertising growth rate had declined in April.

11 29. Investors and analysts reacted immediately to Snap’s revelation. The
12 price of Snap’s common stock declined dramatically. From a closing market price
13 of \$9.39 per share on August 5, 2025, Snap’s stock price fell to \$7.78 per share on
14 August 6, 2025, a decline of about 17.15% in the span of just a single day.

15 30. A number of well-known analysts who had been following Snap
16 published negative reports in response to Snap’s disclosures. For example,
17 Rosenblatt, while retaining their neutral rating, highlighted Snap’s disappointing
18 advertising revenue growth, stating, in pertinent part:

19 Snap's 2Q25 had an odd mishap. The company said an update to its ad
20 auction system caused Snap to mistakenly auction ad inventory in April
21 at a substantial, unintended discount, stalling ad growth at 1%, before
22 the issue was fixed and ad growth stepped back up to ~ 4% for 2Q25.
23 But even at this recovered pace, which is seen persisting in this zip code
24 into 3Q25, ad growth is well below the 9% rise of 1Q25, and the 10%
25 we had been estimating for 2Q25.

26 31. Similarly, J.P. Morgan, while maintaining their below-market price
27 target, opened by highlighting that Snap’s “Ad revenue decelerated to +4% Y/Y in
28 2Q (vs. +9% Y/Y in 1Q), including +1% Y/Y in April driven by an ad platform issue
that temporarily reduced auction prices.” Further, the analyst noted that investor

1 expectations “had increased in recent days following strong broader advertising
2 industry results/outlooks” than had been previously anticipated.

3 32. HSBC also maintained their below-market price target while noting
4 that Snap’s “2Q25 sluggish ad revenues drive negative market reaction.” The
5 analyst highlighted Snap’s overall growth slowdown, noting that, despite “that
6 growth had returned to a c4% y-o-y pace in July” following the “faulty product
7 update,” it was still well behind market leaders, such as “Meta’s guidance for c21%
8 y-o-y growth in 3Q25.”

9 33. The fact that these analysts, and others, discussed Snap’s advertising
10 growth shortfall and competitor outperformance suggests the public placed
11 significant weight on Snap’s prior statements regarding potential headwinds to its
12 advertising revenue growth rate. The frequent, in-depth discussion of Snap’s April
13 execution error confirms that Defendants’ statements during the Class Period were
14 material.

15 **D. Loss Causation and Economic Loss**

16 34. During the Class Period, as detailed herein, Defendants made
17 materially false and misleading statements and engaged in a scheme to deceive the
18 market and a course of conduct that artificially inflated the price of Snap’s common
19 stock and operated as a fraud or deceit on Class Period purchasers of Snap’s common
20 stock by materially misleading the investing public. Later, Defendants’ prior
21 misrepresentations and fraudulent conduct became apparent to the market, the price
22 of Snap’s common stock materially declined, as the prior artificial inflation came
23 out of the price over time. As a result of their purchases of Snap’s common stock
24 during the Class Period, Plaintiff and other members of the Class suffered economic
25 loss, *i.e.*, damages under federal securities laws.

26 35. Snap’s stock price fell in response to the corrective event on August 5,
27 2025, as alleged *supra*. On August 5, 2025, Defendants disclosed information that
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1 was directly related to their prior misrepresentations and material omissions
2 concerning Snap's forecasting processes and growth guidance.

3 36. In particular, on August 5, 2025, Snap announced results for the second
4 quarter of fiscal year 2025 below expectations and blamed those results largely on
5 the Company's own faulty execution in April, despite management previously, at
6 the end of the same month, refraining from issuing concrete guidance pointing to a
7 lack of visibility due to macroeconomic uncertainty.

8 **E. Presumption of Reliance; Fraud-On-The-Market**

9 37. At all relevant times, the market for Snap's common stock was an
10 efficient market for the following reasons, among others:

11 (a) Snap's common stock met the requirements for listing and was listed
12 and actively traded on the NYSE during the Class Period, a highly efficient and
13 automated market;

14 (b) Snap communicated with public investors via established market
15 communication mechanisms, including disseminations of press releases on the
16 national circuits of major newswire services and other wide-ranging public
17 disclosures, such as communications with the financial press and other similar
18 reporting services;

19 (c) Snap was followed by several securities analysts employed by major
20 brokerage firms who wrote reports that were distributed to the sales force and certain
21 customers of their respective brokerage firms during the Class Period. Each of these
22 reports was publicly available and entered the public marketplace; and

23 (d) Unexpected material news about Snap was reflected in and
24 incorporated into the Company's stock price during the Class Period.

25 38. As a result of the foregoing, the market for Snap's common stock
26 promptly digested current information regarding the Company from all publicly
27 available sources and reflected such information in Snap's stock price. Under these
28 circumstances, all purchasers of Snap's common stock during the Class Period

1 suffered similar injury through their purchase of Snap’s common stock at artificially
2 inflated prices, and a presumption of reliance applies.

3 39. Alternatively, reliance need not be proven in this action because the
4 action involves omissions and deficient disclosures. Positive proof of reliance is not
5 a prerequisite to recovery pursuant to ruling of the United States Supreme Court in
6 *Affiliated Ute Citizens of Utah v. United States*, 406 U.S. 128 (1972). All that is
7 necessary is that the facts withheld be material in the sense that a reasonable investor
8 might have considered the omitted information important in deciding whether to buy
9 or sell the subject security.

10 **F. No Safe Harbor; Inapplicability of Bespeaks Caution Doctrine**

11 40. The statutory safe harbor provided for forward-looking statements
12 under certain circumstances does not apply to any of the material misrepresentations
13 and omissions alleged in this Complaint. As alleged above, Defendants’ liability
14 stems from the fact that they provided investors with revenue projections while at
15 the same time failing to maintain adequate forecasting processes. Defendants
16 provided the public with forecasts that failed to account for this decline in sales
17 and/or adequately disclose the fact that the Company at the current time did not have
18 adequate forecasting processes.

19 41. To the extent certain of the statements alleged to be misleading or
20 inaccurate may be characterized as forward looking, they were not identified as
21 “forward-looking statements” when made and there were no meaningful cautionary
22 statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ
23 materially from those in the purportedly forward-looking statements.

24 42. Defendants are also liable for any false or misleading “forward-looking
25 statements” pleaded because, at the time each “forward-looking statement” was
26 made, the speaker knew the “forward-looking statement” was false or misleading
27 and the “forward-looking statement” was authorized and/or approved by an
28 executive officer of Snap who knew that the “forward-looking statement” was false.

1 Alternatively, none of the historic or present-tense statements made by Defendants
2 were assumptions underlying or relating to any plan, projection, or statement of
3 future economic performance, as they were not stated to be such assumptions
4 underlying or relating to any projection or statement of future economic performance
5 when made, nor were any of the projections or forecasts made by the defendants
6 expressly related to or stated to be dependent on those historic or present-tense
7 statements when made.

8 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

9 43. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of
10 Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of a Class, consisting of all those who
11 purchased or otherwise acquired Snap securities during the Class Period (the
12 “Class”); and were damaged upon the revelation of the alleged corrective disclosure.
13 Excluded from the Class are defendants herein, the officers and directors of the
14 Company, at all relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal
15 representatives, heirs, successors or assigns and any entity in which defendants have
16 or had a controlling interest.

17 44. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members
18 is impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, Snap’s common stock were actively
19 traded on the NYSE. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to
20 Plaintiff at this time and can be ascertained only through appropriate discovery,
21 Plaintiff believes that there are hundreds or thousands of members in the proposed
22 Class. Record owners and other members of the Class may be identified from records
23 maintained by Snap or its transfer agent and may be notified of the pendency of this
24 action by mail, using the form of notice similar to that customarily used in securities
25 class actions. As of August 1, 2025, there were 1.435 billion shares of the
26 Company’s common stock outstanding. Upon information and belief, these shares
27 are held by thousands, if not millions, of individuals located throughout the country
28 and possibly the world. Joinder would be highly impracticable.

1 45. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class
2 as all members of the Class are similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct
3 in violation of federal law that is complained of herein.

4 46. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members
5 of the Class and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class and
6 securities litigation. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to or in conflict with those
7 of the Class.

8 47. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class
9 and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the
10 Class. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:

11 (a) whether the federal securities laws were violated by Defendants' acts
12 as alleged herein;

13 (b) whether statements made by Defendants to the investing public during
14 the Class Period misrepresented material facts about the business, operations and
15 management of Snap;

16 (c) whether the Individual Defendants caused Snap to issue false and
17 misleading financial statements during the Class Period;

18 (d) whether Defendants acted knowingly or recklessly in issuing false and
19 misleading financial statements;

20 (e) whether the prices of Snap's common stock during the Class Period
21 were artificially inflated because of the Defendants' conduct complained of herein;
22 and

23 (f) whether the members of the Class have sustained damages and, if so,
24 what is the proper measure of damages.

25 48. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and
26 efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is
27 impracticable. Furthermore, as the damages suffered by individual Class members
28 may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it

1 impossible for members of the Class to individually redress the wrongs done to them.
2 There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

3 **COUNT I**

4 ***Against All Defendants for Violations of***

5 **Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder**

6 49. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained
7 above as if fully set forth herein.

8 50. This Count is asserted against defendants and is based upon Section
9 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated
10 thereunder by the SEC.

11 51. During the Class Period, Defendants engaged in a plan, scheme,
12 conspiracy and course of conduct, pursuant to which they knowingly or recklessly
13 engaged in acts, transactions, practices and courses of business which operated as a
14 fraud and deceit upon. Plaintiff and the other members of the Class; made various
15 untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary in
16 order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they
17 were made, not misleading; and employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud
18 in connection with the purchase and sale of securities. Such scheme was intended to,
19 and, throughout the Class Period, did: (i) deceive the investing public, including
20 Plaintiff and other Class members, as alleged herein; (ii) artificially inflate and
21 maintain the market price of Snap common stock; and (iii) cause Plaintiff and other
22 members of the Class to purchase or otherwise acquire Snap's securities at
23 artificially inflated prices. In furtherance of this unlawful scheme, plan and course
24 of conduct, Defendants, and each of them, took the actions set forth herein.

25 52. Pursuant to the above plan, scheme, conspiracy and course of conduct,
26 each of the defendants participated directly or indirectly in the preparation and/or
27 issuance of the quarterly and annual reports, SEC filings, press releases and other
28 statements and documents described above, including statements made to securities

1 analysts and the media that were designed to influence the market for Snap's
2 securities. Such reports, filings, releases and statements were materially false and
3 misleading in that they failed to disclose material adverse information and
4 misrepresented the truth about the Company.

5 53. By virtue of their positions at the Company, Defendants had actual
6 knowledge of the materially false and misleading statements and material omissions
7 alleged herein and intended thereby to deceive Plaintiff and the other members of
8 the Class, or, in the alternative, Defendants acted with reckless disregard for the truth
9 in that they failed or refused to ascertain and disclose such facts as would reveal the
10 materially false and misleading nature of the statements made, although such facts
11 were readily available to Defendants. Said acts and omissions of defendants were
12 committed willfully or with reckless disregard for the truth. In addition, each
13 defendant knew or recklessly disregarded that material facts were being
14 misrepresented or omitted as described above.

15 54. Information showing that Defendants acted knowingly or with reckless
16 disregard for the truth is peculiarly within defendants' knowledge and control. As
17 the senior managers and/or directors of the Company, the Individual Defendants had
18 knowledge of the details of Snap's internal affairs.

19 55. The Individual Defendants are liable both directly and indirectly for the
20 wrongs complained of herein. Because of their positions of control and authority,
21 the Individual Defendants were able to and did, directly or indirectly, control the
22 content of the statements of the Company. As officers and/or directors of a publicly-
23 held company, the Individual Defendants had a duty to disseminate timely, accurate,
24 and truthful information with respect to Snap's businesses, operations, future
25 financial condition and future prospects. As a result of the dissemination of the
26 aforementioned false and misleading reports, releases and public statements, the
27 market price of Snap's common stock was artificially inflated throughout the Class
28 Period. In ignorance of the adverse facts concerning the Company which were

1 concealed by Defendants, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class purchased or
2 otherwise acquired Snap's common stock at artificially inflated prices and relied
3 upon the price of the common stock, the integrity of the market for the common
4 stock and/or upon statements disseminated by Defendants, and were damaged
5 thereby.

6 56. During the Class Period, Snap's common stock was traded on an active
7 and efficient market. Plaintiff and the other members of the Class, relying on the
8 materially false and misleading statements described herein, which the defendants
9 made, issued or caused to be disseminated, or relying upon the integrity of the
10 market, purchased or otherwise acquired shares of Snap's common stock at prices
11 artificially inflated by defendants' wrongful conduct. Had Plaintiff and the other
12 members of the Class known the truth, they would not have purchased or otherwise
13 acquired said common stock, or would not have purchased or otherwise acquired
14 them at the inflated prices that were paid. At the time of the purchases and/or
15 acquisitions by Plaintiff and the Class, the true value of Snap's common stock was
16 substantially lower than the prices paid by Plaintiff and the other members of the
17 Class. The market price of Snap's common stock declined sharply upon public
18 disclosure of the facts alleged herein to the injury of Plaintiff and Class members.

19 57. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants knowingly or
20 recklessly, directly or indirectly, have violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act
21 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder.

22 58. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' wrongful conduct,
23 Plaintiff and the other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with
24 their respective purchases, acquisitions and sales of the Company's common stock
25 during the Class Period, upon the disclosure that the Company had been
26 disseminating misrepresented financial statements to the investing public.

COUNT II

Against the Individual Defendants

for Violations of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act

59. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

60. During the Class Period, the Individual Defendants participated in the operation and management of the Company, and conducted and participated, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the Company's business affairs. Because of their senior positions, they knew the adverse non-public information about Snap's misstatements.

61. As officers and/or directors of a publicly owned company, the Individual Defendants had a duty to disseminate accurate and truthful information, and to correct promptly any public statements issued by Snap which had become materially false or misleading.

62. Because of their positions of control and authority as senior officers, the Individual Defendants were able to, and did, control the contents of the various reports, press releases and public filings which Snap disseminated in the marketplace during the Class Period concerning the misrepresentations. Throughout the Class Period, the Individual Defendants exercised their power and authority to cause Snap to engage in the wrongful acts complained of herein. The Individual Defendants therefore, were "controlling persons" of the Company within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. In this capacity, they participated in the unlawful conduct alleged which artificially inflated the market price of Snap's common stock.

63. Each of the Individual Defendants, therefore, acted as a controlling person of the Company. By reason of their senior management positions and/or being directors of the Company, each of the Individual Defendants had the power to direct the actions of, and exercised the same to cause Snap to engage in the unlawful acts and conduct complained of herein. Each of the Individual Defendants exercised

1 control over the general operations of the Company and possessed the power to
2 control the specific activities which comprise the primary violations about which
3 Plaintiff and the other members of the Class complain.

4 64. By reason of the above conduct, the Individual Defendants and/or Snap
5 are liable pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act for the violations committed
6 by the Company.

7 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

8 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff demand judgment against defendants as follows:

9 A. Determining that the instant action may be maintained as a class action
10 under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and certifying Plaintiff as the
11 Class representatives;

12 B. Requiring Defendants to pay damages sustained by Plaintiff and the
13 Class by reason of the acts and transactions alleged herein;

14 C. Awarding Plaintiff and the other members of the Class pre-judgment
15 and post-judgment interest, as well as their reasonable attorneys' fees, expert fees
16 and other costs; and

17 D. Awarding such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and
18 proper.

19 **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

20 Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.
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