

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.**

VICTORIA GALANTI, individually and  
on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

**CLASS ACTION**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

v.

THE SCOTTS COMPANY, LLC d/b/a  
MIRACLE-GRO,

Defendant.

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**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Victoria Galanti brings this class action against Defendant The Scotts Company, LLC d/b/a Miracle-Gro, and alleges as follows upon personal knowledge as to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's own acts and experiences, and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including investigation conducted by Plaintiff's attorneys.

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is a putative class action pursuant to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 227, *et seq.* (the "TCPA"), and the Florida Telephone Solicitation Act ("FTSA"), Fla. Stat. § 501.059.

2. To promote its goods and services, Defendant engages in unsolicited text messaging, including to individuals who have registered their telephone numbers on the National Do-Not-Call Registry, and to those who have not provided Defendant with their prior express written consent as required by the FTSA.

3. Defendant also engages in telemarketing without the requisite policies and procedures and training required under the TCPA and its implementing regulations.

4. Defendant's telephonic sales calls have caused Plaintiff and the Class members harm, including violations of their statutory rights, statutory damages, annoyance, nuisance, and invasion of their privacy.

5. Through this action, Plaintiff seeks an injunction and statutory damages on behalf of herself and the Class members, as defined below, and any other available legal or equitable remedies resulting from the unlawful actions of Defendant.

### **PARTIES**

6. Plaintiff is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a citizen and resident of Broward County, Florida.

7. Plaintiff is, and at all times relevant hereto was, an individual and a "called party" as defined by Fla. Stat. § 501.059(1)(a) in that he was the regular user of cellular telephone number that received Defendant's telephonic sales calls.

8. Defendant is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a foreign corporation and a "telephone solicitor" as defined by Fla. Stat. § 501.059(f).

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

9. This Court has federal question subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's TCPA claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

10. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's FTSA claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

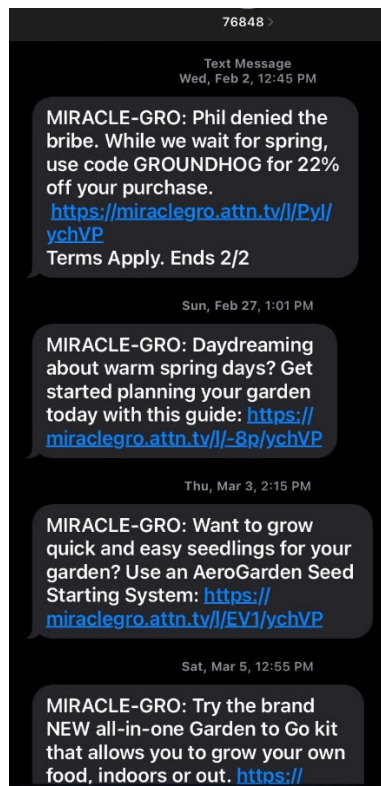
11. Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in Florida because this suit arises out of and relates to Defendant's contacts with this state. Defendant initiated and directed

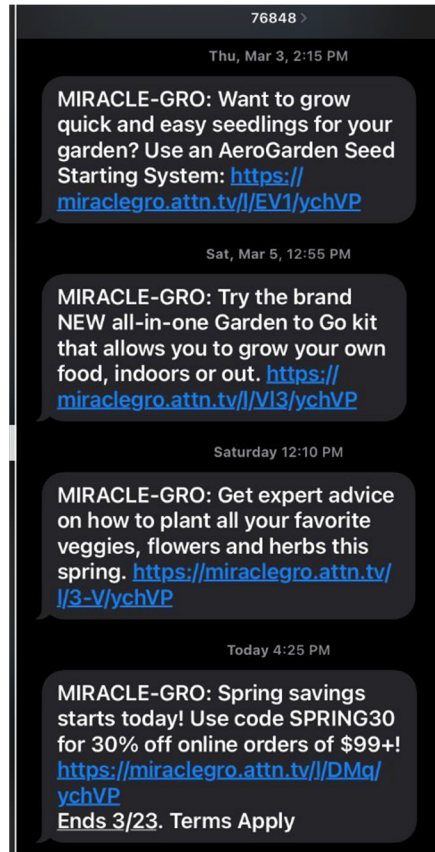
telemarketing and/or advertising text messages into Florida. Specifically, Defendant initiated and directed the transmission of unsolicited advertisement or telemarketing text messages to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number to sell goods, services or products in Florida. Plaintiff's telephone number has an area code that specifically coincides with locations in Florida, and Plaintiff received such messages while residing in and physically present in Florida.

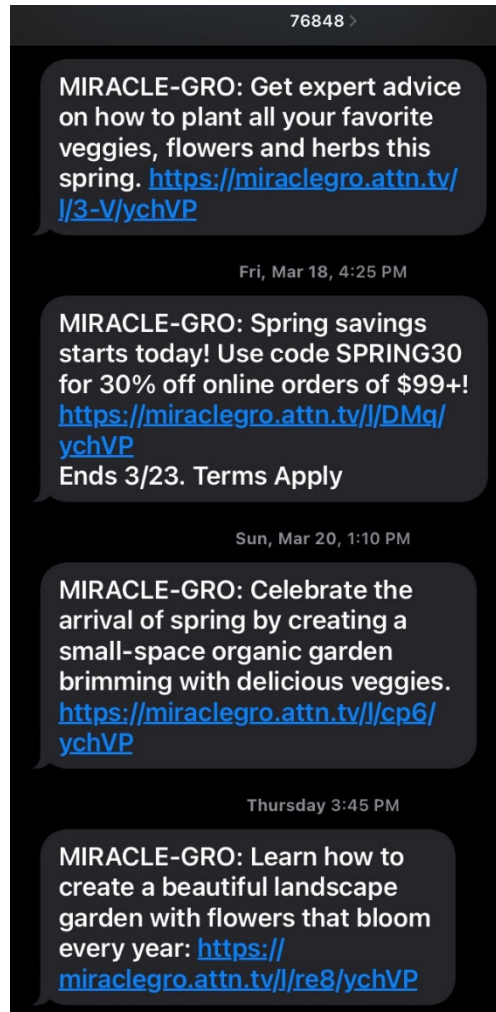
12. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) because Defendant is deemed to reside in any judicial district in which it is subject to personal jurisdiction, and because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this District.

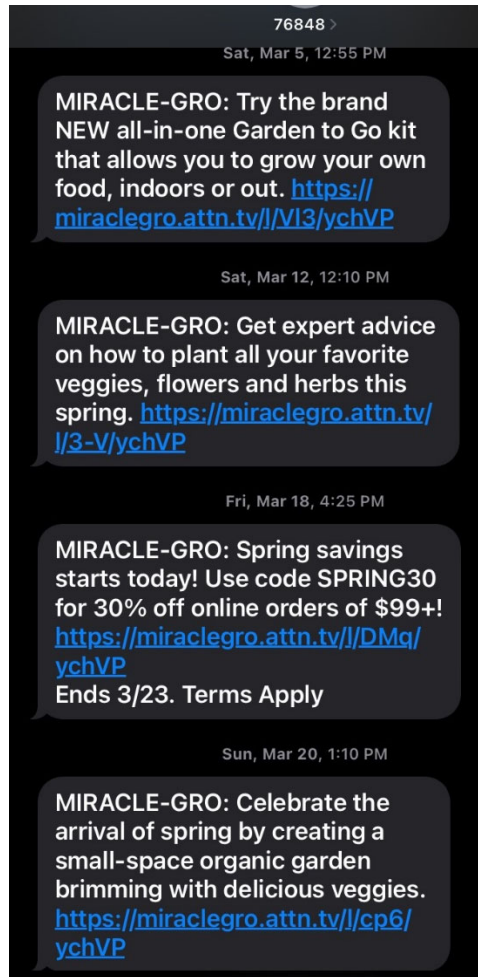
### FACTS

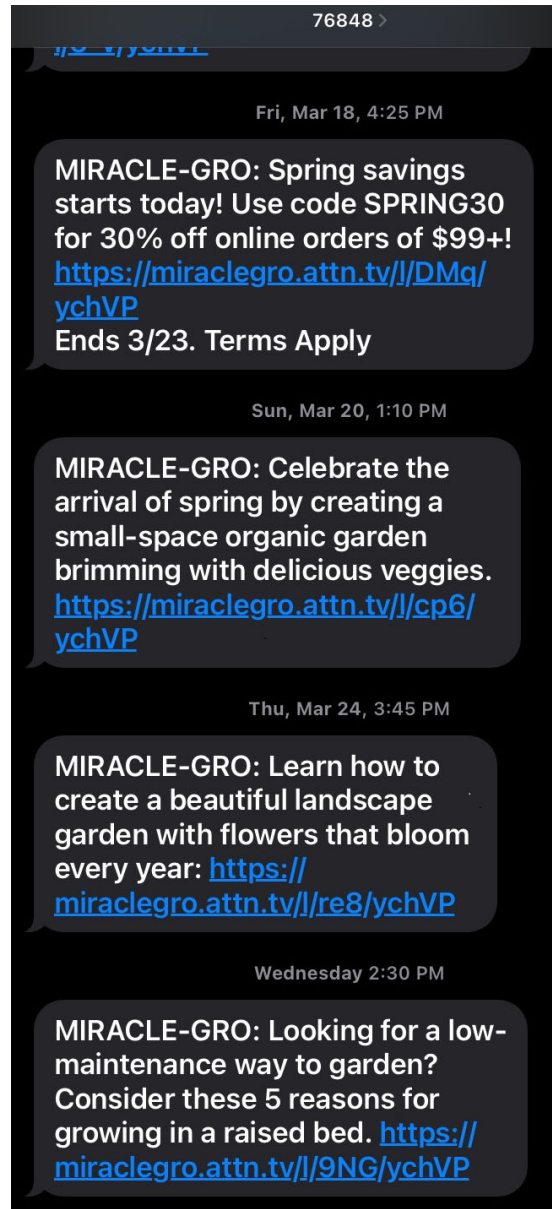
13. Commencing on or about February 2, 2022, Defendant sent telephonic sales calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number, including the following text message calls:











14. The purpose of Defendant’s telephonic sales calls was to solicit the sale of Defendant’s goods and/or services.

15. Plaintiff’s cellular telephone number was registered on the National Do-Not-Call Registry for over 30 days prior to the receipt of Defendant’s first text message and Plaintiff has consistently maintained her number registered during all relevant times.

16. Plaintiff utilizes her cellular telephone number for personal purposes and the number is Plaintiff’s residential telephone line.

17. Plaintiff is the regular user of the telephone number that received the above telephonic sales calls.

18. Plaintiff has never had any type of business relationship with Defendant.

19. Plaintiff has never made any type of inquiry to Defendant.

20. Upon information and belief, Defendant maintains and/or has access to outbound transmission reports for all text messages sent advertising/promoting its services and goods. These reports show the dates, times, target telephone numbers, and content of each message sent to Plaintiff and the Class members.

21. As demonstrated by the text message screenshots above, Defendant did not provide Plaintiff and the Class members with instructions on how to opt-out of future text messages by, for example, advising them that they could text “Stop” to get the messages to stop, which is a standard requirement outlined in the Principles and Best Practices manual published by CTIA, the trade association that represents every major wireless carrier in the country. *See* 190719-CTIA-Messaging-Principles-and-Best-Practices-FINAL.pdf at 15 (“Message Senders should state in the message how and what words effect an opt-out. Standardized ‘STOP’ wording should be used for opt-out instructions, however opt-out requests with normal language (i.e., stop, end, unsubscribe, cancel, quit, ‘please opt me out’) should also be read and acted upon by a Message Sender except where a specific word can result in unintentional opt-out. The validity of a Consumer opt-out should not be impacted by any de minimis variances in the Consumer opt-out response, such as capitalization, punctuation, or any letter-case sensitivities.”).

22. Defendant’s failure to provide opt-out instructions to Plaintiff and the Class members is indicative of Defendant’s failure to 1) maintain written policies and procedures



regarding its text messaging marketing; (2) provide training to its personnel engaged in telemarketing; and (3) maintain a standalone do-not-call list.

23. Given Defendant's use of generic text messages to solicit consumers, along with the use of a short-code (76848), Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant caused similar telephonic sales calls to be sent to at least 50 individuals.

24. To transmit the above telephonic sales text message calls Defendant utilized a computer software system that automatically selected and dialed Plaintiff's and the Class members' telephone numbers.

25. The number used by Defendant to transmit the subject text message solicitations (76848) is known as a "short code." Short codes are short digit sequences, significantly shorter than telephone numbers, that are used to address messages in the Multimedia Messaging System and short message service systems of mobile network operators.

26. Text messages using a short code can only be sent using a computer, and cannot be sent using a standard telephone.

27. The impersonal and generic nature of Defendant's text messages, coupled with their frequency, and the fact that they originated from a short-code, demonstrates that Defendant utilized a computer software system that automatically selected and dialed Plaintiff's and the Class members' telephone numbers.

28. To send the text message, Defendant used a messaging platform (the "Platform"), which permitted Defendant to transmit thousands of text messages automatically and without any human involvement.

29. Defendant was not required to and did not need to utilize the Platform to send messages to Plaintiff and the Class members. Instead, Defendant opted to use the Platform to maximize the reach of its text message advertisements at a nominal cost to Defendant.

30. The Platform has the capacity to select and dial numbers automatically from a list of numbers.

31. The Platform has the capacity to schedule the time and date for future transmission of text messages.

32. The Platform also has an auto-reply function that results in the automatic transmission of text messages.

33. Defendant was not required to and did not need to utilize the Platform to send messages to Plaintiff and the Class members. Instead, Defendant opted to use the Platform to maximize the reach of its text message advertisements at a nominal cost to Defendant.

34. Defendant would be able to conduct its business operations without sending automated text messages to consumers.

35. Defendant would be able to send automated text messages to consumers, and in compliance with the FTSA, by securing the proper consent from consumers prior to sending text messages.

36. Defendant would be able to send text messages to consumers without consent by utilizing a non-automated text messaging system.

37. Accordingly, it is not impossible for Defendant to comply with the FTSA in the context of transmitting text messages.

38. The burden and cost to Defendant of securing consent from consumers that complies with the FTSA is nominal.

39. Compliance with the FTSA will not result in Defendant having to cease its business operations.

40. Compliance with the FTSA will not result in Defendant having to alter the prices of any goods or services it provides in the marketplace.

41. Compliance with the FTSA will not force Defendant to seek regulatory approval from the State of Florida before undertaking any type of commercial transaction.

42. Because a substantial part of Defendant's FTSA violations occurred in Florida, requiring Defendant's compliance with the FTSA will not have the practical effect of regulating commerce occurring wholly outside of Florida.

43. Plaintiff never provided Defendant with express written consent authorizing Defendant to transmit telephonic sales calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number utilizing an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers.

44. More specifically, Plaintiff never signed any type of authorization permitting or allowing the placement of a telephonic sales call by text message using an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers.

45. Defendant's failure to (1) maintain the required written policies and procedures, (2) provide training to its personnel engaged in telemarketing, (3) maintain a standalone do-not-call list, and (4) provide Plaintiff and the Class members with instructions on how to opt out of Defendant's text message solicitations, caused Plaintiff and the Class members harm because they had no idea how to and were unable to stop Defendant's unsolicited text message calls.

46. Defendant's telephonic sales calls caused Plaintiff and the Class members harm, including statutory damages, inconvenience, invasion of privacy, aggravation, annoyance, and violation of their statutory privacy rights.

## CLASS ALLEGATIONS

### PROPOSED CLASSES

47. Plaintiff brings this lawsuit as a class action on behalf of herself individually and on behalf of all other similarly situated persons as a class action pursuant to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220(b)(2) and (b)(3). The Classes that Plaintiff seeks to represent is defined as:

**DNC Class: All persons in the United States who from four years prior to the filing of this action (1) Defendant, or anyone on Defendant's behalf, (2) placed more than one text message call within any 12-month period; (3) where the person's telephone number that had been listed on the National Do Not Call Registry for at least thirty days; (4) regarding Defendant's property, goods, and/or services; (5) who did not purchase or transact business with Defendant during the eighteen months immediately preceding the date of the first message; and (6) who did not contact Defendant during the three months immediately preceding the date of the first message with an inquiry about a product, good, or service offered by Defendant.**

**IDNC Class: All persons within the United States who, within the four years prior to the filing of this Complaint through the date of class certification, (1) received two or more text messages within any 12-month period, (2) regarding Defendant's property, goods, and/or services, (3) to said person's residential telephone number.**

**FTSA Class: All persons in Florida who, (1) were sent a telephonic sales call regarding Defendant's property, goods, and/or services, (2) using the same equipment or type of equipment utilized to call Plaintiff.**

48. Defendant and its employees or agents are excluded from the Class.

### NUMEROSITY

49. Upon information and belief, Defendant has placed telephonic sales calls to telephone numbers belonging to at least 50 consumers. The members of the Classes, therefore, are believed to be so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.

50. The exact number and identities of the Classes members are unknown at this time and can be ascertained only through discovery. Identification of the Class members is a matter capable of ministerial determination from Defendant's call records.

**COMMON QUESTIONS OF LAW AND FACT**

51. There are numerous questions of law and fact common to the Classes which predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Classes. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Classes are:

- (a) Whether Defendant initiated telephonic sales calls to Plaintiff and the Class members;
- (b) Whether Defendant can meet its burden of showing that it had prior express written consent to make such calls;
- (c) Whether Defendant sent solicitations to individuals who had registered their telephone numbers on the National Do-Not-Call Registry;
- (d) Whether Defendants maintain an internal do-not-call list and instruct their employees on how to use the list; and
- (e) Whether Defendant is liable for damages, and the amount of such damages.

52. The common questions in this case are capable of having common answers, and Plaintiff and the Class members will have identical claims capable of being efficiently adjudicated and administered in this case.

**TYPICALITY**

53. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class members, as they are all based on the same factual and legal theories.

**PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE CLASS MEMBERS**

54. Plaintiff is a representative who will fully and adequately assert and protect the interests of the Classes and has retained competent counsel. Accordingly, Plaintiff is an adequate representative and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class.

**SUPERIORITY**

55. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this lawsuit because individual litigation of the claims of all members of the Classes is economically unfeasible and procedurally impracticable. While the aggregate damages sustained by the Classes are in the millions of dollars, the individual damages incurred by each member of the Classes resulting from Defendant's wrongful conduct are too small to warrant the expense of individual lawsuits. The likelihood of individual Class members prosecuting their own separate claims is remote, and, even if every member of the Classes could afford individual litigation, the court system would be unduly burdened by individual litigation of such cases.

56. The prosecution of separate actions by members of the Classes would create a risk of establishing inconsistent rulings and/or incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant. For example, one court might enjoin Defendant from performing the challenged acts, whereas another may not. Additionally, individual actions may be dispositive of the interests of the Classes, although certain class members are not parties to such actions.

**COUNT I**  
**Violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c) and 64.1200(c)**  
**(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the DNC Class)**

57. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 56 as if fully set forth herein.

58. The TCPA's implementing regulation, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c), provides in pertinent part that "[n]o person or entity shall initiate any telephone solicitation" to "[a] residential telephone subscriber who has registered his or her telephone number on the national do-not-call registry of persons who do not wish to receive telephone solicitations that is maintained by the federal government."

59. Per 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(e), § 64.1200(c) is "applicable to any person or entity making telephone solicitations or telemarketing calls to wireless telephone numbers."

60. Any "person who has received more than one telephone call within any 12-month period by or on behalf of the same entity in violation of the regulations prescribed under this subsection may" may bring a private action based on a violation of said regulations, which were promulgated to protect telephone subscribers' privacy rights to avoid receiving telephone solicitations to which they object. 47 U.S.C. § 227(c).

61. Defendant violated 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c) by initiating telephone solicitations to telephone subscribers such as Plaintiff and the DNC Class members who registered their respective telephone numbers on the National Do Not Call Registry, a listing of persons who do not wish to receive telephone solicitations that is maintained by the federal government.

62. Defendant violated 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5) because Plaintiff and DNC Class members received more than one text message in a 12-month period from Defendant in violation of 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200.

63. As a result of Defendant's conduct as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the DNC Class members suffered actual damages and, under section 47 U.S.C. § 227(c), are entitled receive up to \$500 in damages for such violations of 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200. To the extent Defendant's misconduct

is determined to be willful and knowing, the Court should, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5), treble the amount of statutory damages recoverable by the members of the DNC Class.

**COUNT II**  
**Violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c) and 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d)**  
**(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the IDNC Class)**

64. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 56 as if fully set forth herein.

65. In pertinent part, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d) provides:

No person or entity shall initiate any call for telemarketing purposes to a residential telephone subscriber unless such person or entity has instituted procedures for maintaining a list of persons who request not to receive telemarketing calls made by or on behalf of that person or entity. The procedures instituted must meet the following minimum standards:

(1) *Written policy.* Persons or entities making calls for telemarketing purposes must have a written policy, available upon demand, for maintaining a do-not-call list.

(2) *Training of personnel engaged in telemarketing.* Personnel engaged in any aspect of telemarketing must be informed and trained in the existence and use of the do-not-call list.

(3) *Recording, disclosure of do-not-call requests.* If a person or entity making a call for telemarketing purposes (or on whose behalf such a call is made) receives a request from a residential telephone subscriber not to receive calls from that person or entity, the person or entity must record the request and place the subscriber's name, if provided, and telephone number on the do-not-call list at the time the request is made. Persons or entities making calls for telemarketing purposes (or on whose behalf such calls are made) must honor a residential subscriber's do-not-call request within a reasonable time from the date such request is made. This period may not exceed thirty days from the date of such request. If such requests are recorded or maintained by a party other than the person or entity on whose behalf the telemarketing call is made, the person or entity on whose behalf the telemarketing call is made will be liable for any failures to honor the do-not-call request. A person or entity making a call for telemarketing purposes must obtain a consumer's prior express permission to share or forward the consumer's request not to be called to a party other than the person or entity on whose behalf a



telemarketing call is made or an affiliated entity.

66. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 64.1200(e), the rules set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d) are applicable to any person or entity making telephone solicitations or telemarketing calls to wireless telephone numbers.

67. Defendant violated the requirements of section 64.1200(d) by failing to (1) maintain the required written policies; (2) provide training to its personnel engaged in telemarketing; and (3) maintain a standalone do-not-call list.

68. Pursuant to section 227(c)(5) of the TCPA, Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members are entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages, for each text message sent by Defendant. To the extent Defendant's misconduct is determined to be willful and knowing, the Court should, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5), treble the amount of statutory damages recoverable by the members of the IDNC Class.

69. Plaintiff requests for this Court to enter an Order granting the relief outlined in the Prayer for Relief below.

**COUNT III**  
**Violation of Fla. Stat. § 501.059**  
**(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the FTSA Class)**

70. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 56 as if fully set forth herein.

71. It is a violation of the FTSA to “make or knowingly allow a telephonic sales call to be made if such call involves an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers or the playing of a recorded message when a connection is completed to a number called without the prior express written consent of the called party.” Fla. Stat. § 501.059(8)(a).

72. A “telephonic sales call” is defined as a “telephone call, text message, or voicemail transmission to a consumer for the purpose of soliciting a sale of any consumer goods or services, soliciting an extension of credit for consumer goods or services, or obtaining information that will or may be used for the direct solicitation of a sale of consumer goods or services or an extension of credit for such purposes.” Fla. Stat. § 501.059(1)(i).

73. “Prior express written consent” means an agreement in writing that:

1. Bears the signature of the called party;
2. Clearly authorizes the person making or allowing the placement of a telephonic sales call by telephone call, text message, or voicemail transmission to deliver or cause to be delivered to the called party a telephonic sales call using an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers, the playing of a recorded message when a connection is completed to a number called, or the transmission of a prerecorded voicemail;
3. Includes the telephone number to which the signatory authorizes a telephonic sales call to be delivered; and
4. Includes a clear and conspicuous disclosure informing the called party that:
  - a. By executing the agreement, the called party authorizes the person making or allowing the placement of a telephonic sales call to deliver or cause to be delivered a telephonic sales call to the called party using an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers or the playing of a recorded message when a connection is completed to a number called; and
  - b. He or she is not required to directly or indirectly sign the written agreement or to agree to enter into such an agreement as a condition of purchasing any property, goods, or services.

Fla. Stat. § 501.059(1)(g).

74. Defendant failed to secure prior express written consent from Plaintiff and the FTSA Class members.

75. In violation of the FTSA, Defendant made and/or knowingly allowed telephonic sales calls to be made to Plaintiff and the FTSA Class members without Plaintiff's and the FTSA Class members' prior express written consent.

76. Defendant made and/or knowingly allowed the telephonic sales calls to Plaintiff and the FTSA Class members to be made utilizing an automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers.

77. As a result of Defendant's conduct, and pursuant to § 501.059(10)(a) of the FTSA, Plaintiff and FTSA Class members were harmed and are each entitled to a minimum of \$500.00 in damages for each violation.

78. Plaintiff requests for this Court to enter an Order granting the relief outlined in the Prayer for Relief below.

#### COUNT IV

**Injunctive Relief Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c) and 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c)**  
**(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the DNC Class)**

79. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 56 as if fully set forth herein.

80. Pursuant to section 227(c)(5)(A), Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant's unlawful conduct in the future to protect Plaintiff and the DNC Class members from Defendant's unsolicited calls and practices.

81. Defendant's ongoing and continuing violations have caused, and in the absence of an injunction will continue to cause, harm to Plaintiff and the DNC Class members.

82. Plaintiff and the Internal Class members will suffer irreparable harm if Defendants are permitted to continue their practice of violating 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c).

83. The injuries that the Plaintiff and the DNC Class members will suffer if Defendant is not prohibited from continuing to engage in the unlawful practices described herein far outweigh the harm that Defendant will suffer if it is enjoined from continuing this conduct.

84. The public interest will be served by an injunction prohibiting Defendant from continuing to engage in the unlawful practices described herein.

85. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the DNC Class members seek an injunction requiring Defendant to regularly scrub its database of telephone numbers against the National Do-Not-Call Registry before sending any text message solicitations.

86. Plaintiff requests for this Court to enter an Order granting the relief outlined in the Prayer for Relief below.

#### **COUNT V**

#### **Injunctive Relief Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c) and 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d) (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the IDNC Class)**

87. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 56 as if fully set forth herein.

88. Pursuant to section 227(c)(5)(A), Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant's unlawful conduct in the future to protect Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members from Defendant's unsolicited calls and practices.

89. Defendant's ongoing and continuing violations have caused, and in the absence of an injunction will continue to cause, harm to Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members.

90. Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members suffer irreparable harm if Defendant is permitted to continue its practice of violating 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d).

91. The injuries that the Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members will suffer if Defendant is not prohibited from continuing to engage in the unlawful practices described herein far outweigh the harm that Defendant will suffer if it is enjoined from continuing this conduct.

92. The public interest will be served by an injunction prohibiting Defendant from continuing to engage in the unlawful practices described herein.

93. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members seek an injunction requiring Defendant to (1) implement policies and procedures as required under the TCPA and its implementing regulations; (2) honor consumer opt-out requests; (3) to implement a standalone internal do-not-call list; and (4) train its personnel on use of the list and abide by the list.

94. Plaintiff requests for this Court to enter an Order granting the relief outlined in the Prayer for Relief below.

#### COUNT VI

**Injunctive Relief Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 501.059(10)(a)**  
**(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the FTSA Class)**

95. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 56 as if fully set forth herein.

96. Pursuant to section 501.059(10)(a), Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant's unlawful conduct in the future to protect Plaintiff and the FTSA Class members from Defendant's unsolicited calls and practices.

97. Defendant's ongoing and continuing violations have caused, and in the absence of an injunction will continue to cause, harm to Plaintiff and the FTSA Class members.

98. Plaintiff and the FTSA Class members suffer irreparable harm if Defendant is permitted to continue its practice of violating the FTSA.

99. The injuries that the Plaintiff and the FTSA Class members will suffer if Defendant is not prohibited from continuing to engage in the unlawful practices described herein far outweigh the harm that Defendant will suffer if it is enjoined from continuing this conduct.

100. The public interest will be served by an injunction prohibiting Defendant from continuing to engage in the unlawful practices described herein.

101. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the FTSA Class members seek an injunction requiring Defendant to implement policies and procedures to secure express written consent before engaging in any text message solicitations, and to follow such consent requirements.

102. Plaintiff requests for this Court to enter an Order granting the relief outlined in the Prayer for Relief below.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the Classes, prays for the following relief:

- a) An order certifying this case as a class action on behalf of the Classes as defined above, and appointing Plaintiff as the representative of the Classes and Plaintiff's counsel as Class Counsel;
- b) An award of statutory damages for Plaintiff and each member of the Classes as applicable under the FTSA and/or TCPA;
- c) An order declaring that Defendant's actions, as set out above, violate the FTSA and TCPA;
- d) An injunction requiring Defendant to cease all telephonic sales calls made without express written consent, and to otherwise protect the interests of the Class;

- e) An injunction requiring Defendant to comply with 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d) by (1) maintaining the required written policies; (2) providing training to their personnel engaged in telemarketing; and (3) maintaining a do-not-call list
- f) Such further and other relief as the Court deems necessary.

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the Class, hereby demand a trial by jury.

**DOCUMENT PRESERVATION DEMAND**

Plaintiff demands that Defendant take affirmative steps to preserve all records, lists, electronic databases or other itemization of telephone numbers associated with the communications or transmittal of the calls as alleged herein.

DATED: April 11, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

VICTORIA GALANTI

DEFENDANTS

THETHE SCOTTS COMPANY, LLC d/b/a MII

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

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(d) Check County Where Action Arose: MIAMI-DADE MONROE BROWARD PALM BEACH MARTIN ST. LUCIE INDIAN RIVER OKEECHOBEE HIGHLANDS

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
2 U.S. Government Defendant
4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- Citizen of This State
Citizen of Another State
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country
PTF DEF
1 1 Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State
2 2 Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State
3 3 Foreign Nation
4 4
5 5
6 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Grid of categories: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, CIVIL RIGHTS, TORTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, BANKRUPTCY, OTHER STATUTES. Includes items like 110 Insurance, 210 Land Condemnation, 310 Airplane, 370 Other Fraud, etc.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding
2 Removed from State Court
3 Re-filed (See VI below)
4 Reinstated or Reopened
5 Transferred from another district (specify)
6 Multidistrict Litigation Transfer
7 Appeal to District Judge or Magistrate Judgment
8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File
9 Remanded from Appellate Court

VI. RELATED/ RE-FILED CASE(S)

(See instructions): a) Re-filed Case YES NO b) Related Cases YES NO

JUDGE:

DOCKET NUMBER:

VII. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and Write a Brief Statement of Cause (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 227, et seq. LENGTH OF TRIAL via days estimated (for both sides to try entire case)

VIII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes No

ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE & CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

DATE 4/11/2022

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD Manuel S Hiraldo



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44**

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

**I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

**II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.  
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.  
 United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.  
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked. Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

**III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

**IV. Nature of Suit.** Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).

**V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Refiled (3) Attach copy of Order for Dismissal of Previous case. Also complete VI.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (8) Check this box if remanded from Appellate Court.

**VI. Related/Refiled Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases or re-filed cases. Insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judges name for such cases.

**VII. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

**VIII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Florida

VICTORIA GALANTI, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

Plaintiff(s)

v.

THE SCOTTS COMPANY, LLC d/b/a MIRACLE-GRO,

Defendant(s)

Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) THE SCOTTS COMPANY, LLC D/B/A MIRACLE-GRO Registered Agent: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM 4400 EASTON COMMONS WAY SUITE 125 COLUMBUS OH 43219

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Manuel S. Hiraldo Florida Bar No. 030380 mhiraldo@hirdolaw.com 954-400-4713 401 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ste. 1400 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
was received by me on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ .

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,  
on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ , and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* \_\_\_\_\_ , who is  
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

Other *(specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_ .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server's address*

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

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