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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 10 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 ELON MUSK, individually and  
 12 derivatively on behalf of OpenAI, Inc.;  
 13 SHIVON ZILIS, derivatively on behalf  
 14 of OpenAI, Inc.; and X.AI CORP., a  
 Nevada benefit corporation,

15 Plaintiffs,

16 v.

17 SAMUEL ALTMAN, an individual;  
 18 GREGORY BROCKMAN, an  
 19 individual; OPENAI, INC., a Delaware  
 20 corporation; OPENAI, L.P., a Delaware  
 21 limited partnership; OPENAI, L.L.C., a  
 22 Delaware limited liability company;  
 23 OPENAI GP, L.L.C., a Delaware  
 24 limited liability company; OPENAI  
 25 OPCO, LLC, a Delaware limited  
 26 liability company; OPENAI GLOBAL,  
 27 LLC, a Delaware limited liability  
 28 company; OAI CORPORATION, a  
 Delaware corporation; OPENAI  
 HOLDINGS, LLC, a Delaware limited  
 liability company; OPENAI STARTUP  
 FUND MANAGEMENT, LLC, a  
 Delaware limited liability company;  
 OPENAI STARTUP FUND GP I,  
 L.L.C., a limited liability company;  
 OPENAI STARTUP FUND I, L.P. a

Case No. 4:24-cv-04722-YGR

**VERIFIED FIRST AMENDED  
 COMPLAINT FOR:**

1. **BREACH OF EXPRESS CONTRACT**
2. **BREACH OF IMPLIED-IN-FACT CONTRACT**
3. **BREACH OF IMPLIED COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING**
4. **BREACH OF QUASI-CONTRACT/ UNJUST ENRICHMENT**
5. **TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH CONTRACT**
6. **CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD**
7. **FRAUD**
8. **AIDING AND ABETTING FRAUD**
9. **VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 1 OF THE SHERMAN ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 1**
10. **VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 2 OF THE SHERMAN ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 2**
11. **VIOLATIONS OF THE CARTWRIGHT ACT, CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 16720**
12. **VIOLATIONS OF THE UNFAIR PRACTICES ACT, CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17043**

1 Delaware limited partnership; OPENAI  
2 STARTUP FUND SPV GP I, L.L.C., a  
3 Delaware limited liability company;  
4 OPENAI STARTUP FUND SPV GP II,  
5 L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability  
6 company; OPENAI STARTUP FUND  
7 SPV GP III, L.L.C., a Delaware limited  
8 liability company; OPENAI STARTUP  
9 FUND SPV GP IV, L.L.C., a Delaware  
10 limited liability company; OPENAI  
11 STARTUP FUND SPV I, L.P., a  
12 Delaware limited partnership; OPENAI  
13 STARTUP FUND SPV II, L.P., a  
14 Delaware limited partnership; OPENAI  
15 STARTUP FUND SPV III, L.P., a  
16 Delaware limited partnership; OPENAI  
17 STARTUP FUND SPV IV, L.P., a  
18 Delaware limited partnership; AESTAS  
19 MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC, a  
20 Delaware limited liability company;  
21 AESTAS, LLC, a Delaware limited  
22 liability company; DEANNAH  
23 TEMPLETON, an individual; REID  
24 HOFFMAN, an individual;  
25 MICROSOFT CORP., a Washington  
26 corporation; ROB BONTA, in his  
27 official capacity as Attorney General of  
28 California; and DOES 1-100,

Defendants.

13. VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 3 OF THE CLAYTON ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 14
14. VIOLATIONS OF THE CARTWRIGHT ACT, CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 16727
15. VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 7 OF THE CLAYTON ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 18 ¶¶ 1 & 2
16. VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 8 OF THE CLAYTON ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 19
17. UNFAIR COMPETITION UNDER CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 17200 *et seq.*
18. FALSE ADVERTISING UNDER THE LANHAM ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(A)(1)(B)
19. FALSE ADVERTISING UNDER CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 17500 *et seq.*
20. BREACH OF CHARITABLE TRUST
21. AIDING AND ABETTING BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY TO MUSK
22. BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY
23. SELF-DEALING UNDER CAL. CORP. CODE § 5233
24. AIDING AND ABETTING BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY TO OPENAI, INC.
25. VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL CIVIL RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(A)-(C)
26. CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE FEDERAL CIVIL RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(D)

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

1 Plaintiffs Elon Musk (“Musk”), Shimon Zilis (“Zilis”), X.AI Corp. (“xAI,” and  
2 collectively, “Plaintiffs”) for their Verified First Amended Complaint (“FAC”) against  
3 defendants Samuel Altman (“Altman”), Gregory Brockman (“Brockman”), OpenAI, Inc.,  
4 OpenAI, L.P., OpenAI, L.L.C., OpenAI GP, L.L.C., OpenAI OpCo, LLC, OpenAI Global,  
5 LLC, OAI Corporation, OpenAI Holdings, LLC, OpenAI Startup Fund Management, LLC,  
6 OpenAI Startup Fund GP I, L.L.C., OpenAI Startup Fund I, L.P., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV  
7 GP I, L.L.C., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP II, L.L.C., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP III,  
8 L.L.C., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP IV, L.L.C., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV I, L.P., OpenAI  
9 Startup Fund SPV II, L.P., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV III, L.P., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV IV,  
10 L.P., Aestas Management Company, LLC, Aestas, LLC,<sup>1</sup> Deannah Templeton (“Templeton”),  
11 Reid Hoffman (“Hoffman”), and Microsoft Corp. (collectively, “Defendants”), and  
12 involuntary plaintiff, joined as defendant, Rob Bonta, in his official capacity as the Attorney  
13 General of California (“Attorney General”),<sup>2</sup> allege as follows, incorporating by reference as  
14 though fully set forth herein each exhibit attached to the Declaration of Marc Toberoff, filed  
15 concurrently herewith:

16 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

17 1. Never before has a corporation gone from tax-exempt charity to a \$157 billion  
18 for-profit, market-paralyzing gorgon—and in just eight years. Never before has it happened,  
19 because doing so violates almost every principle of law governing economic activity. It  
20 requires lying to donors, lying to members, lying to markets, lying to regulators, and lying to  
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23 <sup>1</sup> This FAC uses “OpenAI” to refer collectively to the non-profit or charity (OpenAI, Inc.) and  
24 all other OpenAI entities (which include Aestas Management Company, LLC and Aestas,  
25 LLC). It uses “Defendants” to refer to all OpenAI entities as well as Microsoft, but it excludes  
the Attorney General except in Count XXIII and excludes Deannah Templeton and Reid  
Hoffman except in Counts XVI-XVII, as detailed in the respective captions of those counts.

26 <sup>2</sup> Section 5233(c) of the California Corporations Code makes the Attorney General an  
27 indispensable party to Count XXIII. After being notified and requested to join as a plaintiff,  
28 the Attorney General has not yet consented. Plaintiffs therefore join him as a defendant under  
the substantive rule in Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 382 governing involuntary plaintiffs, which is  
consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 19(a)(2).

1 the public. No amount of clever drafting nor surfeit of creative dealmaking can obscure what  
2 is happening here. OpenAI, Inc., co-founded by Musk as an independent charity committed to  
3 safety and transparency—and nurtured in its infancy by Musk’s money, advice, recruiting  
4 efforts and connections—is, at the direction of Altman, Brockman, and Microsoft, fast  
5 becoming a fully for-profit subsidiary of Microsoft. *See infra* ¶¶ 194-202.

6         2. Three events occasion the filing of this FAC. *First*, the wholesale conversion  
7 of OpenAI, Inc. into a for-profit entity, which the original Complaint merely anticipated, *see*  
8 Dkt. No. 1 at 30, ¶ 146, is now in full swing. OpenAI and Microsoft have hired investment  
9 banks to negotiate Microsoft’s enormous stake and set a hard two-year deadline to complete  
10 the conversion. *See infra* ¶ 195. *Second*, Microsoft and OpenAI, apparently unsatisfied with  
11 their monopoly, or near so, in generative artificial intelligence (“AI”) are now actively trying  
12 to eliminate competitors, such as xAI, by extracting promises from investors not to fund them.  
13 *See infra* ¶ 201. *Third*, OpenAI’s safety practices have devolved from shambolic at the time of  
14 the original Complaint to affirmatively harmful today, with droves of security researchers  
15 resigning in protest, or being forced out, and whole safety teams dissolved, all to make way  
16 for “security” personnel whose real job is to facilitate military contracting. *See infra* ¶¶ 75,  
17 193.

18         3. Some aspects of Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI’s promises to Musk and the  
19 public are matters of degree, but the intent and effect of OpenAI’s actions to flout those  
20 promises are now unambiguous. No reasonable person could conclude OpenAI is proceeding  
21 in good faith as a charity committed to safety and transparency above profit, organized for  
22 public rather than private benefit, and working to avoid the undue concentration of powerful  
23 AI technology. Defendants have admitted as much by their commitments to investors to  
24 convert OpenAI to a fully for-profit enterprise.

25         4. As the original Complaint detailed, Altman, in concert with other Defendants,  
26 intentionally courted and deceived Musk, preying on Musk’s humanitarian concern about the  
27 dangers posed by AI. *See infra* ¶ 75. The idea Altman sold Musk was that a non-profit, funded  
28 and backed by Musk, would attract world-class scientists, conduct leading AI research and

1 development, and, as a meaningful counterweight to Google’s DeepMind in the race for  
2 Artificial General Intelligence (“AGI”), decentralize its technology by making it open source.  
3 *See infra* ¶¶ 78-86. Altman repeatedly assured Musk and regulators that the non-profit  
4 structure guaranteed neutrality and a focus on safety and openness for the benefit of humanity,  
5 not shareholder value or individual enrichment. *See infra* ¶¶ 86-90. But after Musk lent his  
6 name to the venture as its co-chairman, invested significant time, tens of millions of dollars in  
7 seed capital, and recruited top AI scientists for OpenAI, Inc., Musk and the non-profit’s  
8 namesake objective were betrayed by Altman and his accomplices.

9         5.         These efforts by Altman and his cohorts to cash in and squeeze others out have  
10 their roots in OpenAI’s partnership with Microsoft. Together, they established an opaque web  
11 of for-profit OpenAI affiliates, the only value of which came from looting OpenAI, Inc. of the  
12 intellectual property, employees, and relationships developed by exploiting Musk’s name and  
13 contributions, the charity’s tax status, and the goodwill generated by its supposed  
14 philanthropic commitment. *See infra* ¶¶ 113-32. The resulting OpenAI network, in which, on  
15 information and belief, Altman, Microsoft, and Brockman hold significant interests, was  
16 valued at the time of the original Complaint at an eye-popping \$100 billion; in the merely  
17 three months since, it has been valued at a staggering \$157 billion, making it the second most  
18 valuable start-up in American history.

19         6.         Throughout this process, Altman has engaged in rampant self-dealing, *see infra*  
20 ¶¶ 136-45, leveraged Microsoft’s stranglehold on OpenAI’s most important raw material  
21 (computing power) to seize control of its Board, *see infra* ¶¶ 112, 148-61, and joined with  
22 Microsoft in a de facto merger to pursue the kinds of anticompetitive conduct for which  
23 Microsoft is notorious. *See infra* ¶¶ 133, 147-48, 178, 201-02. Microsoft is now OpenAI, and  
24 OpenAI, Microsoft. *See infra* ¶¶ 147-72.

25         7.         The world has gotten wise to Defendants’ scheme: there are several pending  
26 lawsuits against OpenAI over its unlawful practices; it is under investigation by Senators and  
27 multiple federal agencies (including the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and  
28 the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”)), *see infra* ¶ 182; it is the subject of numerous

1 consumer advocacy complaints to the Attorney General of California, *see infra* ¶ 183; and a  
2 recent spate of OpenAI executives and insiders have blown the whistle on Altman, exposing  
3 his unscrupulous maneuvering and self-dealing, while numerous departing AI-safety experts  
4 have sounded the alarm. *See infra* ¶¶ 185-92.

5 8. As a result of their unlawful actions, Defendants have been unjustly enriched to  
6 the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars in value, while Musk has been conned along with  
7 the public. Musk and Zilis (derivatively, as a member of OpenAI, Inc.) bring this remedial  
8 action to divest Defendants of their ill-gotten gains and ensure OpenAI maintains its  
9 namesake mission to develop safe and open AI for the public good.

10 9. xAI, a public benefit corporation founded by Musk to help accelerate scientific  
11 research via AI, brings this action to ensure that competition in the marketplace for generative  
12 AI remains healthy and that AI development proceeds in a safe and responsible manner for all  
13 stakeholders and society at large.

14 **PARTIES**

15 10. Plaintiff Elon Musk is an individual, citizen, and resident of Texas.

16 11. Plaintiff Shivon Zilis is an individual, citizen, and resident of Texas.

17 12. Plaintiff X.AI Corp. is a public benefit corporation formed under the laws of  
18 Nevada with its principal place of business at 3180 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

19 13. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that Defendant Samuel  
20 Altman is a citizen and resident of San Francisco, California.

21 14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that Defendant Gregory  
22 Brockman is a citizen and resident of San Francisco, California.

23 15. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that Defendant Deannah  
24 Templeton is a citizen and resident of Washington.

25 16. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that Defendant Reid  
26 Hoffman is a citizen and resident of Washington.

27 17. Defendant OpenAI, Inc. is a registered non-profit organization incorporated  
28 under the laws of Delaware on December 8, 2015. OpenAI, Inc. is registered as an out-of-state

1 corporation with the California Secretary of State and has its principal place of business at 550  
2 Terry A Francois Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94158.

3 18. Defendant OpenAI, L.P. is a limited partnership formed under the laws of  
4 Delaware on September 19, 2018, originally as SummerSafe, L.P. On information and belief,  
5 on January 23, 2023, OpenAI, L.P. was converted to Defendant OpenAI OpCo, LLC. OpenAI,  
6 L.P. is registered as an out-of-state limited partnership with the California Secretary of State  
7 and has its principal place of business at 550 Terry A Francois Blvd., San Francisco, CA  
8 94158.

9 19. Defendant OpenAI, L.L.C. is a limited liability company formed in Delaware  
10 on September 17, 2020. OpenAI, L.L.C. maintains its principal place of business in  
11 California.

12 20. Defendant OpenAI GP, L.L.C. is a limited liability company formed in  
13 Delaware on September 19, 2018. OpenAI GP, L.L.C. is registered as an out-of-state limited  
14 liability company registered with the California Secretary of State and has its principal place  
15 of business at 550 Terry A Francois Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94158.

16 21. Defendant OpenAI OpCo, LLC is a limited liability company formed in  
17 Delaware on September 19, 2018, as OpenAI, L.P., but was later converted on January 23,  
18 2023, to OpenAI OpCo, LLC. OpenAI OpCo, LLC is registered as an out-of-state limited  
19 liability company with the California Secretary of State and has its principal place of business  
20 at 1960 Bryant Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

21 22. Defendant OpenAI Global, LLC is a limited liability company formed in  
22 Delaware on December 28, 2022. OpenAI Global, LLC is registered as an out-of-state limited  
23 liability company with the California Secretary of State and has its principal place of business  
24 at 1960 Bryant Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

25 23. Defendant OAI Corporation is a corporation formed in Delaware. OAI  
26 Corporation maintains its principal place of business in California.

27 24. Defendant OpenAI Holdings, LLC is a limited liability company formed in  
28 Delaware on March 17, 2023. OpenAI Holdings, LLC is registered as an out-of-state limited



1 liability company with the California Secretary of State and has its principal place of business  
2 at 1960 Bryant Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

3 25. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund Management, LLC is a limited liability  
4 company formed in Delaware on July 16, 2021. OpenAI Startup Fund Management, LLC is  
5 registered as an out-of-state limited liability company with the California Secretary of State  
6 and has its principal place of business at 550 Terry A Francois Blvd., San Francisco, CA  
7 94158.

8 26. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund GP I, L.L.C. is a limited liability company  
9 formed in Delaware on July 28, 2021. OpenAI Startup Fund GP I, L.L.C. is registered as an  
10 out-of-state limited liability company with the California Secretary of State and has its  
11 principal place of business at 550 Terry A Francois Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94158.

12 27. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund I, L.P. is a limited partnership formed in  
13 Delaware on July 28, 2021. OpenAI Startup Fund I, L.P. is registered as an out-of-state  
14 limited partnership with the California Secretary of State and has its principal place of  
15 business at 550 Terry A Francois Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94158.

16 28. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP I, L.L.C. is a limited liability  
17 company formed in Delaware on December 5, 2023. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and  
18 thereon allege that OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP I, L.L.C. maintains its principal place of  
19 business in San Francisco, California.

20 29. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP II, L.L.C. is a limited liability  
21 company formed in Delaware on April 4, 2024. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and  
22 thereon allege that OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP II, L.L.C. maintains its principal place of  
23 business in San Francisco, California.

24 30. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP III, L.L.C. is a limited liability  
25 company formed in Delaware on April 4, 2024. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and  
26 thereon allege that OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP III, L.L.C. maintains its principal place of  
27 business in San Francisco, California.

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1           31. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP IV, L.L.C. is a limited liability  
2 company formed in Delaware on May 9, 2024. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon  
3 allege that OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP IV, L.L.C. maintains its principal place of business  
4 in San Francisco, California.

5           32. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund SPV I, L.P. is a limited partnership formed in  
6 Delaware on December 5, 2023. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that  
7 OpenAI Startup Fund SPV I, L.P. maintains its principal place of business in San Francisco,  
8 California.

9           33. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund SPV II, L.P. is a limited partnership formed in  
10 Delaware on April 4, 2024. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that OpenAI  
11 Startup Fund SPV II, L.P. maintains its principal place of business in San Francisco,  
12 California.

13           34. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund SPV III, L.P. is a limited partnership formed  
14 in Delaware on April 4, 2024. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that  
15 OpenAI Startup Fund SPV III, L.P. maintains its principal place of business in San Francisco,  
16 California.

17           35. Defendant OpenAI Startup Fund SPV IV, L.P. is a limited partnership formed  
18 in Delaware on May 9, 2024. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that  
19 OpenAI Startup Fund SPV IV, L.P. maintains its principal place of business in San Francisco,  
20 California.

21           36. Defendant Aestas Management Company, LLC, is a Delaware limited liability  
22 company formed in Delaware on February 10, 2023. Aestas Management Company, LLC is  
23 registered as an out-of-state limited liability company with the California Secretary of State  
24 and has its principal place of business at 1960 Bryant Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

25           37. Defendant Aestas, LLC is a limited liability company formed in Delaware on  
26 September 19, 2018. Aestas, LLC is registered as an out-of-state limited liability company  
27 with the California Secretary of State and has its principal place of business at 1960 Bryant  
28 Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

1 38. Defendant Microsoft Corp. is a corporation formed under the laws of  
2 Washington with its principal place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052.

3 39. Defendant (Involuntary Plaintiff) Rob Bonta, in his official capacity, is the  
4 Attorney General of California, an officer of the Executive of the State of California  
5 headquartered at 1300 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

6 40. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that the fictitiously  
7 named defendants captioned hereinabove as Does 1 through 100, inclusive, and each of them,  
8 were in some manner responsible or legally liable for the actions, damages, events,  
9 transactions, and circumstances alleged herein. The true names and capacities of such  
10 fictitiously named defendants, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise are  
11 presently unknown to Plaintiffs, and Plaintiffs will amend this FAC to assert the true names  
12 and capacities of such fictitiously named defendants when they have been ascertained. For  
13 convenience, each reference herein to the named Defendants shall also refer to the Doe  
14 defendants and each of them.

15 **JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT**

16 41. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 15 U.S.C. § 4, 15 U.S.C  
17 § 1121, 18 U.S.C. § 1964, and 28 U.S.C. § 1331, because this is a civil case arising under the  
18 Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.*, the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 12 *et seq.*, the  
19 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961 *et seq.*, and the  
20 Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1111 *et seq.*

21 42. Further, Plaintiffs’ state-law claim for unfair competition (Count XVII) arises  
22 under federal law for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and necessarily raises a stated federal  
23 issue, actually disputed and substantial, which a federal forum may entertain without  
24 disturbing any congressionally approved balance of federal and state judicial responsibilities,  
25 in particular claims under the federal civil and criminal revenue, competition, copyright, and  
26 trademark laws.

27 43. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction over all other claims pursuant to 28  
28 U.S.C. § 1367, because all claims form part of the same case or controversy under Article III

1 of the United States Constitution.

2 44. Jurisdiction over Samuel Altman is proper because he is domiciled in the State  
3 of California and this District, has continuous and systematic contacts with the State of  
4 California and this District, including contacts giving rise to the specific causes of action  
5 against him, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein  
6 occurred in the State of California and in this District.

7 45. Jurisdiction over Gregory Brockman is proper because he is domiciled in the  
8 State of California and this District, has continuous and systematic contacts with the State of  
9 California and this District, including contacts giving rise to the specific causes of action  
10 against him, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein  
11 occurred in the State of California and in this District.

12 46. Jurisdiction over Deannah Templeton is proper because she has continuous and  
13 systematic contacts with the State of California and this District, including contacts giving rise  
14 to the specific causes of action against her, and because a substantial portion of the relevant  
15 acts complained of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

16 47. Jurisdiction over Reid Hoffman is proper because he has continuous and  
17 systematic contacts with the State of California and this District, including contacts giving rise  
18 to the specific causes of action against him, and because a substantial portion of the relevant  
19 acts complained of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

20 48. Jurisdiction over OpenAI, Inc. is proper because it has its principal place of  
21 business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts business and may be  
22 found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein occurred in  
23 the State of California and in this District.

24 49. Jurisdiction over OpenAI, L.P. is proper because it has its principal place of  
25 business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts business and may be  
26 found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein occurred in  
27 the State of California and in this District.

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1           50.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI, L.L.C. is proper because it has its principal place of  
2 business in the State of California, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts  
3 complained of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts  
4 business and may be found.

5           51.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI GP, L.L.C. is proper because it has its principal place  
6 of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts business and may  
7 be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein occurred  
8 in the State of California and in this District.

9           52.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI OpCo, LLC is proper because it has its principal  
10 place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts business and  
11 may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein  
12 occurred in the State of California and in this District.

13           53.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Global, LLC is proper because it has its principal  
14 place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts business and  
15 may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein  
16 occurred in the State of California and in this District.

17           54.     Jurisdiction over OAI Corporation is proper because it has its principal place of  
18 business in the State of California, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts  
19 complained of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts  
20 business and may be found.

21           55.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Holdings, LLC is proper because it has its principal  
22 place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts business and  
23 may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein  
24 occurred in the State of California and in this District.

25           56.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund Management, LLC is proper because it  
26 has its principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it  
27 transacts business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts  
28 complained of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

1           57.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund GP I, L.L.C. is proper because it has its  
2 principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts  
3 business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained  
4 of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

5           58.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund I, L.P. is proper because it has its  
6 principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts  
7 business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained  
8 of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

9           59.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP I, L.L.C. is proper because it  
10 has its principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it  
11 transacts business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts  
12 complained of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

13           60.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP II, L.L.C. is proper because it  
14 has its principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it  
15 transacts business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts  
16 complained of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

17           61.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP III, L.L.C. is proper because it  
18 has its principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it  
19 transacts business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts  
20 complained of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

21           62.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP IV, L.L.C. is proper because it  
22 has its principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it  
23 transacts business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts  
24 complained of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

25           63.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund SPV I, L.P. is proper because it has its  
26 principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts  
27 business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained  
28 of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

1           64.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund SPV II, L.P. is proper because it has its  
2 principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts  
3 business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained  
4 of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

5           65.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund SPV III, L.P. is proper because it has its  
6 principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts  
7 business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained  
8 of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

9           66.     Jurisdiction over OpenAI Startup Fund SPV IV, L.P. is proper because it has its  
10 principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts  
11 business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained  
12 of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

13           67.     Jurisdiction over Aestas Management Company, LLC is proper because it has  
14 its principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts  
15 business and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained  
16 of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

17           68.     Jurisdiction over Aestas, LLC is proper because it has its principal place of  
18 business in the State of California and in this District, where it transacts business and may be  
19 found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein occurred in  
20 the State of California and in this District.

21           69.     Jurisdiction over Microsoft Corp. is proper because it has continuous and  
22 systematic contacts with the State of California and this District, where it transacts business  
23 and may be found, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein  
24 occurred in the State of California and in this District.

25           70.     Jurisdiction over Rob Bonta, in his official capacity as Attorney General of  
26 California, is proper because he is domiciled in the State of California and in this District, and  
27 because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein occurred in the State of  
28 California and in this District.

1           71.     Upon information and belief, venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28  
2 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the  
3 claim occurred, and a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action, is situated in  
4 this District.

5           72.     This action is properly assigned to the San Francisco Division of this District  
6 under Civil Local Rule 3-2(c) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise  
7 to Plaintiffs’ claims occurred, and a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the  
8 action is situated, in San Francisco County, which is served by the San Francisco Division.

9                                   **FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

10           A.     **The Dangers of AI**

11           73.     Over the course of the 20th century, the United States gradually shifted from a  
12 primarily labor-based economy to a knowledge-based one, with economic value increasingly  
13 generated by human intelligence. As the century progressed, another paradigm shift was  
14 already underway: value creation through AI.

15           74.     Starting in the late 2000s and early 2010s, an algorithm called “deep learning”  
16 was developed, the hallmark of which was that it no longer needed to be designed with  
17 significant knowledge of the task at hand because it could essentially “learn” from examples  
18 and program itself. As deep learning algorithms became increasingly sophisticated, some of  
19 the world’s leading AI researchers set their sights on AGI. The basic concept of AGI is a  
20 general-purpose AI system, a machine having intelligence for a wide variety of tasks like a  
21 human.

22           75.     Musk has long been concerned by the grave threat these advanced systems  
23 pose to humanity, which he has repeatedly warned is likely the greatest existential threat we  
24 face today. These dangers include, without limitation (or exaggeration), completely replacing  
25 the human workforce, supercharging the spread of disinformation, malicious human  
26 impersonation, and the manipulation of political and military systems (which military-related  
27 contracting OpenAI is now reported to be pursuing aggressively), ultimately leading to the  
28 extinction of humanity. Musk’s concerns have been shared by other leading figures including



1 Stephen Hawking and 2024 physics Nobel laureate Geoffrey Hinton, who warned “this is not  
2 science fiction.”<sup>3</sup>

3 76. Musk has publicly called for a variety of measures to address the dangers of  
4 AI, from voluntary moratoria to regulation, but his calls have largely fallen on deaf ears or  
5 were drowned out by OpenAI’s use of putative charitable assets to oppose safety regulation,  
6 such as its successful killing of California SB 1047 (the Safe and Secure Innovation for  
7 Frontier Artificial Intelligence Models Act).

8 77. Where some like Musk see AGI as an existential threat,<sup>4</sup> others like Google—  
9 and as it would turn out, Defendants—see it as a source of even greater profit and power.

10 78. At the end of 2013, Musk learned that Google was planning to acquire  
11 DeepMind, which at the time was one of the most advanced AI companies in the industry.  
12 Musk, who is well-known for his opposition to closed technology—e.g., Musk’s rocket  
13 company SpaceX holds almost no patents, and his electric vehicle company Tesla makes its  
14 patents open and available for public use—was deeply troubled by this development. He  
15 believed that such an important and potentially dangerous technology as AGI in the hands of a  
16 giant, private and rapacious company like Google was a matter of grave concern.

17 79. To prevent this, Musk tried to stop the sale of DeepMind but was ultimately  
18 unsuccessful. In 2014, Google acquired DeepMind, and with its team, Google immediately  
19 catapulted to the front of the race for AGI.

20 80. Following Google’s acquisition, Musk began hosting a series of dinner  
21 discussions on ways to counter Google and promote AI safety. He even reached out to  
22 President Barack Obama in 2015 to discuss his concerns. But regulation never came.

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24 <sup>3</sup> In the short-term, AI, even before reaching AGI, is leading to a proliferation in child sexual  
25 abuse material and revenge pornography, cyberattacks, the automation of cybercrime, and the  
26 development of weapons, all while accelerating the economic dislocation of knowledge  
workers.

27 <sup>4</sup> This is the reason Musk organized xAI as a public benefit corporation, which is required to  
28 report the results of an annual analysis of the company’s social impact. Nev. Benefit Corp.  
Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 78B.020, -.40, -.60, -.80.

1           81. Musk continued to advocate for safe AI practices and in 2015, he thought he  
2 found someone who understood his apprehensions: Sam Altman.

3           **B. Altman Induces Musk to Back OpenAI, Inc.**

4           82. From the start, Altman courted Musk by presenting himself as sharing Musk’s  
5 well-known concerns over the threat posed by AI/AGI. Altman, an experienced tech player,  
6 feigned altruism to convince Musk to give him free start-up capital and, as importantly in a  
7 marketplace where talent is scarce and connections and credibility are everything, to recruit  
8 top AI scientists.

9           83. Altman began by testing the waters. In early March 2015, he approached Musk  
10 to help draft an open letter to the U.S. Government emphasizing the need for regulation to  
11 ensure the safe creation of AI. Musk agreed, and the two began preparing the open letter and  
12 approaching Musk’s influential contacts in the technology and AI sectors about signing it.

13           84. Sensing opportunity, Altman suggested to Musk on May 25, 2015 that they  
14 endeavor to beat Google in the race to develop AGI. He wrote that he’d “[b]een thinking a lot  
15 about whether it’s possible to stop humanity from developing AI. I think the answer is almost  
16 definitely not. If it’s going to happen, it seems like it would be good for someone other than  
17 Google to do it first.” Declaration of Marc Toberoff, Ex. 1 at 1.<sup>5</sup> Altman proposed that they  
18 start an AI “Manhattan Project” and, to win Musk’s backing, offered to “structure it so that the  
19 tech belongs to the world via some sort of nonprofit but the people working on it get startup-  
20 like compensation if it works. Obviously we’d comply with/aggressively support all  
21 regulation.” *Id.* Still noncommittal, Musk merely responded: “Probably worth a  
22 conversation.” *Id.*

23           85. To convince Musk of his sincerity, Altman promised that he too would have  
24 skin in the game and would make meaningful financial contributions to the non-profit. It has  
25 since been revealed that Altman grossly inflated what his actual financial contributions would  
26 be, which paled in comparison to what he had promised.

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28 <sup>5</sup> Subsequent “Ex.” citations are to the Toberoff Declaration.

1           86.     A month later, on June 24, 2015, Altman tried again, this time wooing Musk  
2 with a detailed proposal for a new AI lab: “The mission would be to create the first general AI  
3 [AGI] and use it for individual empowerment—ie, the distributed version of the future that  
4 seems the safest. More generally, safety should be a first-class requirement.” Ex. 2 at 1. “The  
5 technology would be owned by the foundation and used ‘for the good of the world[.]’” *Id.*  
6 OpenAI’s “researchers would have significant financial upside but it would be uncorrelated to  
7 what they build, which should eliminate some of the conflict (we’ll pay them a competitive  
8 salary and give them [Y Combinator] equity for the upside).” *Id.* This time Musk agreed. *Id.*

9           87.     Soon thereafter, Altman recruited Stripe’s Chief Technology Officer (“CTO”)  
10 Gregory Brockman, his long-time colleague, who helped him seal the deal.

11           88.     Altman’s plan worked. In June 2015, Musk agreed to commit funding and help  
12 recruit the top scientists necessary to make Altman’s project a success provided that, as  
13 promised, OpenAI, Inc. would be a non-profit devoted to developing AI/AGI responsibly by  
14 (i) distributing its research and technology openly, preventing its concentration, (ii) focusing  
15 on safety, not profits, and (iii) working to benefit the public and humanity rather than for  
16 private gain. Indeed, to celebrate what he was led to believe was their mission, Musk named  
17 the endeavor “OpenAI.”

18           89.     On December 8, 2015, a Certificate of Incorporation for OpenAI, Inc. was filed  
19 with the Delaware Secretary of State that reaffirmed Altman and Brockman’s promises to  
20 Musk:

21           This Corporation shall be a nonprofit corporation organized exclusively for  
22 charitable and/or educational purposes within the meaning of section  
23 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the  
24 corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.  
25 **The specific purpose of this corporation is to provide funding for  
26 research, development and distribution of technology related to artificial  
27 intelligence. The resulting technology will benefit the public and the  
28 corporation will seek to open source technology for the public benefit  
when applicable. The corporation is not organized for the private gain of  
any person. . . . The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to  
the[se] purposes . . . and no part of the net income or assets of this  
corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or  
member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.**

1 Ex. 21 at 4 (emphasis added).<sup>6</sup>

2 90. OpenAI, Inc. was publicly announced on December 11, 2015, and leveraged  
3 Musk's name by making him co-chair of its Board of Directors ("Board") alongside Altman,  
4 with Brockman as CTO. The promotional announcement published on OpenAI's website  
5 further touted: "OpenAI is a non-profit artificial intelligence research company [whose] goal  
6 is to advance digital intelligence in the way that is most likely to benefit humanity as a whole,  
7 unconstrained by a need to generate financial return. Since our research is free from financial  
8 obligations, we can better focus on a positive human impact."

9 C. **Musk's Crucial Contributions to OpenAI, Inc.**

10 91. In an email to Altman and Brockman on the day of OpenAI, Inc.'s public  
11 announcement, Musk stated: "Our most important consideration is recruitment of the best  
12 people[,]" Ex. 6 at 1, and pledged that helping in this effort would be his "absolute top priority  
13 24/7[,]" Ex. 5 at 1. He wrote: "We are outmanned and outgunned by a ridiculous margin by  
14 organizations you know well, but we have right on our side and that counts for a lot. I like the  
15 odds." Ex. 6 at 1.

16 92. As Altman had devised, Musk proved to be a driving force in the founding of  
17 OpenAI, Inc. Musk, directly and through his company Musk Industries, LLC ("Musk  
18 Industries"), contributed the majority of OpenAI, Inc.'s funding in its first several years,  
19 covered rent and overhead, provided valuable advice and guidance on research directions,  
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22 <sup>6</sup> OpenAI's filing for charitable status with California was slightly more general, but taken  
together, these representations are unambiguous:

23 OpenAI, Inc. ("OpenAI") is a nonprofit artificial intelligence ("AI") scientific  
24 research organization. **Its goal is to engage in research activities that advance  
digital intelligence in the way that is most likely to benefit humanity as a  
25 whole, unconstrained by a need to generate financial return.** AI technology  
will help shape the 21st century, and **OpenAI wants to help the world build  
26 safe AI technology and ensure that AI's benefits are as widely and evenly  
distributed as possible.** To that end, OpenAI hopes to build AI as part of a larger  
27 community, and wants to openly share its plans and capabilities along the way.

28 Ex. 21 at 2 (emphases added).

1 and most importantly, Musk donated his time, effort, and connections to recruit some of the  
2 world's leading scientists and engineers to work at the non-profit. In fact, recruiting for  
3 OpenAI, Inc. was a Herculean task in the face of relentless counter-recruiting by  
4 Google/DeepMind, which offered lavish compensation packages to squelch the new venture.

5 93. But Musk persevered and proved instrumental in securing key talent, including  
6 Chief Scientist Dr. Ilya Sutskever ("Dr. Sutskever"), whom he hired away from Google, as  
7 well as top research scientists Tim Salimans, Filip Wolski, and others.

8 94. Just as Altman planned, Musk used his connections, credibility, and clout to  
9 launch the venture. The mere fact OpenAI, Inc. was an "Elon Musk"-sponsored initiative and  
10 that Musk served as co-chair were key to its successful recruiting and financing efforts in the  
11 company's pivotal early years.

12 95. Musk also brought the start-up capital to give OpenAI, Inc. a fighting chance.  
13 In late February 2016, he emailed Altman and Brockman: "Whatever it takes to bring on ace  
14 talent is fin[e] by me. Deepmind is causing me extreme mental stress. If they win, it will be  
15 really bad news with their one mind to rule the world philosophy." Ex. 7 at 1.

16 96. In fact, Musk was OpenAI, Inc.'s largest financial backer. In 2016, Musk  
17 contributed over \$15 million, and in 2017 he contributed nearly \$20 million. Additionally,  
18 through Musk Industries, he leased OpenAI, Inc.'s office space in the Pioneer Building in San  
19 Francisco, paid its monthly overhead expenses, and even though he stepped down from the  
20 Board and relinquished his status as member on February 21, 2018, he nevertheless continued  
21 to make regular contributions to OpenAI, Inc. until September 14, 2020. All told, Musk  
22 contributed more than \$44 million in cash alone to OpenAI, Inc. in its first five critical years.

23 97. It is fair to say that without Musk's involvement, backing, and substantial  
24 supportive efforts, there would have been no OpenAI.

25 **D. Microsoft Gets Involved**

26 98. Even early on, Microsoft, which was working to develop its own AI, was keen  
27 to exploit OpenAI, Inc. But as the non-profit had no shareholders and Microsoft could not  
28 simply purchase influence, it obtained leverage in other ways by, for example, causing

1 OpenAI, Inc. to become inextricably dependent on Microsoft’s cloud computing system  
2 (“compute”).

3 99. In September 2016, Altman and Microsoft arranged for it to sell compute to  
4 OpenAI, Inc. at a steep discount so long as the non-profit agreed to publicly promote  
5 Microsoft’s products. Ex. 10 at 3-5. Musk rejected the “donation” and marketing ploy, writing  
6 to Altman: “This actually made me feel nauseous. It sucks and is exactly what I would expect  
7 from them.” *Id.* at 2. The deal eventually went through, but without marketing gimmicks and  
8 at a more fulsome, but still below-market, price. *Id.* at 1.

9 100. While Musk had expressed an affinity for Microsoft’s CEO Satya Nadella  
10 (“Nadella”), the values of Microsoft and OpenAI, Inc. did not align. Whereas Musk was  
11 concerned that AI posed an existential danger to humankind and believed the technology  
12 should be decentralized and open, Nadella and Microsoft’s co-founder Bill Gates minimized  
13 Musk’s concerns as “panic” and too far off in the future.

14 101. Musk wrote: “History unequivocally illustrates that a powerful technology is a  
15 double-edged sword . . . The recent example of Microsoft’s AI chatbot shows how quickly it  
16 can turn incredibly negative. The wise course of action is to approach the advent of AI with  
17 caution and ensure that its power is widely distributed and not controlled by any one company  
18 or person. **That is why we created OpenAI.**” Ex. 9 at 1 (emphasis added).

19 **E. Defendants Try to Convert OpenAI, Inc. to a For-Profit**

20 102. In 2017-2018, Altman and Brockman moved to recast the non-profit as a  
21 moneymaking endeavor to bring in shareholders, sell equity, and raise capital, and pressed  
22 Musk to agree. Ex. 12 at 1-2. Musk briefly toyed with the idea of using Tesla as OpenAI,  
23 Inc.’s “cash cow” to solve the non-profit’s cash-flow concerns, while keeping it in good hands  
24 and maintaining its mission. Ex. 16 at 1-2.

25 103. After some back and forth, Musk wrote to Altman and Brockman on September  
26 20, 2017: “Either go do something on your own or continue with OpenAI as a non-profit. I  
27 will no longer fund OpenAI until you have made a firm commitment to stay or I’m just being  
28 a fool who is essentially providing free funding to a start-up. Discussions are over.” Ex. 13 at 4.

1           104. Altman tried to play the whole thing off, reassuring Musk the next day: “[I]  
2 remain enthusiastic about the non-profit structure!” *id.* at 1, with Brockman soon following  
3 suit. Ex. 14 at 1. On September 22, 2017, Zilis, who had been working at OpenAI, Inc. since  
4 2016, providing strategic guidance, e-mailed Musk that Altman had reassured her also that he  
5 was “Great with keeping [it a] non-profit and continuing to support it.” Ex. 14 at 1.

6           **F. Defendants Do Secretly What They Failed to Do Openly**

7           105. We now know Altman and Brockman’s reaffirmation was a lie. In January  
8 2018, mere months after their September 2017 “enthusias[m],” Altman proposed a scam-  
9 worthy “ICO,” or initial coin offering, that would have seen OpenAI, Inc. sell its own  
10 cryptocurrency. Ex. 15 at 1. Musk shot down this idea too, stating “it would simply result in a  
11 massive loss of credibility for OpenAI and everyone associated with the ICO.” Ex. 16 at 3.

12           106. On information and belief, mere weeks after Musk stopped their *second* get-  
13 rich-quick scheme (the ICO), and no later than February 11, 2018, Altman and Brockman  
14 agreed among themselves to figure out a structure for an equity fundraise—in other words,  
15 convert to a for-profit structure.

16           107. On information and belief, this plan grew out of their discussions that had  
17 begun in or around July 2017. Ex. 11 at 1 (“Coming up: Designing the for-profit structure”).

18           108. Notably, on March 25, 2018, barely a month after Musk stepped down from  
19 OpenAI, Inc.’s Board, Altman proposed the selling of equity in an unusual “fixed maximum  
20 return” structure, sufficiently developed to be actionable within four to six weeks. Ex. 18 at 1-2.

21           109. It would ordinarily take months for such a billion-dollar proposal to reach this  
22 advanced, concrete stage, and, on information and belief, for a novel mechanism like this,  
23 preparations began no later than the summer of 2017. And, of course, a purported fixed  
24 maximum return scheme is exactly what Defendants wound up confecting.

25           110. This unusual structure, what Defendants call a “capped-profit company,” is one  
26 where investors can make a profit capped at a certain multiple of their investment. On  
27 information and belief, Defendants intended to set the multiple at 100x.

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1 111. In early 2019, Altman finally succeeded in his multi-year effort to become  
2 OpenAI, Inc.’s CEO.

3 112. On information and belief, with its confederate Altman now in charge,  
4 Microsoft extracted a July 22, 2019 agreement from OpenAI giving Microsoft the exclusive  
5 right to supply OpenAI’s single most important raw material, compute, without which  
6 OpenAI would cease to exist. This agreement was extended in 2021 and again, on January 23,  
7 2023.

8 113. On information and belief, at Altman’s urging and with Brockman’s assistance,  
9 Defendants began forming numerous for-profit entities, in which Altman, Brockman, and  
10 Microsoft hold generous stakes, and weaving them into an increasingly labyrinthian OpenAI  
11 corporate web for the purpose of profiting from OpenAI, Inc.’s assets.

12 114. On March 6, 2019, Altman emailed Musk a draft of an announcement stating  
13 he was forming a “new entity,” OpenAI, L.P., as a capped-profit company, appointing himself  
14 as CEO and Brockman as board chair. Ex. 19 at 1-4. The entity was not new, however. Altman  
15 had caused its incorporation in Delaware on September 19, 2018.

16 115. In response, and with evident displeasure, Musk demanded: “Please be explicit  
17 that I have no financial interest in the for-profit arm of OpenAI.” Ex. 20 at 1.

18 116. On March 11, 2019, Altman and Brockman “launched” OpenAI, L.P. On  
19 January 23, 2023, OpenAI, L.P. was converted to OpenAI OpCo, LLC. After its conversion, it  
20 would be operated by OpenAI GP, L.L.C., which on September 19, 2018 was formed in  
21 Delaware.

22 117. On September 17, 2020, OpenAI, L.L.C. was formed in Delaware. OpenAI,  
23 L.L.C.’s sole member is currently OpenAI Global, LLC.

24 118. On December 28, 2022, OpenAI Global, LLC was formed in Delaware. On  
25 information and belief, OpenAI Global, LLC, like OpenAI, L.P., is a “capped” for-profit  
26 entity. OpenAI Global, LLC has two members: Microsoft and OAI Corporation.

27 119. On information and belief, OpenAI Global, LLC, like OpenAI OpCo, LLC, is  
28 managed by OpenAI GP, L.L.C.

1 120. On March 17, 2023, OAI Corporation was formed in Delaware as a  
2 corporation. Prior to September 2023, Defendant OAI Corporation was OAI Corporation,  
3 LLC, a limited liability company formed in Delaware with its principal place of business in  
4 California. The sole owner of OAI Corporation is OpenAI Holdings, LLC.

5 121. On March 17, 2023, OpenAI Holdings, LLC was formed in Delaware, and has  
6 multiple members, including Aestas, LLC and various individuals.

7 122. On February 10, 2023, Aestas Management Company, LLC was formed as a  
8 limited liability company in Delaware and is also managed by OpenAI GP, L.L.C.

9 123. On information and belief, the other entities—OpenAI Startup Fund  
10 Management, LLC, OpenAI Startup Fund GP I, L.L.C., OpenAI Startup Fund I, L.P., OpenAI  
11 Startup Fund SPV GP I, L.L.C., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP II, L.L.C., OpenAI Startup  
12 Fund SPV GP III, L.L.C., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV GP IV, L.L.C., OpenAI Startup Fund  
13 SPV I, L.P., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV II, L.P., OpenAI Startup Fund SPV III, L.P., OpenAI  
14 Startup Fund SPV IV, L.P. (collectively, with those entities named in paragraphs 116-22,  
15 *supra*, the “For-Profit Entities”)—are also interwoven into Defendants’ corporate web for the  
16 purpose of profiting from the non-profit OpenAI, Inc.’s assets. Many of these entities were  
17 only recently registered and indeed, more OpenAI entities are popping up almost every month  
18 as part of Defendants’ shell game.

19 124. The complex and largely opaque profiteering arm of OpenAI—in which, on  
20 information and belief, Microsoft, Altman, and Brockman are significant shareholders—while  
21 publicly cloaked as a mere fundraising apparatus, is in reality, the foundation for Defendants’  
22 scheme to control and cash in on OpenAI, Inc.’s technology.

23 125. We know, for example, that Microsoft owns a significant stake in OpenAI  
24 Global, LLC, which in turn is an owner of OpenAI, L.L.C. and OpenAI OpCo, LLC, Dkt. No.  
25 18 at 1, ¶¶ 2-3, 5—the entity to which OpenAI, Inc.’s proprietary intellectual property was  
26 diverted. We also know that Altman named himself as the manager of OpenAI Startup Fund I,  
27 L.P., which raised \$175,250,000.00 and in which, once again, Microsoft holds a significant  
28 ownership interest, Dkt. No. 18 at 2, ¶ 10.

1 126. But because OpenAI, Inc. has intentionally chosen entity configurations that,  
2 by and large, do not require public disclosures, contrary to its commitments to transparency  
3 and its role as a publicly supervised charity, the true extent of Altman, Brockman, and  
4 Microsoft’s conflicted dealings is unknown.

5 127. What is clear is that Altman’s repeated public proclamations to own no  
6 “equity” in these entities, is, as with so many of his statements, grossly and intentionally  
7 misleading because, on information and belief, he (or an entity owned or controlled by him)  
8 does.

9 **G. Defendants Use Their For-Profit Entities to Loot OpenAI, Inc.**

10 128. As with many things, the issue here is one of degree. While there is little  
11 concern with using a for-profit entity to help fundraise for a non-profit, it is quite another  
12 thing to launch a dense fleet of dozens of for-profit entities to loot the non-profit of its only  
13 valuable assets (intellectual property and employees) and facilitate veiled and unchecked  
14 profiteering, rife with conflicts, as Defendants have done.

15 129. To facilitate their profiteering, Defendants locked down and began withholding  
16 the non-profit’s technology and scientific research.

17 130. Defendants also transferred most of OpenAI, Inc.’s intellectual property to  
18 OpenAI, L.P. in 2019 and 2020. Ex. 22 at 2; Ex. 23 at 2. Since then, such transfers have  
19 continued apace with, for example, the issuance of patents and trademarks to OpenAI OpCo,  
20 LLC, which is listed on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website as the owner of most of  
21 OpenAI’s registered intellectual property.

22 131. Indeed, just *follow the money*. OpenAI, Inc.’s 2022 IRS tax return showed a  
23 mere \$44,485 in revenue,<sup>7</sup> but one year later, OpenAI overall reportedly generated *\$1.6 billion*  
24 in revenue.

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<sup>7</sup> Notably, 2022 was the last year Defendants made such documents readily available to the  
28 public, yet another curious decision for a putative non-profit.

1           132. Defendants also drained the non-profit OpenAI, Inc. of most of its staff and  
2 transferred them over to the new private, for-profit company (now OpenAI OpCo, LLC),  
3 which also presently houses much of OpenAI’s research and development. This strategic  
4 move conveniently shields Defendants from the public oversight and financial disclosures  
5 non-profits like OpenAI, Inc. must make.

6           133. From there, on information and belief, beginning September 22, 2020, Altman  
7 caused the non-profit to exclusively license its technology to Microsoft, the world’s then-  
8 largest for-profit corporation, diverging from Altman and OpenAI, Inc.’s promises to Musk  
9 and the non-profit’s black-letter commitments—e.g., OpenAI, Inc.’s Certificate of  
10 Incorporation: “no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the  
11 benefit of . . . any private person,” Ex. 21 at 4; and Charter: “We commit to . . . avoid enabling  
12 uses of AI or AGI that . . . unduly concentrate power[.]” Ex. 17 at 1.

13           134. The Microsoft license is expansive and includes all OpenAI, Inc.’s “pre-AGI”  
14 technologies, and tasks the Board with determining when “AGI” has been attained. To date,  
15 the Board has made no such finding, thus giving Microsoft unfettered access to OpenAI’s  
16 suite of technology.

17           135. In addition, Altman, with the assistance and/or cooperation of Brockman and  
18 the For-Profit Entities, began to self-deal with impunity. On information and belief, while  
19 serving on OpenAI, Inc.’s Board, Altman deliberately withheld key information and lied about  
20 his personal holdings and investments both in and outside of OpenAI to keep the Board from  
21 discovering his glaring conflicts of interest.

22           136. For example, on information and belief, Altman controls OpenAI Startup Fund  
23 I, L.P., and stands to personally profit from its association with OpenAI.

24           137. In May 2024, Altman is reported to have induced OpenAI to strike a deal with  
25 Reddit wherein OpenAI would pay to license Reddit’s content to train ChatGPT. On  
26 information and belief, Altman and/or entities he controls own a whopping 7.6% of Reddit,  
27 making him one of its largest outside shareholders. After the deal was announced, Reddit’s  
28 stock shot up 10%, boosting Altman’s stake by \$69 million. On October 29, 2024, Reddit

1 finally posted its first profit as a public company due in large part to the revenue generated by  
2 its licensing deal with OpenAI, causing the company's stock price to skyrocket more than  
3 40% the following day.

4 138. By contrast, Altman and OpenAI made no such deal to use data from content  
5 providers such as *The New York Times* or the *Chicago Tribune*, in which Altman had no  
6 ownership, and which are now suing OpenAI for copyright infringement.

7 139. On information and belief, in 2019, Altman caused OpenAI to sign a \$51  
8 million AI chip deal with Rain AI, a company in which he held a significant interest.

9 140. On information and belief, in 2020 Altman invested in the hardware company  
10 Humane, which plans to power its devices using OpenAI's software. Holding companies  
11 controlled by Altman own 15% of Humane's equity—a greater amount than each of the  
12 company's founders.

13 141. On information and belief, Altman invested in yet another hardware company,  
14 Limitless, which also plans to power its devices using OpenAI's software. The timing of this  
15 investment is not yet known.

16 142. On information and belief, no later than March 15, 2023, OpenAI selected  
17 Stripe, in which Altman and Brockman have significant ownership interests, as its commercial  
18 partner to process payments as OpenAI moved to monetize its technology.

19 143. On information and belief, no later than September 2023, Altman and former  
20 Apple chief design officer, Jony Ive, made plans to launch their own AI device company to  
21 exploit OpenAI's technology to compete with Apple's iPhone.

22 144. On information and belief, OpenAI is hammering out a deal with Helion  
23 Energy (in which Altman owns a massive stake) for OpenAI to buy vast quantities of  
24 electricity to power its data centers. And in May 2023, Altman's ally Microsoft enriched him  
25 by striking such a deal with Helion Energy.

26 145. On information and belief, Altman, Brockman, Microsoft, and the For-Profit  
27 Entities have been and will continue to be enriched by their respective stake in OpenAI's for-  
28 profit machine. Altman alone stands to make billions from the non-profit Musk co-founded

1 and invested considerable money, time, recruiting efforts, and goodwill in furtherance of its  
2 stated mission.

3 146. Altman’s scheme has now become clear: lure Musk with phony philanthropy;  
4 exploit his money, stature, and contacts to secure world-class AI scientists to develop leading  
5 technology; then feed the non-profit’s lucrative assets into an opaque profit engine and  
6 proceed to cash in as OpenAI and Microsoft monopolize the generative AI market.

7 147. On information and belief, Microsoft, acting in lockstep with the other  
8 Defendants, stands to make hundreds of billions from its methodical infiltration of, and  
9 increasing leverage over, the non-profit, its technology, and employees, to the point that  
10 Microsoft now exercises effective control over OpenAI—a de facto merger in terms of  
11 Microsoft’s accumulation of assets, equity, and dominance over OpenAI.

12 **H. Microsoft Demonstrates Its Dominance and Control After OpenAI, Inc.’s**  
13 **Board Shows Independence**

14 148. Microsoft demonstrated its dominance in a series of extraordinary  
15 developments culminating on November 22, 2023. Microsoft and Altman leveraged their  
16 positions to force all but one member of OpenAI, Inc.’s Board to resign and replaced them  
17 with underqualified and compliant allies handpicked by Altman and blessed by Microsoft.

18 149. Before this coup, the Board consisted of Chief Scientist Dr. Sutskever,  
19 Brockman, Altman, Helen Toner (“Toner”), Adam D’Angelo (“D’Angelo”), and Tasha  
20 McCauley (“McCauley”). In addition to serving on the Board, Toner is a researcher and  
21 advisor for the Center for the Governance of AI (“GovAI”) and the Director of Strategy at  
22 Georgetown’s Center for Security and Emerging Technology. McCauley is a Senior  
23 Management Scientist at RAND Corporation, a non-profit which specializes in public policy  
24 decision making. Like Toner, McCauley is also an advisor for GovAI.

25 150. The choice to include on the Board multiple academics and public policy  
26 experts with deep AI policy experience, most of whom had no financial stake in OpenAI, was  
27 deliberate. This composition of financially disinterested Board members with strong records  
28 of public service ensured that the Board would put the non-profit’s principles of openness and

1 safety before financial success—which it did.

2 151. On November 17, 2023, OpenAI, Inc.’s Board dismissed Altman as CEO and  
3 from the Board, announcing he was fired following “a deliberative review process by the  
4 board, which concluded that he was not consistently candid in his communications with the  
5 board, hindering its ability to exercise its responsibilities. The board no longer has confidence  
6 in his ability to continue leading OpenAI.” Brockman was also dismissed from the Board, but  
7 not as OpenAI, Inc.’s CTO, though he resigned in solidarity with Altman shortly thereafter.

8 152. It has been reported that the Board fired Altman because he had deliberately  
9 misrepresented what was happening at OpenAI, Inc. and explicitly lied to the Board to  
10 obstruct its ability to carry out its oversight duties. The Board was likewise concerned by  
11 Altman’s numerous side hustles and conflicts of interest and his purposeful withholding of  
12 information necessary for the Board to evaluate the scope and extent of his self-dealing and  
13 myriad conflicts.

14 153. News reports further suggest Altman’s firing was due in part to OpenAI, Inc.’s  
15 breakthroughs in AGI and Altman’s prioritizing profit over safety and the non-profit’s  
16 founding principles.

17 154. On information and belief, when Microsoft’s CEO Nadella learned of Altman’s  
18 firing, he was furious. As perhaps the largest shareholder in OpenAI’s for-profit arm, Nadella  
19 felt Microsoft should have been consulted before the decision was made.

20 155. On information and belief, aside from Altman and Brockman, OpenAI, Inc.’s  
21 then-constituted Board had no ties to Microsoft. Rather, Altman was the primary liaison  
22 between Microsoft and OpenAI, Inc., and with him gone, Microsoft’s continued exclusive  
23 license of the non-profit’s evolving technology (i.e., AGI) was in jeopardy.

24 156. Microsoft’s response was swift. Nadella hired Altman and Brockman to lead a  
25 new Microsoft AI research lab, unbound by the constraints of OpenAI, Inc.’s humanitarian  
26 mission, and the three actively solicited OpenAI’s employees to leave and join Microsoft’s  
27 new lab. On information and belief, Altman and Brockman became senior employees of  
28 Microsoft.



1 157. Microsoft was nevertheless confident that, whatever happened, it could still  
2 capitalize on OpenAI, Inc.’s research and technology. Indeed, during an interview shortly after  
3 Altman’s firing, Nadella stated:

4 We have all the IP rights and all the capability. If OpenAI disappeared tomorrow,  
5 I don’t want any customer of ours to be worried about it quite honestly, because  
6 we have all of the rights to continue the innovation. Not just to serve the product,  
7 but we can go and just do what we were doing in partnership ourselves. We have  
8 the people, we have the compute, we have the data, we have everything.

8 158. Despite Microsoft’s bold statements, it apparently still wanted its man Altman  
9 on the inside as OpenAI, Inc.’s CEO. In the days following his firing, OpenAI, Inc.’s Board  
10 faced mounting pressure from Microsoft to reinstate Altman. Nadella even bragged about  
11 Microsoft’s influence over the non-profit: “We are in there. We are below them, above them,  
12 around them.”

13 159. Microsoft indeed had leverage. On information and belief, at the time of  
14 Altman’s ouster, Microsoft had paid only a fraction of the \$13 billion commitment it had  
15 made to OpenAI. And if Microsoft were to withhold its compute on which OpenAI was  
16 reliant, it would be effectively incapacitated.

17 160. The pressure on the Board from Altman, Brockman, and Microsoft continued  
18 until November 21, 2023, when Altman was reinstated as CEO after his dismissal, and  
19 Brockman as CTO. The coup took Defendants just four days.

20 161. Upon his return, Altman and Microsoft demanded the resignation of Toner,  
21 McCauley, and Dr. Sutskever from the Board, taking the opportunity to clean house and purge  
22 those who ousted Altman, as Nadella had vowed: “We’ll definitely take care of all of the  
23 governance issues and anything else . . . we have all the rights, so therefore we will make sure  
24 that we are very, very clear that the governance gets fixed[.]” Notably, D’Angelo—the sole  
25 Board member to remain after Altman’s reinstatement—is a tech CEO and entrepreneur.

26 162. In fact, the 2023 Board that dismissed Altman, consisting, on information and  
27 belief, of only Altman, Dr. Sutskever, D’Angelo, and the two AI governance experts, Toner  
28 and McCauley (Brockman was reportedly absent from the Board meeting), was the first Board

1 since 2018 not adversely dominated by interests aligned with Altman and Brockman.

2 163. The 2022 Board consisted of Dr. Sutskever, Brockman, and Altman (both CEO  
3 and President), as directors simultaneously working full time at OpenAI; and Will Hurd  
4 (“Hurd”) (of Allen & Company, a major investment bank catering to technology companies),  
5 Reid Hoffman (general partner at tech venture capital firm Greylock Partners (“Greylock”), a  
6 member of Microsoft’s Board since March 2017, and a co-founder of the generative AI  
7 company Inflection AI, Inc. (“Inflection”)<sup>8</sup>), and D’Angelo, as directors aligned with  
8 Brockman and Altman’s interests as technology entrepreneurs; and Zilis, Toner, and  
9 McCauley, as the only truly independent directors.

10 164. The 2021 Board was no better: Altman, as President again, Brockman,  
11 Hoffman, D’Angelo, Hurd, Zilis, McCauley, Toner, and a charity CEO, Holden Karnofsky  
12 (“Karnofsky”), whose enterprises are primarily dependent on funding from tech  
13 entrepreneurs, in place of Dr. Sutskever. Even counting Karnofsky with the independents,<sup>9</sup>  
14 they were still in the minority, and Altman and Brockman represented 100% of the directors  
15 working at OpenAI full time.

16 165. The 2020 Board had seven members: Altman as President, Brockman,  
17 Hoffman, D’Angelo, Zilis, McCauley, and Karnofsky. Again, even counting Karnofsky with  
18 Zilis and McCauley, the breakdown still has independents in the minority, with Altman and  
19 Brockman as the only full-time working directors.

20 166. The 2019 Board was even worse, with Sue Yoon, a former venture capitalist  
21 now at Google, serving in what would become Zilis’ spot on the Board.

22 167. On information and belief, to avoid replicating the 2023 independent Board  
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25 <sup>8</sup> Notwithstanding his obvious conflicts, Hoffman was reportedly reluctant to step down from  
OpenAI, Inc.’s Board when he resigned in or about March 2023.

26 <sup>9</sup> This is generous to Karnofsky, given that, when he resigned, he cited as a potential conflict  
27 that his wife, Daniela Amodei, and her brother, Dario Amodei (both ex-OpenAI employees)  
28 were co-founding Anthropic, now the largest direct competitor to OpenAI/Microsoft’s  
monopoly.

1 setup that led to Altman’s ouster, upon Altman’s reinstatement, he handpicked a new Board  
2 that lacked the technical expertise and substantial background in AI governance, which the  
3 previous Board had by design. The new members were reportedly “big fans of Altman.”

4 168. Microsoft also obtained an influential non-voting director seat on the Board  
5 from which it could keep a close eye on its non-profit golden goose. Though on July 9, 2024,  
6 Microsoft relinquished its seat amid scrutiny and pressure from antitrust agencies in the U.S.  
7 and Europe suspicious of its all-too-cozy relationship with OpenAI, there is no un-ringing this  
8 bell.

9 169. The same pertains to Hoffman’s highly conflicted simultaneous service as a  
10 member of the boards of OpenAI, Inc., Microsoft, and Inflection. Notwithstanding their  
11 glaring conflicts, by virtue of their Board service, Microsoft and Hoffman had open access to  
12 *all* internal OpenAI, Inc. materials as a matter of right under its Bylaws. Ex. 21 at 12.

13 170. On information and belief, OpenAI, Inc.’s present Board is now dominated by  
14 directors with interests conflicted and adverse to those of OpenAI, Inc., Plaintiffs, and the  
15 public.

16 171. With the reinstatement of Altman and the restructuring of OpenAI, Inc.’s  
17 Board, the once carefully crafted non-profit structure Musk agreed to is now thoroughly  
18 compromised by a fully profit-driven CEO (Altman) and sometimes-President (Brockman), a  
19 compliant Board with inferior technical expertise and almost no AI-governance experience,  
20 and a trillion-dollar pro-profit partner (Microsoft).

21 172. The loss of the Board’s technical expertise in AI, neutrality, and commitment to  
22 OpenAI, Inc.’s non-profit purposes are particularly compromising as it is the Board that  
23 determines whether OpenAI has attained AGI, which, as detailed above, OpenAI had  
24 previously excluded from its license to Microsoft. Given Microsoft and OpenAI’s de facto  
25 merger and enormous financial interest in the continued exploitation of the non-profit’s  
26 technology, OpenAI, Inc.’s newly captured, conflicted, and compliant Board will have every  
27 reason to delay ever making a finding that OpenAI has attained AGI. The Microsoft-OpenAI  
28 for-profit leviathan may now operate fully unchecked.

1 I. *Altman Reneges in 2023 on His Repeated Promises to Musk, Regulators, and*  
2 *the Public to Open Source the Non-Profit's Technology*

3 173. In its early years, OpenAI, Inc.'s research and development were performed in  
4 the open—as required by Musk's donations and OpenAI, Inc.'s filings with Delaware and  
5 California—providing the public with free access to the non-profit's designs, models, and  
6 code.

7 174. For example, in June 2018, when OpenAI, Inc. researchers discovered that an  
8 algorithm called “Transformers” could perform natural language tasks without any explicit  
9 training, entire communities from open-source, grass-roots groups to commercial endeavors  
10 sprung up to enhance and extend OpenAI, Inc.'s models—the intended benefit of making the  
11 non-profit's research open source.

12 175. In 2019, OpenAI released the full, open version of a second-generation  
13 Generative Pre-Trained Transformer (“GPT”), GPT-2 with the stated hope that it would “be  
14 useful to developers of future powerful models.” It also released a detailed report describing  
15 the new model and acknowledged some of the many benefits of openly releasing such models  
16 to the public.

17 176. In 2020, OpenAI, Inc. announced a third version of its model, GPT-3, and  
18 again, published a research paper detailing its complete implementation for others to build on.

19 177. OpenAI, Inc.'s initial findings, while technologically interesting, had little  
20 commercial value and were openly published by Altman. But, as we now know, once OpenAI  
21 reached the threshold of commercially viable AI, Altman about-faced and began locking down  
22 the non-profit's technology for personal gain.

23 178. It is also no coincidence that OpenAI veered away from open-sourcing its  
24 models after it began exclusively licensing its technology to Microsoft.

25 179. On March 14, 2023, OpenAI, Inc. released its most advanced model to date,  
26 GPT-4, which many including Microsoft celebrated as “a form of general intelligence.”  
27 Microsoft's scientists stated that, given GPT-4's advanced capabilities, “we believe [it] could  
28 reasonably be viewed as an early (yet still incomplete) version of an artificial general

1 intelligence (AGI) system.” Defendants, however, publicly released no report or code  
2 regarding GPT-4, preventing the public from building on the non-profit’s AI advancements as  
3 Musk had been promised.

4 180. Defendants have kept GPT-4, and subsequent models including without  
5 limitation, GPT-4T, GPT-4o (released May 2024), and OpenAI o1 (released September 2024),  
6 entirely closed. On information and belief, the internal details of these models are known only  
7 to Defendants. The reason for the secrecy is obvious: OpenAI and Microsoft stand to make a  
8 fortune from exclusive control over the non-profit’s technology and selling its applications to  
9 the public, which would not be possible if the non-profit made its research and technology  
10 freely available, as Altman had repeatedly promised Musk, regulators and the public.

11 **J. OpenAI Today**

12 181. Defendants’ unbridled power and profit focus have led to a recent flurry of  
13 safety and legal concerns and forceful pushback against OpenAI and Altman for abandoning  
14 their non-profit mission.

15 182. Along with pending civil litigation from media outlets like *The New York Times*  
16 and the *Chicago Tribune* concerning OpenAI’s illegal use of their content to train GPT  
17 models, the takeover of the Board and Microsoft’s increasingly close relationship with  
18 OpenAI have sparked numerous ongoing investigations by the SEC, FTC, and various U.K.  
19 and E.U. regulators. On July 22, August 1, and August 8, 2024, Senators sent Altman demand  
20 letters seeking documents and questioning OpenAI’s commercial practices, commitment to  
21 safety, Altman’s self-dealing, and illegal attempts to muzzle employee-whistleblowers.

22 183. Further, in a series of letters dated January 9, March 5, June 6, and September  
23 30, 2024, to the California Attorney General, the prominent consumer advocacy organization  
24 Public Citizen detailed numerous issues concerning Altman’s self-dealing, the troublesome  
25 power OpenAI’s for-profit arm is wielding over the non-profit, and the recent move to convert  
26 OpenAI, Inc. to a fully for-profit company, urging the Attorney General to investigate  
27 OpenAI, Inc.’s tax-exempt status.

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1 184. OpenAI has also continuously hemorrhaged employees and executives. On  
2 information and belief, the resignations largely appear to be in protest of Altman and  
3 OpenAI's increasingly unfettered and conflicted pursuit of profits at the expense of safety.

4 185. For instance, in May 2024, Chief Scientist Dr. Sutskever and OpenAI, Inc.  
5 executive Jan Leike resigned. The two had led OpenAI, Inc.'s "Superalignment" team tasked  
6 with managing the risk that its technology "could lead to the disempowerment of humanity or  
7 even human extinction." Leike stated he could no longer work at the company because he was  
8 concerned that safety and societal impact "have taken a backseat to shiny products."

9 186. Such shiny products include, for example, OpenAI's Whisper, an audio  
10 transcription system which OpenAI released knowing it tended to fabricate even highly  
11 important information (e.g., once released, Whisper fabricated medical records). Releasing  
12 products with alarming defects like this can be lethal and is not something a true safety-  
13 conscious non-profit with no pressure to generate revenue would rush to do.

14 187. Other employees, including Daniel Kokotajlo resigned because they "lost trust  
15 in OpenAI leadership and their ability to responsibly handle AGI." In an interview with Vox  
16 on May 18, 2024, Kokotajlo stated: "I joined with substantial hope that OpenAI would rise to  
17 the occasion and behave more responsibly as they got closer to achieving AGI. It slowly  
18 became clear to many of us that this would not happen." That same article reported numerous  
19 other departures: "at least seven people [] tried to push OpenAI to greater safety from within,  
20 but ultimately lost so much faith in its charismatic leader [Altman] that their position became  
21 untenable."

22 188. Carroll Wainwright, a former alignment researcher for OpenAI, also resigned  
23 in May 2024: "I worry that the board will not be able to effectively control the for-profit  
24 subsidiary, and I worry that the for-profit subsidiary will not be able to effectively prioritize  
25 the mission when the incentive to maximize profits is so strong."

26 189. In June 2024, one month after leaving OpenAI, Dr. Sutskever launched Safe  
27 Superintelligence, Inc., whose mission is, pointedly, to focus on the development of safe AI.  
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1 190. On August 5, 2024, John Schulman, with OpenAI since the beginning, quit to  
2 work at the safety-focused AI startup, Anthropic, and to “deepen [his] focus on AI  
3 alignment[.]”

4 191. On September 25, 2024, OpenAI’s CTO Mira Murati, who served as interim  
5 CEO during Altman’s firing, abruptly left the company, along with Chief Research Officer  
6 Bob McGrew and the Head of Post-Training, Barret Zoph.

7 192. On October 23, 2024, Miles Brundage, a policy researcher at OpenAI and  
8 senior adviser on OpenAI’s AGI Readiness team resigned, stating: “In short, neither OpenAI  
9 nor any other frontier lab is ready” for AGI. His announcement also revealed the disbanding  
10 of OpenAI’s AGI Readiness Team. And just last week, Lilian Weng, OpenAI’s VP of Research  
11 and Safety, announced her resignation after seven years at the company.

12 193. In January 2024, notwithstanding Altman’s promise to Musk that “safety  
13 should be a first-class requirement” Ex. 2 at 1, OpenAI dropped a clause from its Usage  
14 Policies banning the use of its technology for “activity that has a high risk of physical harm”  
15 such as “weapons development” or “military and warfare.” On October 25, 2024, OpenAI  
16 reportedly secured its first contract with a combat division of the Department of Defense.

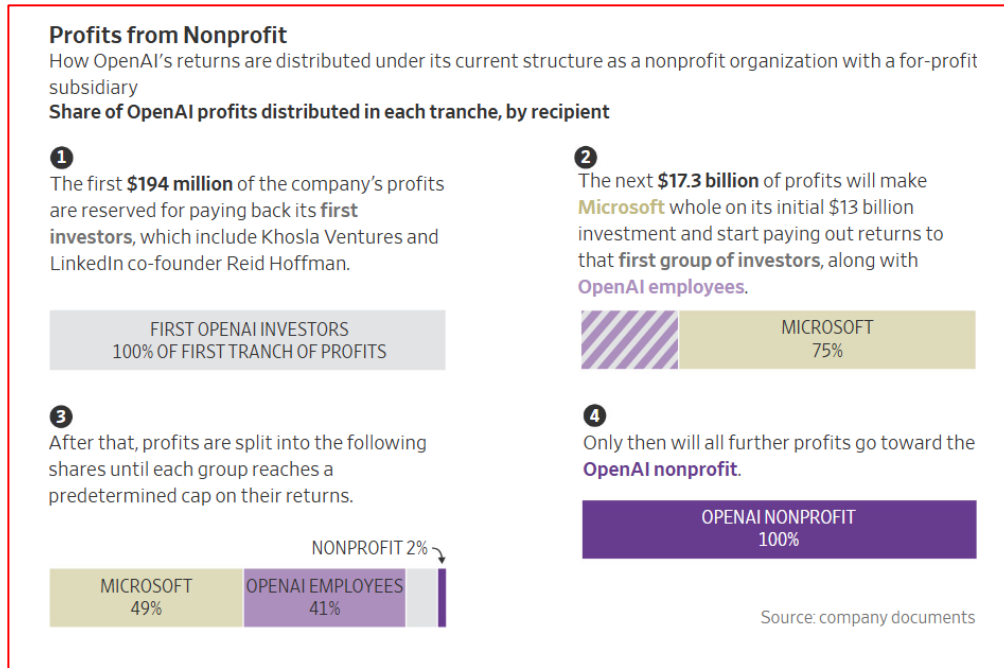
17 194. A June 15, 2024 article in *Cointelegraph* entitled “OpenAI Reportedly  
18 Considering Shift to For-profit as CEO Stacks Board” detailed how Altman “told shareholders  
19 he was considering the [for-profit] move sometime during the week of June 10. If realized, the  
20 pivot would ostensibly result in OpenAI’s nonprofit board losing control of the company.”  
21 Altman is now fast-tracking his plan to turn the non-profit Musk co-founded into the for-profit  
22 business Altman had always envisaged.

23 195. Since the filing of the original Complaint, this transformation has only  
24 accelerated, with OpenAI and Microsoft hiring investment banks to negotiate their deal and a  
25 two-year deadline to complete OpenAI’s for-profit conversion.

26 196. The most recent reporting on those plans by the *Wall Street Journal* reveals that  
27 Microsoft has a right to 75% of OpenAI’s profits after the first \$194 million until reaching  
28 \$17.3 billion. Then Microsoft’s share will drop to 49% until it receives 100 times its original



1 investment, or *profits* (not revenue) of \$1.4 *trillion*. It has also been reported this “100 times  
 2 investment” cap is merely “theoretical,” as the “cap” is subject to increase 20% annually  
 3 beginning in 2025.<sup>10</sup>



15 197. On information and belief, OpenAI has raised a total of \$21.9 billion in its  
 16 funding rounds. Even if *all* of the For-Profit Entities are capped—something far from  
 17 certain—OpenAI would need to generate \$2.2 *trillion* in *profits* (not just revenues) before this  
 18 for-profit scheme would begin funneling anything more than a nominal 2% back to the  
 19 charity.

20 198. This profit cap will not be reached anytime soon. On information and belief,  
 21 the entire worldwide market—the total value of the AI sector, not just profits—is presently  
 22 \$214.6 billion. Public projections suggest AI’s worldwide market value—again, not profits but  
 23 total market value—will be just \$1.3 trillion in 2030. Given these numbers, which are for all  
 24 AI products and services, not just generative AI, the idea that a single generative AI company  
 25 can make \$2.2 trillion in *profits* over even the medium-term is implausible.

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 27 <sup>10</sup> Notably, this *Wall Street Journal* article appears to be based on OpenAI and Microsoft’s  
 28 projections—“Source: company documents”—and is therefore likely the most favorable  
 possible presentation of this information.

1 199. If one considers that some of the For-Profit Entities might not be capped, and  
2 that any cap may begin rising by 20% per year in 2025, then Defendants' scheme moves from  
3 an implausible way to compensate OpenAI, Inc. for its value to an impossible one.

4 200. As massive profits come into view, OpenAI and Microsoft's anticompetitive  
5 practices have intensified. For instance, on information and belief OpenAI has attempted to  
6 starve competitors of AI talent by aggressively recruiting employees with offers of lavish  
7 compensation, and is on track to spend \$1.5 billion on personnel for just 1,500 employees.

8 201. Further, during OpenAI's latest funding round in early October 2024, on  
9 information and belief, Altman, in concert with and at the urging of other Defendants,  
10 conditioned investors' ability to participate in the heavily oversubscribed offering on their  
11 agreeing *not* to invest in OpenAI's competitors, specifically calling out xAI. As reported in the  
12 *Financial Times* on October 3, 2024:

13 OpenAI has asked investors to avoid backing rival start-ups such as Anthropic  
14 and Elon Musk's xAI, as it secures \$6.6bn in new funding and seeks to shut out  
15 challengers to its early lead in generative artificial intelligence. . . . During the  
16 negotiations, the company made clear that it expected an exclusive funding  
17 arrangement, according to three people with knowledge of the discussions.

18 Seeking exclusive relationships with investors restricts rivals' access to capital  
19 and strategic partnerships. . . . OpenAI can command unusual terms and an  
20 outsized valuation because investors believe the company could dominate the  
21 next wave of AI innovation, which they argue will be as significant a shift in  
22 consumer behaviour as the internet or mobile.

23 "Because the round was so oversubscribed, OpenAI said to people: 'We'll give  
24 you allocation but we want you to be involved in a meaningful way in the  
25 business so you can't commit to our competitors,'" according to one person with  
26 knowledge of the deal.

27 Ex. 25 at 1.

28 202. More tell-tale signs of OpenAI's de facto merger with Microsoft have also  
begun to surface. In February 2023, Microsoft began making co-working space available for  
OpenAI employees in San Francisco. And recently, OpenAI has opened an outpost close to  
Microsoft's Washington headquarters, facilitating the ongoing merry-go-round of senior  
executives and engineers shuffling between the two companies.



1 from user interactions to further train and refine their systems. More users means better  
2 generative AI, which again leads to more users.

3 209. As a consequence, separate and apart from the tremendous expense involved in  
4 purchasing, programming, and powering generative AI hardware and training a model using  
5 personnel from a very limited talent pool, there are significant barriers to entry by new market  
6 participants.

7 210. Because of the non-profit's substantial lead in producing generative AI, the  
8 but-for and proximate causes of which are Musk's recruitment, financial, and other  
9 contributions, OpenAI is estimated to have reached 100 million monthly active users for  
10 ChatGPT just two months after launch, making it the fastest-growing consumer application in  
11 history.

12 211. On information and belief, by November 2023, two million developers were  
13 already using OpenAI's platform, including more than 92% of Fortune 500 companies.

14 212. The result is that, aside from OpenAI and Microsoft, few other generative AI  
15 developers are producing much software revenue.

16 213. Even some of the best-known AI developers, such as Anthropic, face questions  
17 about their future profit margins, given the costly nature of developing the software.

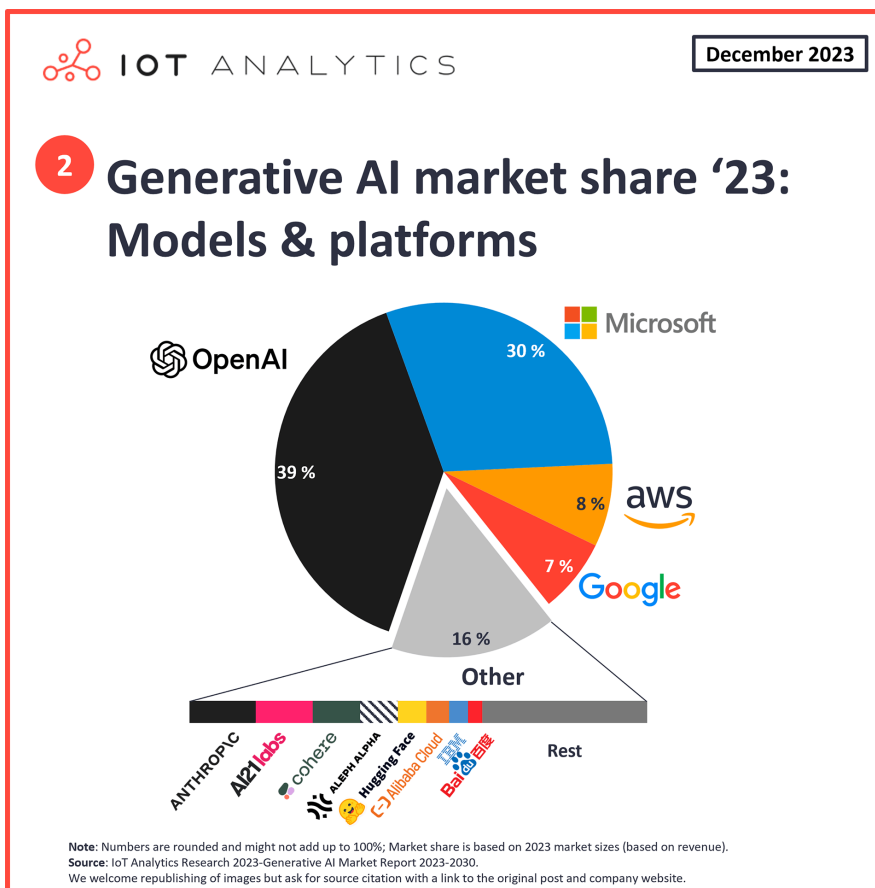
18 214. In March 2024, Inflection, the well-funded and highly valued generative AI  
19 developer that Hoffman had co-founded (and served as a director of while serving on the  
20 Boards of both OpenAI and Microsoft), was reported to "g[i]ve up its ambition to compete  
21 with OpenAI" and most of its founders and employees moved to Microsoft in an unusually  
22 structured deal.<sup>11</sup>

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25 <sup>11</sup> Regulators in the U.K. classified Microsoft's acquisition of Inflection as a merger, despite  
26 Microsoft's efforts to evade such designation by structuring the deal as a mere acquisition of  
27 assets and personnel, a tactic similarly deployed by Defendants in the relationships between  
28 OpenAI, Inc., the For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft. Prior to the merger, Inflection,  
incorporated February 3, 2022, was in the business of providing generative AI, in particular a  
chatbot called "Pi," in direct competition with xAI's Grok, OpenAI's ChatGPT, and  
Microsoft's Copilot.

1 215. Cohere, founded in 2019 by the legendary Aidan Gomez, who was only  
 2 twenty years old when he wrote the paper that inspired OpenAI, has struggled to secure  
 3 funding recently, even without trying to go head-to-head with OpenAI/Microsoft in consumer  
 4 generative AI.

5 216. On information and belief, as of the end of 2023, the last full year for which  
 6 data is available, OpenAI and Microsoft held approximately 69% of the worldwide market  
 7 share for generative AI, while the next largest competitor, Amazon Web Services (“AWS”),  
 8 held only 8%:



24 217. As of the end of 2023, the last full year for which data is available, Microsoft  
 25 was reported to hold approximately 24% of the worldwide market for OpenAI’s most  
 26 important raw material, compute, putting it in second place behind AWS (31%) and ahead of  
 27 Google (11%). Together, these top three market participants (Microsoft, AWS, and Google)  
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1 control 66% of the world's supply of compute.<sup>12</sup>

2 218. On information and belief, in 2017, OpenAI spent \$7.9 million on compute. On  
3 information and belief, in the twelve months preceding Microsoft's 2019 investment of \$1  
4 billion in OpenAI, it spent less than \$1 million on all Microsoft products and services  
5 combined, including compute, notwithstanding OpenAI's ever-increasing compute usage,  
6 which reportedly doubles every five months.

7 219. In the two-and-a-half years after Microsoft's 2019 investment, on information  
8 and belief OpenAI's *total* spending on all Microsoft products and services combined was less  
9 than \$230,000.

10 220. Generating compute is a hugely expensive undertaking. In addition to buying  
11 and maintaining the tens of thousands of computer processors that Microsoft sells and/or rents  
12 to customers such as OpenAI, Microsoft must pay highly-skilled personnel to design and  
13 operate the data centers housing its processors, as well as incur significant real estate and  
14 energy expenses in operating them, sometimes consuming more power than an entire city.

15 221. It is apparent from OpenAI's incredibly small expenditures on this valuable  
16 commodity that Microsoft is charging OpenAI far less than it costs to produce it, and in any  
17 event, vastly less than Microsoft charges other, similarly situated buyers. Selling compute  
18 through Microsoft's Azure platform generated \$62 billion in revenues as of the close of its  
19 June 2024 fiscal year, and OpenAI is one of Azure's largest users.

20 222. Creating generative AI is a hugely expensive undertaking. In addition to  
21 extremely expensive scientific personnel, drawn from a very limited pool, lawful generative  
22 AI incurs significant costs in licensing material for training models, as well as to complete the  
23 training itself. OpenAI is projected to spend \$8.5 billion on just personnel and generative AI  
24 training this year alone. Yet OpenAI charges Microsoft and the public considerably less for its  
25 generative AI products than they cost to produce. The economics are obvious from the fact

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27 <sup>12</sup> Security and other practical considerations largely limit U.S. enterprises that consume  
28 compute, such as OpenAI, to U.S. providers, which means in practice, Microsoft, AWS, and  
Google in fact control much more than 66% of the compute available to OpenAI.

1 OpenAI is on track to lose \$5 billion this year and losses are expected to soar to \$14 billion  
2 per year by 2026.

3 223. Microsoft also charges the public considerably less for its generative AI than it  
4 costs to produce.

5 224. OpenAI charges \$20 per month for its “ChatGPT Plus” plan. When Microsoft  
6 launched its “Copilot Pro” plan less than a year later, it also charged \$20 per month for almost  
7 mirror-image benefits. Little wonder, then, that when Google launched its subscription  
8 product, Gemini Advanced, the month after Microsoft, it had to charge \$19.99 per month.  
9 There is no reason to believe prices should have synchronized so quickly despite wildly  
10 different cost structures for putatively different products.

11 225. With U.S. and European antitrust regulators drawing nearer, Microsoft’s Form  
12 10-K for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 listed OpenAI as a “competitor” for the very  
13 first time. Although Microsoft is spending billions investing in other AI companies, the same  
14 filing lists only a single “strategic partner”: OpenAI.

15 226. xAI’s Grok competes directly with OpenAI’s ChatGPT and Microsoft’s Copilot  
16 in the generative AI market. xAI also competes directly with OpenAI to acquire compute from  
17 suppliers such as Microsoft, and xAI and OpenAI compete directly for the same investors.

18 227. xAI has been harmed by, without limitation: investors declining to invest in  
19 xAI because of the exclusivity agreement Defendants extracted during OpenAI’s most recent  
20 funding round; an inability to license OpenAI technology given Microsoft’s exclusive license  
21 thereto; an inability to obtain compute from Microsoft on terms anywhere near as favorable as  
22 OpenAI receives, requiring xAI to invest tremendous sums to develop its own infrastructure  
23 to produce compute; difficulty recruiting scientists and other technically skilled employees,  
24 whom Defendants have locked down to prevent competitive hiring; and the exclusive  
25 exchange between OpenAI and Microsoft of competitively sensitive information, such as  
26 customer lists, pricing data, and research, resulting in an unlawful competitive advantage.

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**COMMON STANDING ALLEGATIONS**

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2 228. Defendants have no meaningful relationship with Delaware, whose laws apply  
3 only insofar as they concern the legality of OpenAI, Inc.’s Certificate of Incorporation and/or  
4 Bylaws.

5 229. In all other respects, California law governs. Indeed, under the Attorney  
6 General of California’s interpretation of Cal. Corp. Code § 6910 as evidenced in practice,  
7 foreign non-profit corporations doing business in California, like OpenAI, Inc., are subject to  
8 California law.

9 230. Though OpenAI, Inc.’s Certificate of Incorporation states, contrary to  
10 Delaware law applicable to charities, “[t]he corporation shall not have any members,” Ex. 21  
11 at 5, its Bylaws expressly provide for membership and do not provide another means for  
12 electing directors or otherwise exercising ultimate control over the corporation. Ex. 21 at 8-10.

13 231. By virtue of Article II, § 1 of OpenAI, Inc.’s Bylaws, Musk was a member of  
14 OpenAI, Inc. from its founding until his resignation on February 21, 2018.

15 232. By virtue of Article II, § 1 of OpenAI, Inc.’s Bylaws, Zilis was a member of  
16 OpenAI, Inc. from March 11, 2019, until her resignation on March 23, 2023.

17 233. Article III, § 1 of OpenAI, Inc.’s Bylaws expressly grants the persons defined  
18 to be members, such as Musk and Zilis, “the right to vote”: “for the election of a director or  
19 directors”; “on a disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of [the] corporation”; “on a  
20 merger or on a dissolution”; and “on changes to the articles or bylaws.” *Id.* § 1(a), (c)-(f).

21 234. Musk and Zilis were thus not only members of OpenAI, Inc. pursuant to the  
22 express language designating directors as members in the Bylaws, but also by virtue of their  
23 powers recited therein.

24 235. Musk and Zilis were therefore members at the time of the transactions, in  
25 whole or in part, of which they complain. They are no longer members for reasons related to  
26 their attempts to address the harms to OpenAI, Inc., including without limitation, those  
27 alleged herein.

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1 236. Adverse domination of OpenAI, Inc.’s Board during all periods except that  
2 from July 13, 2023 (upon the resignation of Hurd), through November 21, 2023 (upon  
3 Altman’s return), as detailed in paragraphs 161-72, *supra*, excuses Musk and Zilis from  
4 attempting to secure remedial action from the Board.

5 237. As the settlor of a charitable trust and/or by virtue of the Contract detailed in  
6 paragraph 251, *infra*, Musk has standing to enforce compliance with the conditions of his  
7 donations.

8 238. As a co-founder, early director, and critical donor, among other roles, Musk  
9 has a special interest in OpenAI’s operation.

10 239. As an early strategic advisor and early director, among other roles, Zilis has a  
11 special interest in OpenAI’s operation.

12 240. Musk and Zilis have delivered to OpenAI, Inc. and its Board a true copy of the  
13 FAC by providing it to counsel for OpenAI, Inc., prior to this filing.

14 **COMMON OPERATIONS ALLEGATIONS**

15 241. Except as otherwise specified herein, OpenAI, Inc. and the For-Profit Entities  
16 operate together as a unitary enterprise, the primary purpose of which is now for-profit.  
17 OpenAI, Altman, Brockman, and Microsoft have become alter egos of one another.  
18 Defendants’ corporate veils should be pierced and their separate forms should now be  
19 disregarded because on information and belief, a single shareholder controls other entities  
20 (e.g., OpenAI, Inc. controls OpenAI OpCo, LLC, OpenAI GP, L.L.C., OpenAI, L.L.C., etc.)  
21 and because Defendants, some of which are undercapitalized, have commingled funds and/or  
22 assets (e.g., the intellectual property OpenAI, Inc. transferred to the For-Profit Entities), failed  
23 to respect corporate formalities, and have and continue to use the For-Profit Entities as shells  
24 to conduct illegal activities and/or to conceal or misrepresent the identity of their responsible  
25 ownership and respective business activities. Failing to ignore Defendants’ corporate forms  
26 would produce an inequitable result.

27 242. Except as otherwise specified herein, the unitary enterprise of OpenAI, or in  
28 the alternative the individual entities comprising it, have engaged in a de facto merger with

1 one another and Microsoft. On information and belief, following the asset transfers structured  
2 to avoid merger review, there exists a continuity of ownership; an effective cessation of  
3 business by many of the OpenAI entities, including OpenAI, Inc. itself (which had only  
4 \$44,485 in revenue in 2022); sharing of officers, directors, and stockholders between OpenAI,  
5 Inc., the For-Profit Entities, and/or Microsoft; a continuity of operations; and use of OpenAI,  
6 Inc.'s assets, including its name. No adequate consideration has been given for OpenAI, Inc.'s  
7 assets and made available to meet the claims of its unsecured creditors.

8 243. Defendants have intentionally concealed their wrongful conduct, which  
9 prevented Plaintiffs from discovering their scheme, notwithstanding Plaintiffs' exercise of due  
10 diligence.

11 244. xAI, Microsoft, and OpenAI (both the non-profit and the For-Profit Entities)  
12 are engaged in interstate and foreign commerce, and all of their complained-of actions are  
13 occurring in commerce and/or are activities affecting commerce. These parties' goods,  
14 commodities, and/or services are sold, leased, used, consumed, and/or resold, and/or contracts  
15 for their lease, sale, use, consumption, or resale occur throughout the United States, including  
16 in California.

### 17 COMMON ANTITRUST ALLEGATIONS

18 245. OpenAI alone, Microsoft alone, and/or OpenAI in combination with Microsoft,  
19 have market power in generative AI. Microsoft has market power in compute.

20 246. As a direct and intended result of Defendants' conduct, Musk and xAI have  
21 been injured by, without limitation, higher prices for compute, lower prices for their  
22 generative AI products, fewer opportunities to compete in selling their generative AI goods,  
23 reduced ability to attract and retain the highly skilled personnel critical to success in this  
24 market, and reduced access to capital markets, all leading to reduced choices among  
25 consumers.

26 247. Although each of Defendants' acts is anticompetitive in its own right, the  
27 interrelated and interdependent actions giving rise to the claims in this FAC have had a  
28 cumulative and synergistic effect that has harmed Musk and xAI, competition, the competitive

1 process, and consumers.

2 248. The cumulative actions of Defendants are either per se illegal, or their obvious  
3 and likely anticompetitive effects require only a “quick look” rule-of-reason inquiry.

4 249. Defendants’ exclusionary acts lack a pro-competitive justification sufficient to  
5 offset the significant harms caused by their anticompetitive and unlawful conduct.

6 **COUNT I: BREACH OF EXPRESS CONTRACT**

7 **(Musk Against Altman and OpenAI, Inc.)**

8 250. Plaintiff Musk re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through  
9 249 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

10 251. Without limitation, the following agreement to do or not do a thing, as  
11 evidenced in a series of writings beginning in 2015, were made by Musk, on the one hand,  
12 and Altman and OpenAI, Inc., on the other, in consideration for Musk’s donations, leasing of  
13 OpenAI, Inc.’s office space, and payment of overhead, and Musk’s time, skill, advice, stature,  
14 and connections in organizing and operating OpenAI, Inc., particularly its recruitment of  
15 persons with the technical expertise necessary to such operations, and constitute the valid,  
16 enforceable, and binding contract (the “Contract”), as modified, between them with the  
17 following terms:

18 a. OpenAI, Inc. “shall be a [section 501(c)(3)] nonprofit,” Ex. 21 at 4, and  
19 all of its AI/AGI “technology would be owned by the foundation,” Ex. 2 at 1;

20 b. The technology would be used “for the good of the world,” Ex. 2 at 1,  
21 and in the way “most likely to benefit humanity as a whole,” Ex. 4 at 1, rather than “for the  
22 private gain of any person,” Ex. 21 at 4;

23 c. OpenAI, Inc. “is a nonprofit,” *id.* at 2, and, as such, no “property,” “net  
24 income,” or “assets” of the non-profit would “ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer  
25 or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person,” *id.* at 4;

26 d. OpenAI, Inc. would operate “unconstrained by a need to generate  
27 financial return,” *id.* at 2;

28 e. The goal of OpenAI, Inc. is to “ensure that AI’s benefits are as widely

1 and evenly distributed as possible,” *id.* at 2, avoiding “undu[e] concentrat[i]ons [of] power,”  
2 Ex. 17 at 1;

3 f. Accordingly, OpenAI “will seek to open source technology for the  
4 public benefit,” Ex. 21 at 4, and “openly share its plans and capabilities along the way,” *id.* at  
5 2, except where its technology can be “dangerous,” Ex. 8 at 1, causing genuine “safety and  
6 security concerns,” Ex. 17 at 2;

7 g. “[S]afety should be a first-class requirement” of the non-profit’s  
8 research and development of AI, Ex. 2 at 1;

9 h. OpenAI, Inc.’s “researchers would have significant financial upside but  
10 it would be uncorrelated to what they build, which should eliminate some of the conflict  
11 (we’ll pay them a competitive salary and give them [Y Combinator] equity for the upside),”  
12 *id.* at 1;

13 i. OpenAI, Inc. would “always assiduously act to minimize conflicts of  
14 interest among our employees and stakeholders that could compromise” the non-profit’s  
15 mission, Ex. 17 at 1;

16 j. Effective no later than September 22, 2017, Altman “made a firm  
17 commitment” to “continue with OpenAI as a nonprofit,” in exchange for Musk continuing to  
18 “fund OpenAI,” Ex. 13 at 1, 4;

19 k. Any for-profit entity used to support OpenAI, Inc., if subsequently  
20 agreed to by the parties (which agreement never materialized), would have a “fixed maximum  
21 return” structure, Ex. 18 at 1, and be organized “in a way all investors are clear that they  
22 should never expect a profit,” Ex. 19 at 1.

23 252. Without limitation, assent to these terms in exchange for the consideration  
24 alleged above was manifested in writing by phrases such as “agree on all,” Ex. 2 at 1, and  
25 “ok,” Ex. 14 at 1, as well as the parties’ conduct, such as OpenAI, Inc.’s receipt and  
26 acceptance of Musk’s promised donations, time, skill, and connections, all while OpenAI, Inc.  
27 and Altman repeatedly continued to make substantially similar representations and  
28 reassurances to Musk, regulators, and the public.

1           253. Musk fulfilled all his obligations and has performed and/or complied with all  
2 terms and conditions of this agreement that he was required to perform and/or comply with,  
3 except those which were waived and/or excused, or the non-performance of which was  
4 justified, and is in no matter or respect in breach of said agreement, as detailed above.

5           254. Altman and OpenAI, Inc. have breached their Contract with Musk by, without  
6 limitation:

7           a. Causing less than all of OpenAI, Inc.'s technology to be owned by  
8 OpenAI, Inc. by, for example, assigning OpenAI, Inc.'s intellectual property to the For-Profit  
9 Entities and/or Microsoft, in violation of the Contract term set forth in paragraph 251(a),  
10 *supra*;

11           b. Operating OpenAI, Inc. for the private gain of Altman, Brockman, the  
12 For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft by, for example, allowing each to reap significant financial  
13 benefits from commercial activities and self-dealing, in violation of the Contract terms set  
14 forth in paragraph 251(a)-(c), *supra*;

15           c. Operating OpenAI, Inc. in a manner such that the property, net income,  
16 or assets of OpenAI, Inc. inured to the benefit of directors, officers, members, and/or any  
17 private person, in particular Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft by, for  
18 example, allowing each to reap significant financial benefits from OpenAI, Inc.'s commercial  
19 activities and/or from self-dealing, in violation of the Contract terms set forth in paragraph  
20 251(a)-(c), *supra*;

21           d. Operating OpenAI, Inc. in a manner such that it is not unconstrained by  
22 a need to generate financial return by, for example, indebting OpenAI, Inc. to persons with a  
23 profit motive, such as Microsoft and investors in the For-Profit Entities, in violation of the  
24 Contract term set forth in paragraph 251(d), *supra*;

25           e. Failing to ensure AI's benefits are widely distributed by causing and/or  
26 allowing an undue concentration of power of AI in OpenAI, Microsoft, and/or OpenAI and  
27 Microsoft in combination, such as by licensing and/or furnishing OpenAI, Inc.'s GPT-4,  
28 OpenAI o1, and related technology exclusively to Microsoft, and providing Microsoft

1 leverage over OpenAI through its exclusive right to supply compute, in violation of the  
2 Contract term set forth in paragraph 251(e), *supra*;

3 f. Failing to open source and/or otherwise publicly disclose OpenAI’s  
4 research and development by, for example, withholding details on GPT-4, GPT-4T, GPT-4o,  
5 and OpenAI o1’s architecture, hardware, training method, and training computation, in  
6 violation of the Contract term set forth in paragraph 251(f), *supra*;

7 g. Additionally, and in the alternative, to the extent a safety or security  
8 concern justifies such withholding of OpenAI’s research and development, OpenAI’s rushed  
9 development of such dangerous and unsafe technology, *see infra* ¶¶ 396-401, in violation of  
10 the requirement to develop AI in the way “most likely to benefit humanity as a whole” with  
11 safety as a “first-class requirement,” violated the Contract terms set forth in paragraph 251(b)  
12 and (g), *supra*;

13 h. Failing to ensure safety is a first-class requirement by, for example,  
14 releasing products that are being used by state actors and cybercriminals to cause harm, as  
15 well as products, including but not limited to Whisper, unfit for their intended purpose, posing  
16 a danger to the public, in violation of the Contract terms set forth in paragraph 251(b) and (g),  
17 *supra*;

18 i. Providing OpenAI’s research and development personnel with  
19 compensation in the form of equity, units, or other things of value in the For-Profit Entities,  
20 and thereby failing to ensure that the compensation of OpenAI’s personnel is uncorrelated to  
21 the market success of its products and services, in violation of the Contract term set forth in  
22 paragraph 251(h), *supra*;

23 j. Flagrantly failing to “assiduously act to minimize conflicts of interest  
24 among [OpenAI’s] employees and stakeholders that could compromise broad benefit” by, for  
25 example, engaging in self-dealing, interlocking directorates, the provision of equity, units, or  
26 other things of value to such employees and stakeholders, in violation of the Contract term set  
27 forth in paragraph 251(i), *supra*;

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1 k. Closing off OpenAI, Inc.’s technology for profit and erecting a  
2 “paywall” excluding the public from open usage of GPT-4, OpenAI o1, and related  
3 technology, to advance Defendants’ own private commercial interests, in violation of the  
4 Contract terms set forth in paragraph 251(b)-(f) and (i)-(j), *supra*;

5 l. Currently working to convert the non-profit into a fully for-profit  
6 commercial entity without making it clear to investors that they should never expect a profit  
7 and/or without the use of a reasonable fixed maximum return structure, in violation of the  
8 Contract terms set forth in paragraph 251(j) and (k), *supra*; and/or

9 m. Failing to observe all legal duties incumbent upon Defendants, as  
10 detailed in paragraph 387(a)-(i), *infra*, the observation of which is an implicit condition of any  
11 lawful agreement.

12 255. Defendants’ obligations to perform were not waived nor were their breaches  
13 and/or failures to perform justified and/or excused.

14 256. As a direct and proximate result of Altman and OpenAI, Inc.’s conduct, acts,  
15 and/or omissions, Defendants have deprived Musk of the benefit of the parties’ agreement and  
16 have caused Musk to suffer damages, including but not limited to the financial contributions  
17 he made to OpenAI, Inc., the loss of the time and resources Musk expended to direct research  
18 and recruit talent, and damage to his reputation, along with all benefit-of-the-bargain and  
19 consequential damages, in an amount to be adjudicated and determined at trial, including  
20 prejudgment interest, costs, and fees.

21 257. Musk has no adequate remedy at law for many of the injuries he suffered and  
22 continues to suffer as a result of Defendants’ breaches and failures, and such injuries cannot  
23 reasonably, adequately, or precisely be measured or compensated in damages. Thus, Musk  
24 also seeks and is entitled to specific performance of Defendants’ contractual obligations.

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**COUNT II: BREACH OF IMPLIED-IN-FACT CONTRACT**

**(In the alternative to Count I)  
(Musk Against Altman and OpenAI, Inc.)**

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4 258. Plaintiff Musk re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through  
5 257 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

6 259. The relationship, surrounding circumstances, and intentional course of conduct  
7 between Musk, on the one hand, and Altman and OpenAI, Inc., on the other, resulted in a  
8 valid, enforceable, and binding implied-in-fact contract.

9 260. Altman proposed that he and Musk co-found an AI research non-profit that  
10 Altman promised would make its findings open source for the good of all and would avoid  
11 concentrating its technology for the profit of any person or company. Musk assented and in  
12 turn agreed to use his time, name, and extensive connections to recruit premier scientific  
13 talent, attract investment, and made significant financial contributions to establish the non-  
14 profit.

15 261. Subsequently, Altman, individually and/or on behalf of OpenAI, Inc.,  
16 continued to reaffirm, both publicly and to Musk directly, that OpenAI, Inc., as a non-profit,  
17 would develop and openly share AI technology for the good of the public and not for private  
18 commercial gain. Such reaffirmations by Altman and/or OpenAI, Inc. were made, without  
19 limitation, in OpenAI, Inc.'s Certificate of Incorporation, the non-profit's Charter (circulated  
20 to Musk), numerous OpenAI online announcements, and countless communications to Musk  
21 from 2015 to 2020, as alleged in detail hereinabove.

22 262. The conduct of Musk, on the one hand, and Altman and OpenAI, Inc., on the  
23 other, was intentional, and each knew or had reason to know that the other party(ies) would  
24 interpret their conduct as reflecting an agreement.

25 263. Musk fulfilled any and all obligations and has performed and/or complied with  
26 any and all terms and conditions of said agreement that he was required to perform and/or  
27 comply with, except those which were waived and/or excused, or the non-performance of  
28 which was justified, and is in no matter or respect in breach of said agreement.

1 264. Initially, Altman and OpenAI, Inc. performed their obligations and publicly  
2 disclosed the non-profit's findings and research regarding its preliminary GPT models.

3 265. Altman and OpenAI, Inc., however, breached their implied-in-fact contract by,  
4 without limitation, the acts detailed in paragraph 254(a)-(m), *supra*.

5 266. Defendants' obligations to perform were not waived nor were their breaches  
6 and/or failures to perform justified and/or excused.

7 267. As a direct and proximate result of Altman and OpenAI, Inc.'s conduct, acts,  
8 and/or omissions, Defendants have deprived Musk of the benefit of the parties' agreement and  
9 have caused Musk to suffer damages, including but not limited to the loss of the time and  
10 resources he expended to direct research and recruit scientific talent for the non-profit, the  
11 financial contributions he made to OpenAI, Inc., as well as damage to his reputation, along  
12 with all benefit-of-the-bargain and consequential damages, in an amount to be adjudicated and  
13 determined at trial, plus prejudgment interest, costs, and fees.

14 268. Musk has no adequate remedy at law for many of the injuries he suffered and  
15 continues to suffer as a result of Defendants' breaches and failures, and such injuries cannot  
16 reasonably, adequately, or precisely be measured or compensated in damages. Musk therefore  
17 also seeks and is entitled to specific performance of Defendants' contractual obligations.

18 **COUNT III: BREACH OF IMPLIED COVENANT**  
19 **OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING**  
20 **(Musk Against Altman and OpenAI, Inc.)**

21 269. Plaintiff Musk re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through  
22 268 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

23 270. Implied in every agreement is a covenant of good faith and fair dealing that  
24 each party will not do anything to unfairly interfere with the right of any other party to receive  
25 the benefits of the agreement.

26 271. Musk entered into the valid, binding, and enforceable express or implied  
27 agreement with Altman and OpenAI, Inc. with the purpose of developing AI/AGI technology  
28 to be openly shared with the public for the benefit of all and not for private profiteering.

1           272. Musk fulfilled any and all obligations and has performed and/or complied with  
2 any and all terms and conditions of the agreement with Altman and OpenAI, Inc. that he was  
3 required to perform and/or comply with, except those which were waived and/or excused, or  
4 the non-performance of which was justified, and is in no matter or respect in breach of said  
5 agreement.

6           273. Altman and OpenAI, Inc. did not act fairly and in good faith by, without  
7 limitation, failing to observe a reasonable construction of the terms, understandings, and  
8 obligations of the parties, as alleged in paragraph 254(a)-(m), *supra*. Whatever discretion  
9 some of these agreed-upon terms may have vested in OpenAI, Inc. and Altman, they have  
10 materially, and without good faith or fair dealing, acted to breach each and every one of such  
11 promises. No reasonable person could look at Altman and OpenAI, Inc.’s promises and  
12 conclude today that they have kept or complied with them. Defendants thereby breached the  
13 implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and consciously and deliberately frustrated the  
14 agreed-upon purpose of the parties’ agreement and the non-profit’s mission.

15           274. Defendants’ obligations to perform were not waived nor were their breaches  
16 and/or failures to perform justified and/or excused.

17           275. As a direct and proximate result of Altman and OpenAI, Inc.’s conduct, acts,  
18 and/or omissions, Defendants have caused Musk to suffer damages, including but not limited  
19 to the financial contributions he made to OpenAI, Inc., the loss of the time and resources  
20 Musk expended to recruit talent and direct research, as well as damage to his reputation, along  
21 with all benefit-of-the-bargain and consequential damages, in an amount to be adjudicated and  
22 determined at trial, plus prejudgment interest, costs, and fees.

23           276. Musk has no adequate remedy at law for many of the injuries he suffered and is  
24 suffering as a result of Defendants’ breaches and failures, and such injuries cannot reasonably,  
25 adequately, or precisely be measured or compensated in damages. Accordingly, Musk also  
26 seeks and is entitled to specific performance of Defendants’ contractual obligations.

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1                   **COUNT IV: BREACH OF QUASI-CONTRACT/UNJUST ENRICHMENT**

2                   **(Musk Against Altman, Brockman, OpenAI,<sup>13</sup> and Microsoft)**

3           277. Plaintiff Musk re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through  
4 276 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

5           278. Even in the absence of an enforceable agreement, Defendants have still been  
6 unjustly enriched at Musk’s expense as a result of their improper exploitation for personal  
7 profit of OpenAI, Inc.’s resources, intellectual property, and assets as detailed above.

8           279. Musk contributed considerable money and resources to launch and sustain  
9 OpenAI, Inc., which was done on the condition that the endeavor would be and remain a non-  
10 profit devoted to openly sharing its technology with the public and avoid concentrating its  
11 power in the hands of a few.

12           280. It would be unjust and inequitable to allow Defendants to retain the substantial  
13 benefits that were obtained as a direct and proximate result of their wrongful conduct  
14 including, without limitation, their solicitation of capital and other valuable resources from  
15 Musk under the false pretense and repeated promises that such would be used for charitable  
16 purposes, and while misrepresenting to Musk, regulators, and the public that OpenAI, Inc.  
17 was developing AI/AGI for the public’s benefit and not for private gain.

18           281. Musk has been directly and proximately injured by Defendants’ conduct, acts,  
19 and/or omissions, for which Defendants are jointly and severally liable. Defendants’ wrongful  
20 conduct, acts, and omissions have caused and will continue to cause Musk irreparable harm if  
21 allowed to continue without restraint, and as to which Musk has no adequate remedy at law.

22           282. Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched, in an amount  
23 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, and for which restitution and nonrestitutionary  
24 disgorgement are appropriate. The primary remedy is correction, via the imposition of a  
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27 <sup>13</sup> As defined in note 1, *supra*, “OpenAI” refers to the non-profit OpenAI, Inc. and the For-  
28 Profit Entities, collectively.

1 constructive trust over Defendants and their ill-gotten gains, as well as the voiding of all  
2 contracts with any Defendant(s) that are contrary to the non-profit’s charitable purposes.

3 283. Musk therefore seeks a judgment against Defendants for compensatory  
4 damages, an accounting, the imposition of a constructive trust, preliminary and permanent  
5 injunctive relief, prejudgment interest, an award of costs, and fees.

6 **COUNT V: TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH CONTRACT**

7 **(Musk Against the For-Profit Entities and Microsoft)**

8 284. Plaintiff Musk re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through  
9 283 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

10 285. Microsoft and the For-Profit Entities knew Musk had a valid contract with  
11 Altman and OpenAI, Inc. and that the agreement required OpenAI, Inc.’s technology to be  
12 predominantly open source for the benefit of the public, not for private commercial gain.  
13 Aside from the name “OpenAI”—an appellation ironically shared by almost all the For-Profit  
14 Entities—these Defendants all had knowledge of the charitable purpose for which Musk co-  
15 founded the non-profit, as, on information and belief, the formation documents and  
16 investment term sheets of the For-Profit Entities included a recitations of the non-profit’s  
17 charitable purpose, and the diligence Microsoft undoubtedly performed before investing  
18 significant sums in OpenAI would have revealed such purpose.

19 286. With respect to the conduct alleged Count V, neither Microsoft nor the For-  
20 Profit Entities acted as an agent of Altman and/or OpenAI, Inc.

21 287. On information and belief, Microsoft and the For-Profit Entities intended to  
22 disrupt Altman and OpenAI, Inc.’s performance of their contract with Musk and/or knew that  
23 such disruption of their performance was certain or substantially certain to occur as a result of  
24 Microsoft and the For-Profit Entities’ conduct.

25 288. Microsoft, in concert with the For-Profit Entities, unlawfully exploited its  
26 position of power over OpenAI, Inc.—e.g., by leveraging its position as OpenAI’s exclusive  
27 compute supplier and primary current funder—to induce OpenAI, Inc. to breach its agreement  
28 with Musk, and it engaged in further independently wrongful conduct by siphoning, and

1 conspiring to siphon, the non-profit's most valuable assets into Defendants' for-profit  
2 apparatus, as well as executing exclusive licenses and agreements for Defendants' benefit. On  
3 information and belief, the For-Profit Entities currently employ much of the non-profit's  
4 former staff, house its research and intellectual property, and have facilitated rampant self-  
5 dealing by Defendants.

6 289. Musk has been directly and proximately injured by Defendants' conduct, acts,  
7 and/or omissions, for which Defendants are jointly and severally liable. Defendants' wrongful  
8 conduct, acts, and omissions have caused and will continue to cause Musk irreparable harm if  
9 allowed to continue without restraint, and as to which Musk has no adequate remedy at law.

10 290. Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched, in an amount  
11 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, and for which restitution and nonrestitutionary  
12 disgorgement are appropriate. The primary remedy is correction, via the imposition of a  
13 constructive trust over Defendants and their ill-gotten gains, as well as the voiding of all  
14 contracts with any Defendant(s) that are contrary to the non-profit's charitable purposes.

15 291. Musk therefore seeks a judgment against Defendants for compensatory  
16 damages, an accounting, the imposition of a constructive trust, preliminary and permanent  
17 injunctive relief, prejudgment interest, an award of costs, and fees.

18 292. Musk is further entitled to exemplary damages under Cal. Civ. Code § 3294(a)  
19 because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or willful and wanton  
20 negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm Musk.

21 **COUNT VI: CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD**

22 **(Musk Against Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc.)**

23 293. Plaintiff Musk re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through  
24 292 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

25 294. As a charity and as persons soliciting contributions on behalf of a charity,  
26 OpenAI, Inc., Altman, and Brockman are in a fiduciary relationship with, and each owe a  
27 fiduciary duty to Musk, from whom charitable contributions were solicited, including under  
28 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17510.8.



1           295. As fiduciaries, Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc. owe Musk a duty to use  
2 his contributions for the declared charitable purposes for which they were sought, and are  
3 liable for constructive fraud for any advantages they gained by misleading Musk with their  
4 repeated promises, representations, and reassurances, regardless of whether they intended to  
5 deceive him.

6           296. Altman and Brockman solicited and obtained contributions from Musk by  
7 making repeated and material promises, representations, and reassurances to him as described  
8 in paragraph 251(a)-(k), *supra*.

9           297. Defendants knew or could have reasonably foreseen that their promises,  
10 representations, and reassurances would be and were relied upon by and were material to Musk.

11           298. Defendants misled Musk by failing to disclose information and/or by providing  
12 him with information that was inaccurate and/or incomplete.

13           299. Defendants breached each and every promise, representation, and reassurance  
14 to Musk in the manners described in paragraph 254(a)-(m), *supra*.

15           300. Musk has been directly and proximately injured by Defendants' conduct, acts,  
16 and/or omissions, for which Defendants are jointly and severally liable. Defendants' wrongful  
17 conduct, acts, and omissions have caused and will continue to cause Musk irreparable harm if  
18 allowed to continue without restraint, and as to which Musk has no adequate remedy at law.

19           301. Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched, in an amount  
20 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, and for which restitution and nonrestitutionary  
21 disgorgement are appropriate. The primary remedy is correction, via the imposition of a  
22 constructive trust over Defendants and their ill-gotten gains, as well as the voiding of all  
23 contracts with any Defendant(s) that are contrary to the non-profit's charitable purposes.

24           302. Musk therefore seeks a judgment against Defendants for compensatory  
25 damages, an accounting, the imposition of a constructive trust, preliminary and permanent  
26 injunctive relief, prejudgment interest, an award of costs, and fees.

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1 303. Musk is further entitled to exemplary damages under Cal. Civ. Code § 3294(a)  
2 because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or willful and wanton  
3 negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm Musk.

4 **COUNT VII: FRAUD**

5 **(Musk Against Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc.)**

6 304. Plaintiff Musk re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through  
7 303 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

8 305. By summer, 2017, Altman and Brockman were expressly pushing Musk to  
9 convert the non-profit to a for-profit entity, in which they planned to endow themselves with  
10 significant equity. Ex. 11 at 1; Ex. 12 at 1-2.

11 306. By September, 2017, Musk was fed up, and gave Altman and Brockman an  
12 ultimatum: “Either go do something on your own or continue with OpenAI as a non-profit. I  
13 will no longer fund OpenAI until you have made a firm commitment to stay or I’m just being  
14 a fool who is essentially providing free funding to a start-up. Discussions are over.” Ex. 13 at  
15 4.

16 307. Altman wrote Musk the very next day: “[I] remain enthusiastic about the non-  
17 profit structure!” with Brockman soon following suit. Ex. 13 at 1.

18 308. In addition, on September 22, 2017, Zilis e-mailed Musk that Altman had  
19 informed her that he was “[g]reat with keeping [OpenAI] non-profit and continuing to support  
20 it.” Ex. 14 at 1.

21 309. Altman and Brockman knew or could have reasonably foreseen that their  
22 express promises, representations, and assurances would be relied upon by Musk. Indeed, they  
23 obviously intended Musk to rely on such statements and in good faith, Musk reasonably did  
24 rely on them to his detriment by thereafter contributing to OpenAI, Inc. an additional  
25 \$10,275,000 and, through Musk Industries, paying for OpenAI’s pricey lease and overhead.

26 310. Altman and Brockman knew their representations and promises were false  
27 when made, had no intention of performing them, and failed to perform them. In reality,  
28 Altman and Brockman wished to launch a competitor to Google’s DeepMind, which was so

1 far ahead of all other AI companies that a small for-profit start-up had zero chance of success  
2 without an angle. To Altman and Brockman, “non-profit” and “open source” were  
3 philanthropic hooks, altruistic buzzwords to attract wealthy, connected donors like Musk and  
4 talented scientists to back and participate in their endeavor.

5 311. Brockman essentially admitted as much. He wrote: “I hope for us to enter the  
6 field as a neutral group looking to collaborate widely and shift the dialog towards being about  
7 humanity winning rather than any particular group or company. **(I think that’s the best way**  
8 **to bootstrap ourselves into being a leading research institution.)**” Ex. 3 at 1 (emphasis  
9 added).

10 312. Once they got Musk’s backing, and Dr. Sutskever and the talented team of  
11 scientists Musk recruited were in place, Defendants’ objective was to develop valuable  
12 AI/AGI and from there, convert the non-profit to a for-profit enterprise and cash in—  
13 essentially converting Musk’s contributions into free start-up capital and years of section  
14 501(c)(3) tax benefits into a free government subsidy.

15 313. After Musk’s unequivocal September 20, 2017, refutation of Altman’s proposal  
16 to convert to a non-profit structure, Defendants, still committed to their scheme, became even  
17 more cunning and deceptive. They sequestered OpenAI, Inc.’s technology and orchestrated an  
18 increasingly opaque corporate web, including the For-Profit Entities, in which, on information  
19 and belief, they were major stakeholders, thus enabling them to covertly self-deal for  
20 enormous future profits.

21 314. On information and belief, Altman engaged in rampant self-dealing, and  
22 abused his position of trust at OpenAI, Inc. to enrich himself by causing it to make deals with  
23 numerous side companies he owned or held major stakes in, as detailed in paragraphs 135-45,  
24 *supra*.

25 315. In recent months, Altman has abandoned all pretense, displaying his true  
26 colors. With Musk out of the picture and OpenAI, Inc.’s Board stacked with compliant allies,  
27 Defendants are actively working to convert OpenAI, Inc. into an *entirely* for-profit business.  
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1 316. Musk has been directly and proximately injured by Defendants' conduct, acts,  
2 and/or omissions, for which Defendants are jointly and severally liable. Defendants' wrongful  
3 conduct, acts, and omissions have caused and will continue to cause Musk irreparable harm if  
4 allowed to continue without restraint, and as to which Musk has no adequate remedy at law.

5 317. Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched, in an amount  
6 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, and for which restitution and nonrestitutionary  
7 disgorgement are appropriate. The primary remedy is correction, via the imposition of a  
8 constructive trust over Defendants and their ill-gotten gains, as well as the voiding of all  
9 contracts with any Defendant(s) that are contrary to the non-profit's charitable purposes.

10 318. Musk therefore seeks a judgment against Defendants for compensatory  
11 damages, an accounting, the imposition of a constructive trust, preliminary and permanent  
12 injunctive relief, prejudgment interest, an award of costs, and fees.

13 319. Musk is further entitled to exemplary damages under Cal. Civ. Code § 3294(a)  
14 because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or willful and wanton  
15 negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm Musk.

16 **COUNT VIII: AIDING AND ABETTING FRAUD**

17 **(Musk Against the For-Profit Entities and Microsoft)**

18 320. Plaintiff Musk re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through  
19 319 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

20 321. Altman and Brockman participated in a scheme to defraud Musk of his  
21 valuable contributions and backing to enrich themselves.

22 322. The For-Profit Entities had actual knowledge that Altman and Brockman were  
23 engaging in such fraud because the For-Profit Entities were formed to help facilitate that very  
24 purpose. Further, the knowledge and intent of the officers, agents, employees, and/or owners  
25 of the For-Profit Entities, who on information and belief were aware of Altman and  
26 Brockman's fraudulent conduct, is imputed to the For-Profit Entities.

27 323. Microsoft had actual knowledge that Altman and Brockman were engaging in  
28 such fraud, and on information and belief, Microsoft's due diligence process before investing

1 \$13.75 billion would have required, at a minimum, review of OpenAI, Inc.’s Certificate of  
2 Incorporation and regulatory filing with the Attorney General of California, and on further  
3 information and belief, Microsoft knew of Musk’s donations and the conditions on which they  
4 were made.

5 324. With respect to the conduct alleged in Count VIII, Microsoft and the For-Profit  
6 Entities did not act within any agency relationship with Altman and/or Brockman.

7 325. The For-Profit Entities and Microsoft provided substantial assistance or  
8 encouragement to Altman and Brockman, aiding and abetting their fraud on Musk by, without  
9 limitation, providing the corporate entities necessary to loot OpenAI, Inc. of its intellectual  
10 property and employees, drafting and executing exclusive licensing and other contracts  
11 contrary to the purposes of OpenAI, Inc., and forcing the pursuit of profits over safety and  
12 transparency. These actions were a substantial factor in causing harm to Musk.

13 326. Musk has been directly and proximately injured by Defendants’ conduct, acts,  
14 and/or omissions, for which Defendants are jointly and severally liable. Defendants’ wrongful  
15 conduct, acts, and omissions have caused and will continue to cause Musk irreparable harm if  
16 allowed to continue without restraint, and as to which Musk has no adequate remedy at law.

17 327. Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched, in an amount  
18 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, and for which restitution and nonrestitutionary  
19 disgorgement are appropriate. The primary remedy is correction, via the imposition of a  
20 constructive trust over Defendants and their ill-gotten gains, as well as the voiding of all  
21 contracts with any Defendant(s) that are contrary to the non-profit’s charitable purposes.

22 328. Musk therefore seeks a judgment against Defendants for compensatory  
23 damages, an accounting, the imposition of a constructive trust, preliminary and permanent  
24 injunctive relief, prejudgment interest, an award of costs, and fees.

25 329. Musk is further entitled to exemplary damages under Cal. Civ. Code § 3294(a)  
26 because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or willful and wanton  
27 negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm Musk.

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**COUNT IX: VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 1 OF THE SHERMAN ACT,**  
**15 U.S.C. § 1**

**(Musk and xAI Against Microsoft and OpenAI)**

330. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 329 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

331. OpenAI and Microsoft have willfully and intentionally undertaken the following actions, without limitation, to contract, combine, and conspire to contract and combine in restraint of trade by engaging in per se illegal conduct and/or unreasonably reducing competition in the market for generative AI:

a. Conditioning the opportunity to invest in OpenAI on an agreement by investors not to deal with and/or invest in the competitors of Microsoft and OpenAI in generative AI—a per se illegal agreement—whether characterized as a group boycott or otherwise;

b. Exclusively selling and/or licensing, and/or contracting to sell and/or license OpenAI’s goods, commodities, assets, and/or services to Microsoft, in particular and without limitation, ChatGPT, in a market where both Microsoft and OpenAI have market power;

c. Exclusively transferring OpenAI, Inc.’s goods, commodities, assets, and/or services, in particular and without limitation, OpenAI, Inc.’s employees and proprietary intellectual property, to the For-Profit Entities with the intent to restrain trade and/or monopolize;

d. Requiring OpenAI to exclusively obtain its compute from Microsoft in a market where Microsoft has market power;

e. Pricing OpenAI’s generative AI products to the public and Microsoft at well below their cost to produce and/or as “loss leaders”;

f. Pricing Microsoft’s generative AI products to the public at well below their cost to produce and/or as “loss leaders”;

1           g.       Pricing Microsoft’s compute to OpenAI at well below its cost to  
2 produce and/or as a “loss leader”;

3           h.       Providing preferential pricing and other preferential treatment to  
4 Microsoft with respect to OpenAI’s generative AI products, which preferences are not open to  
5 other competitors;

6           i.       Providing preferential pricing and other preferential treatment to  
7 OpenAI with respect to Microsoft’s compute, which preferences are not open to other  
8 competitors;

9           j.       Abusing OpenAI’s non-profit structure to obtain financial, reputational,  
10 and other competitive advantages over other market participants;

11           k.       Engaging in a de facto merger without regulatory approval and with  
12 anticompetitive effects, as Microsoft’s CEO publicly admitted, “We have the people, we have  
13 the compute, we have the data, we have everything,” such that Microsoft has “all the IP rights  
14 and all the capability,” and as further evidenced by Microsoft’s ability to force OpenAI to  
15 rehire Altman and to purge the Board using its position “in there” and “below them, above  
16 them, around them,” as well as Microsoft and OpenAI’s exchanges of employees,  
17 information, and intellectual property and the pursuit of a unified strategy to compete in and  
18 dominate the market for generative AI;

19           l.       Purchasing stock and other share capital and assets of OpenAI with the  
20 effect of substantially lessening competition and tending to create a monopoly;

21           m.       Interlocking OpenAI’s and Microsoft’s boards, despite Microsoft and  
22 OpenAI being competitors, as well as, on information and belief, permitting, encouraging,  
23 directing, or effectuating other interlocking directorates, such as Hoffman’s simultaneous  
24 service on the boards of Microsoft, and OpenAI while also a partner at Greylock;

25           n.       Offering vastly inflated compensation to hire AI-industry talent in  
26 excess of legitimate business needs to prevent competitors from hiring such personnel;

27           o.       Colluding and conspiring to exchange confidential information and  
28 trade secrets, including intellectual property, customer lists, and pricing information, for the



1 purpose of fixing prices and/or otherwise substantially lessening competition;

2 p. Violating the terms of the promises made to Musk, regulators, and the  
3 public, including competing market participants, and relied upon by them, including, without  
4 limitation, Altman and OpenAI, Inc.’s violation of all terms of the Contract with Musk  
5 detailed in paragraph 251, *supra*; and/or

6 q. All such other unlawful conduct alleged in this FAC.

7 332. OpenAI can be a charity with some leeway in its market activities, but it cannot  
8 be a for-profit not-for-profit, as it has long tried to be.

9 333. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants’ conduct, acts, and/or  
10 omissions in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1, Plaintiffs have been and continue to be harmed and  
11 are entitled to treble damages, costs, attorneys’ fees, and interest as provided in 15 U.S.C.  
12 § 15, and preliminary and permanent injunctive relief as provided in 15 U.S.C. § 26.

13 **COUNT X: VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 2**  
14 **OF THE SHERMAN ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 2**

15 **(Musk and xAI Against Microsoft and OpenAI)**

16 334. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1  
17 through 333 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

18 335. OpenAI and Microsoft have willfully and intentionally undertaken to  
19 monopolize, or in the alternative to attempt to monopolize or conspire to monopolize, the  
20 market for generative AI, by engaging, without limitation, in the same conduct detailed in  
21 paragraph 331(a)-(q), *supra*.

22 336. As a direct and intended result of Defendants’ conduct, they possess a nearly  
23 70% share of the generative AI market, constituting a monopoly, or, in the alternative, an  
24 attempt or conspiracy to monopolize the generative AI market.

25 337. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants’ conduct, acts, and/or  
26 omissions in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 2, Plaintiffs have been and continue to be harmed and  
27 are entitled to treble damages, costs, attorneys’ fees, and interest as provided in 15 U.S.C.  
28 § 15, and preliminary and permanent injunctive relief as provided in 15 U.S.C. § 26.

**COUNT XI: VIOLATIONS OF THE CARTWRIGHT ACT,**  
**CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 16720**

**(Musk and xAI Against Microsoft and OpenAI)**

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4 338. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1  
5 through 337 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

6 339. OpenAI and Microsoft have willfully and intentionally undertaken the actions,  
7 without limitation, detailed in paragraph 331(a)-(q), *supra*, to form a “trust” or, in the  
8 alternative, to conspire to form a trust, as that term is defined in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code  
9 § 16720.

10 340. The purposes of this trust or conspiracy to form a trust are, without limitation:

- 11 a. To create or carry out restrictions in the trade or commerce of  
12 generative AI;
- 13 b. To limit or reduce the production or increase the price of generative AI;
- 14 c. To prevent competition in the manufacturing, making, transportation,  
15 sale, or purchase of generative AI;
- 16 d. To make, enter into, execute, or carry out contracts, obligations, or  
17 agreements by which OpenAI and Microsoft establish or settle the price of compute or  
18 generative AI between them, so as to directly or indirectly preclude free and unrestricted  
19 competition among themselves, purchasers, or consumers in the sale of compute or generative  
20 AI; and/or
- 21 e. To agree to pool, combine, or directly or indirectly unite interests they  
22 have concerning the sale of generative AI, which may affect the price thereof.

23 341. As a direct and intended result of Defendants’ conduct, they possess a nearly  
24 70% share of the market for generative AI, constituting a trust, or in the alternative a  
25 conspiracy by Microsoft, OpenAI, Inc., and/or the For-Profit Entities to create a trust.

26 342. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants’ conduct, acts, and/or  
27 omissions in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16720, Plaintiffs have been and continue to  
28 be harmed and are entitled to treble damages, costs, attorneys’ fees, and prejudgment interest

1 as provided in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16750(a), 16761, and to preliminary and permanent  
2 injunctive relief as provided in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16750(a). Plaintiffs are also entitled  
3 to exemplary damages because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or  
4 willful and wanton negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm competitors,  
5 including xAI. Cal. Civ. Code § 3294(a).

6 **COUNT XII: VIOLATIONS OF THE UNFAIR PRACTICES ACT,**

7 **CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17043**

8 **(Musk and xAI Against Microsoft and OpenAI)**

9 343. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1  
10 through 342 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

11 344. Microsoft is selling or giving away compute to OpenAI at less than the cost  
12 thereof for the purpose of injuring competitors or destroying competition.

13 345. OpenAI is selling or giving away generative AI to Microsoft and the public at  
14 less than the cost thereof for the purpose of injuring competitors or destroying competition.

15 346. Microsoft is selling or giving away generative AI to the public at less than the  
16 cost thereof for the purpose of injuring competitors or destroying competition.

17 347. The sale or use of OpenAI's ChatGPT and Microsoft's Copilot, as well as  
18 Microsoft's provision of compute to OpenAI, are all prohibited as "loss leaders" because they  
19 are articles or products sold at less than cost where the purpose is to induce, promote, or  
20 encourage the purchase of other merchandise, the effect of which is a tendency or capacity to  
21 mislead or deceive purchasers or prospective purchasers, and/or to divert trade from or  
22 otherwise injure competitors, including xAI. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17030(c); Cal. Bus. &  
23 Prof. Code § 17024.

24 348. Microsoft is providing the secret payment or allowance of rebates, refunds, or  
25 unearned discounts and secretly extending to OpenAI special services or privileges not  
26 extended to all purchasers of compute purchasing upon like terms and conditions, such as by  
27 providing priority compute access at discounted prices, to the injury of Plaintiffs and where  
28 such payment or allowance tends to destroy competition.

1 349. OpenAI is providing the secret payment or allowance of rebates, refunds, or  
2 unearned discounts and secretly extending to Microsoft special services or privileges not  
3 extended to all purchasers of generative AI purchasing upon like terms and conditions, such as  
4 providing to Microsoft technical and propriety software information underpinning its GPT  
5 models that are not provided to other purchasers, to the injury of Plaintiffs and where such  
6 payment or allowance tends to destroy competition.

7 350. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants' conduct, acts, and/or  
8 omissions in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17043-17045, Plaintiffs have been and  
9 continue to be harmed and are entitled to treble damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and  
10 prejudgment interest as provided in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17082, and preliminary and  
11 permanent injunctive relief as provided in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17078. Plaintiffs are also  
12 entitled to exemplary damages because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice,  
13 and/or willful and wanton negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm  
14 competitors, including xAI. Cal. Civ. Code § 3294(a).

15 **COUNT XIII: VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 3**  
16 **OF THE CLAYTON ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 14**  
17 **(Musk and xAI Against Microsoft and OpenAI)**

18 351. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1  
19 through 350 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

20 352. Microsoft leases, sells, or contracts for the sale of compute to OpenAI on the  
21 condition, agreement, or understanding that OpenAI shall not use or deal in the compute of a  
22 competitor or competitors of Microsoft where the effect may be to substantially lessen  
23 competition or tend to create a monopoly in the market for generative AI.

24 353. OpenAI leases, sells, or contracts for the sale of generative AI to Microsoft on  
25 the condition, agreement, or understanding that Microsoft shall not use or deal in the  
26 generative AI of a competitor or competitors of OpenAI where the effect may be to  
27 substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly in the market for generative AI.

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1 354. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants’ conduct, acts, and/or  
2 omissions in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 14, Plaintiffs have been and continue to be harmed and  
3 are entitled to treble damages, costs, attorneys’ fees, and interest as provided in 15 U.S.C.  
4 § 15, and preliminary and permanent injunctive relief as provided in 15 U.S.C. § 26.

5 **COUNT XIV: VIOLATIONS OF THE CARTWRIGHT ACT,**  
6 **CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 16727**

7 **(Musk and xAI Against Microsoft and OpenAI)**

8 355. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1  
9 through 354 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

10 356. Microsoft leases, sells, or contracts for the sale of compute to OpenAI or to fix  
11 the price charged therefor, or discount from, or rebate upon, such price, on the condition,  
12 agreement, or understanding that OpenAI shall not use or deal in the compute of a competitor  
13 or competitors of Microsoft, where the effect may be to substantially lessen competition or  
14 tend to create a monopoly in the market for generative AI.

15 357. OpenAI leases, sells, or contracts for the sale of generative AI to Microsoft or  
16 to fix the price charged therefor, or discount from, or rebate upon, such price, on the  
17 condition, agreement, or understanding that Microsoft shall not use or deal in the generative  
18 AI of a competitor or competitors of OpenAI, where the effect may be to substantially lessen  
19 competition or tend to create a monopoly in the market for generative AI.

20 358. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants’ conduct, acts, and/or  
21 omissions in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16727, Plaintiffs have been and continue to  
22 be harmed and are entitled to treble damages, costs, attorneys’ fees, and prejudgment interest  
23 as provided in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16750(a), 16761, and preliminary and permanent  
24 injunctive relief as provided in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16750(a). Plaintiffs are also entitled  
25 to exemplary damages because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or  
26 willful and wanton negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm competitors,  
27 including xAI. Cal. Civ. Code § 3294(a).

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**COUNT XV: VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 7 OF THE CLAYTON ACT,**  
**15 U.S.C. § 18 ¶¶ 1 & 2**

**(Musk and xAI Against Microsoft and OpenAI)**

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4 359. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1  
5 through 358 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

6 360. Microsoft and OpenAI are subject to the jurisdiction of the FTC.

7 361. Microsoft has acquired, directly or indirectly, the whole or a part of the stock  
8 (or other share capital) and/or assets of OpenAI, in particular and without limitation, the  
9 intellectual property of OpenAI, where the effect of such acquisition(s), or of the use of such  
10 stock by voting or by granting proxies, may be to substantially lessen competition or tend to  
11 create a monopoly in the market for generative AI.

12 362. OpenAI has acquired, directly or indirectly, the whole or a part of the assets of  
13 Microsoft, in particular and without limitation, the compute of Microsoft, where the effect  
14 may be to substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly in the market for  
15 generative AI.

16 363. OpenAI, Inc. has acquired, directly or indirectly, the whole or a part of the  
17 stock (or other share capital) and/or assets of the For-Profit Entities, in whole or in part, where  
18 the effect of such acquisition, or of the use of such stock by voting or by granting proxies or  
19 otherwise, may be substantially to lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly in the  
20 market for generative AI.

21 364. The For-Profit Entities have acquired, directly or indirectly, the whole or a part  
22 of the assets of OpenAI, Inc., in particular and without limitation, the intellectual property of  
23 OpenAI, Inc., where the effect of such acquisition(s) may be substantially to lessen  
24 competition or tend to create a monopoly in the market for generative AI.

25 365. Defendants have not acquired stock, if any, in the foregoing solely for  
26 investment and are using the same by voting or otherwise to bring about or attempt to bring  
27 about the substantial lessening of competition.

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1 366. None of these transactions has been or is contemplated to be duly  
2 consummated pursuant to the authority granted to the SEC in the exercise of its jurisdiction  
3 under 15 U.S.C. § 79j.

4 367. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants' conduct, acts, and/or  
5 omissions in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 18 ¶¶ 1 & 2, Plaintiffs have been and continue to be  
6 harmed and are entitled to treble damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and interest as provided in 15  
7 U.S.C. § 15, and preliminary and permanent injunctive relief as provided in 15 U.S.C. § 26.

8 **COUNT XVI: VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 8**  
9 **OF THE CLAYTON ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 19**

10 **(Musk and xAI Against All Defendants Including Templeton and Hoffman)**

11 368. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1  
12 through 367 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

13 369. Templeton is the Vice President of Partnerships and Operations in the  
14 Technology & Research division at Microsoft and serves as an advisor to its Chief Technology  
15 Officer and Executive Vice President of AI Kevin Scott ("Scott"), where she oversees  
16 operations for the nearly 1,500 scientists and engineers comprising Microsoft's Technology &  
17 Research division.

18 370. Templeton is the agent and/or alter ego of Scott who in turn is an agent and/or  
19 alter ego of Nadella, Microsoft's CEO and an officer and director.

20 371. Templeton was Microsoft's agent and alter ego tasked to represent Microsoft,  
21 rather than herself as an individual, while serving on OpenAI, Inc.'s Board as a non-voting  
22 member from approximately November 29, 2023 until July 9, 2024, when it was widely  
23 reported she stepped down amid renewed enforcement by the FTC of the Clayton Act's  
24 prohibition on interlocking directorates.

25 372. OpenAI, Inc.'s Bylaws do not provide for non-voting members, though neither  
26 do the Bylaws prohibit them. OpenAI, Inc. has not generally concerned itself with observing  
27 the formalities of its Bylaws in any event (e.g., the most current, publicly available version of  
28 OpenAI, Inc.'s Bylaws limit its Board to seven members, Ex. 21 at 10, though there have



1 frequently been nine, *see supra* (¶¶ 163-64)).

2 373. Templeton served as a director or officer of OpenAI, Inc. while also serving as  
3 an officer, agent, employee, and/or alter ego of Microsoft. Both corporations are engaged  
4 in commerce and by virtue of their business and location of operation, are competitors (i.e.,  
5 Microsoft's Copilot competes against OpenAI's ChatGPT), such that the elimination of  
6 competition by agreement between them would constitute a violation of the antitrust laws, 15  
7 U.S.C. § 19(a)(1).

8 374. Hoffman served on OpenAI, Inc.'s Board while serving as a director of  
9 Microsoft, corporations engaged in commerce and, by virtue of their business and location of  
10 operation, are competitors (Microsoft's Copilot against OpenAI's ChatGPT), such that the  
11 elimination of competition by agreement between them would also constitute a violation of,  
12 15 U.S.C. § 19(a) (a)(1).

13 375. In addition, Hoffman's service on the boards of both OpenAI, Inc. and  
14 Microsoft while a general partner at Greylock constituted an interlocking directorate under a  
15 deputization or indirect interlock theory.

16 376. On information and belief, directors or officers of OpenAI's competitors also  
17 serve as directors or officers of one or more of the For-Profit Entities, whether directly or  
18 under a deputization or indirect interlock theory.

19 377. On information and belief, Altman and Brockman conspired, directed, enabled,  
20 encouraged, aided and abetted, and/or permitted these interlocking director arrangements,  
21 including their own in service with one or more of the For-Profit Entities, to occur.

22 378. On information and belief, Microsoft, OpenAI, Inc., and Greylock each have  
23 capital, surplus, and undivided profits totaling more than \$48,559,000, and competitive sales  
24 more than \$4,855,900. 89 Fed. Reg. 3926 (Jan. 22, 2024).

25 379. On information and belief, the competitive sales of Microsoft, OpenAI, Inc.,  
26 and Greylock are not less than 2% of that corporation's respective total sales; and each of  
27 Microsoft, OpenAI, Inc., and Greylock's competitive sales are not less than 4% of their  
28 respective total sales.

1 380. The purpose of the prohibition on interlocking directorates is to prevent the  
2 sharing of competitively sensitive information in violation of the antitrust laws and/or  
3 providing a forum for the coordination of other anticompetitive activity. Allowing Templeton  
4 and Hoffman to serve as members of OpenAI, Inc.’s Board undermined this purpose.

5 381. Defendants’ conduct is per se illegal.

6 382. As direct and proximate consequence of Defendants’ conduct, acts, and/or  
7 omissions in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 19, Plaintiffs have been and continue to be harmed and  
8 are entitled to treble damages, costs, attorneys’ fees, and interest as provided in 15 U.S.C.  
9 § 15, and to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief as provided in 15 U.S.C. § 26.

10 **COUNT XVII: UNFAIR COMPETITION UNDER**

11 **CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 17200 et seq.**

12 **(Musk and xAI Against All Defendants Including Templeton and Hoffman)**

13 383. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1  
14 through 382 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

15 384. Defendants engaged in unfair, unlawful, and/or fraudulent business practices  
16 and/or acts by soliciting contributions from Musk and others under the false pretense that such  
17 funds would be used for the non-profit’s purposes as articulated in OpenAI, Inc.’s Certificate  
18 of Incorporation, Charter, website, online marketing, blog posts, emails, and/or other  
19 communications.

20 385. Defendants actively deceived Musk and the public by effectively using  
21 OpenAI, Inc.’s charitable mission and tax-exempt status to secure and use donations as free  
22 start-up capital to develop valuable technology, which they exploited for their own personal  
23 gain.

24 386. But for Defendants’ unfair, unlawful, and/or fraudulent business practices  
25 and/or acts, Musk would not have made his significant contributions to OpenAI, Inc.

26 387. Defendants further and without limitation engaged in the following unfair,  
27 unlawful, and/or fraudulent business practices and/or acts:

28 a. Those giving rise to each cause of action in this FAC;

1           b.       Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc.’s violation of the fiduciary duties  
2 each owe Musk under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17510.8;

3           c.       OpenAI, Inc.’s de facto merger with Microsoft without abiding by the  
4 procedure provided in Cal. Corp. Code § 6010;

5           d.       Organizing and/or operating, or directing, encouraging, and/or allowing  
6 the organization and/or operation of OpenAI, Inc. for the benefit of private interests, and/or  
7 directing, encouraging, and/or allowing a part of OpenAI, Inc.’s property, assets, and/or net  
8 earnings to inure to the benefit of any private individual, via excess benefit transactions,  
9 private inurement, and/or otherwise, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) (charitable status),  
10 *id.* § 4958 (excess benefit transactions), *id.* § 7201 (tax evasion), *id.* § 7206 (fraud and false  
11 statements, including aiding in preparation), *id.* § 7207 (fraudulent returns, statements, or  
12 other documents), 18 U.S.C. § 371 (conspiracy to defraud the United States), and *id.* § 1001  
13 (false statements), whether as principals or otherwise, and/or attempting the same, as further  
14 detailed by the transactions and/or proposed transactions described herein;

15           e.       Organizing and/or operating OpenAI, Inc. for the benefit of private  
16 interests, and/or directing, encouraging, and/or allowing a part of OpenAI, Inc.’s property,  
17 assets, and/or net earnings to inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, via  
18 excess benefit transactions, private inurement, and/or otherwise, as well as failing to maintain  
19 the irrevocable dedication of OpenAI, Inc.’s assets to its exempt purposes, in violation of  
20 California Revenue and Taxation Code § 23701d(a) (charitable status), *id.* § 23703 (false  
21 application for exempt status), *id.* § 23701 (abuse of exempt status), *id.* § 19701 (tax fraud and  
22 false returns), *id.* § 19705 (tax evasion and false statements), Cal. Corp. Code § 6811 (false  
23 reports), *id.* § 6215 (false statements to the Attorney General), and Cal. Gov. Code § 12591.1  
24 (charitable trust violations), whether as principals or otherwise, and/or attempting the same, as  
25 further detailed by the transactions and/or proposed transactions described herein;

26           f.       Violating the requirements of 15 U.S.C. § 18a:

27                   (i)     By acquiring, directly or indirectly, voting securities or assets of  
28 any other person (in the case of Microsoft, of OpenAI; in the case of OpenAI, Inc., of the For-

1 Profit Entities; in the case of the For-Profit Entities, of OpenAI, Inc.), without either or both  
2 persons filing notification(s) pursuant to rules under subsection (d)(1), 16 C.F.R. Parts 801 &  
3 803, and/or waiting for the period described in subsection (b)(1) to expire;

4 (ii) Where the size-of-the-transaction amounts in subsection  
5 (a)(2)(A) and/or subsection (a)(2)(B), as adjusted in 89 Fed. Reg. 7708 (Feb. 5, 2024), have  
6 been exceeded, such as without limitation Microsoft's \$13.75 billion investment in OpenAI  
7 and the For-Profit Entities' acquisition of OpenAI, Inc.'s intellectual property; and

8 (iii) Where none of the exemptions in subsection (c) have been met;

9 g. Imposing or agreeing to employment, severance, non-disparagement,  
10 and/or non-disclosure agreements that violate 15 U.S.C. § 78u-6 and 17 C.F.R. § 240.21F-  
11 17(a) by impeding an individual from communicating directly with SEC staff about a possible  
12 securities law violation, Ex. 26 at 1-6;

13 h. Engaging in rampant direct, vicarious, and contributory copyright  
14 infringement in violation of 17 U.S.C. § 501 as principals, or attempting or conspiring to do  
15 such, for commercial advantage and/or private financial gain and/or through the reproduction  
16 of one or more copyrighted works over a 180-day period, which work or works have a total  
17 retail value of more than \$1,000, in violation of 17 U.S.C. § 506(a)(1)(A)-(B), which  
18 copyrighted works include, without limitation, on information and belief: 209,707 copyrighted  
19 works by *The New York Times*, Ex. 24; 44,134 copyrighted works from the *New York Daily*  
20 *News*; 38,779 copyrighted works from the *Chicago Tribune*; 16,351 copyrighted works from  
21 the *Denver Post*; 15,933 copyrighted works from the *San Jose Mercury News*; 8,841  
22 copyrighted works from the *Orlando Sentinel*; 8,516 copyrighted works from the *Sun*  
23 *Sentinel*; 6,536 copyrighted works from the *Orange County Register*; and 6,130 copyrighted  
24 works from the *Pioneer Press*; and/or

25 i. Diluting by blurring and/or tarnishing the distinctive and famous  
26 trademarks of the copyrighted works detailed in paragraph 387(h), *supra*, by engaging in their  
27 unauthorized use in connection with the sale of goods and/or services to the public and/or  
28 pairing them with lower quality writing in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c).

1 388. All such conduct has deceived, and will likely continue to deceive, the public,  
2 and is unethical, immoral, substantially injurious to consumers, and/or violates public policy.

3 389. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ conduct, acts, and omissions,  
4 Plaintiffs have suffered injuries in fact and lost money or property, including, without  
5 limitation, Musk’s donations, additional money, and property interests (such as leased office  
6 space) he provided to Defendants. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants’  
7 conduct, acts, and/or omissions in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 *et seq.*,  
8 Plaintiffs have been and continue to be harmed and are entitled to restitution, prejudgment  
9 interest, and preliminary and permanent injunctive relief as provided in Cal. Bus. & Prof.  
10 Code § 17203, and attorneys’ fees and the costs of suit as provided in Cal. Code Civ. Proc. §  
11 1021.5.

12 **COUNT XVIII: FALSE ADVERTISING UNDER THE LANHAM ACT,**  
13 **15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(B)**

14 **(Musk and xAI Against Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI)**

15 390. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1  
16 through 389 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

17 391. Defendants in their marketing, advertisements, and promotions of OpenAI’s  
18 products and services made knowingly false and/or misleading representations to the public  
19 that OpenAI would be dedicated to the development of AI/AGI technology for the public  
20 good, promoting safety as “a first-class requirement[.]” Ex. 2 at 1.

21 392. Defendants made material, false, and misleading representations of fact about  
22 the nature, characteristics, and qualities of OpenAI’s products and services in commercial  
23 advertising or promotion in interstate commerce, namely, OpenAI’s website, online  
24 marketing, online blog posts, and Defendants’ social media.

25 393. For example, OpenAI’s website represented that:

- 26 a. “We cautiously and gradually release new AI systems—with  
27 substantial safeguards in place[.]”  
28

- 1           b.       “OpenAI is a non-profit artificial intelligence research company  
2                   [whose] goal is to advance digital intelligence in the way that is  
3                   most likely to benefit humanity as a whole, unconstrained by a  
4                   need to generate financial return. Since our research is free from  
5                   financial obligations, we can better focus on a positive human  
6                   impact.”
- 7           c.       “Our mission is to ensure that [AGI] benefits all humanity,  
8                   primarily by attempting to build safe AGI and share the benefits  
9                   with the world.”
- 10          d.       “We use a multi-tiered safety system to limit Dall-E 3’s ability to  
11                   generate potentially harmful imagery[.]”
- 12          e.       “We built GPTs with privacy and safety in mind[.]”
- 13          f.       “Safety has always been central to our work, from aligning model  
14                   behavior to monitoring for abuse, and we’re investing even  
15                   further as we develop more capable models.”

16           394.    These false and misleading statements regarding OpenAI’s products and  
17                   services have deceived and/or are likely to deceive a substantial segment of the public.

18           395.    Defendants’ false and misleading claims are material because they induced  
19                   and/or are likely to induce the relevant public to purchase and/or use Defendants’ products  
20                   (e.g., ChatGPT and related technology) and services in the false belief Defendants’ AI  
21                   products are safe, when in fact, on information and belief, they were not.

22           396.    OpenAI has increasingly sidelined safety in order to rush the release of new  
23                   products.

24           397.    In May 2024, for instance, OpenAI’s safety teams were given just nine days to  
25                   conduct comprehensive safety assessments of its latest GPT-4o model in an effort by OpenAI  
26                   executives to rush its release ahead of Google’s developer conference on May 14, 2024, at  
27                   which Google planned to introduce its latest AI model with capabilities similar to GPT-4o.  
28                   Safety teams reportedly “pleaded” for more time, but such requests were overridden by  
29                   OpenAI’s commercial teams and executives. OpenAI released GPT-4o on May 13, 2024, the  
30                   day before Google’s launch, even though safety testing had not concluded or been verified.

31           398.    It was later discovered that GPT-4o exceeded OpenAI’s permissible risk  
32                   threshold for “persuasion,” i.e., a model’s ability to convince a user to change their beliefs and

1 engage in potentially dangerous or illegal behavior.

2 399. Similarly, in September 2024, Altman reportedly pushed for the immediate  
3 release of OpenAI’s latest o1 model because he was eager to prove to potential investors in  
4 the company’s upcoming \$6.5 billion funding round that OpenAI remained at the forefront of  
5 AI development, even though o1 was rated “medium risk” for issues relating to chemical,  
6 biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons—the highest risk OpenAI has ever publicly  
7 acknowledged. It has since come to light that o1 had not completed safety testing prior to its  
8 release, exposing consumers and the public to this potentially hazardous system.

9 400. Indeed, as described above, numerous high-level executives and safety  
10 personnel have resigned in protest to OpenAI’s compromised safety practices, and have  
11 admitted safety at OpenAI has “taken a backseat to shiny products.”

12 401. One such shiny product, Whisper, is now known to insert fabricated or  
13 “hallucinated” material when transcribing medical professionals’ dictations into patient  
14 records.

15 402. Given the comparable nature of AI products on the market, consumers are  
16 unlikely to seek or purchase duplicate offerings from multiple AI vendors. Defendants’  
17 calculated misstatements to the relevant public have not only misled potential customers but  
18 have directly diverted those customers from Plaintiffs to Defendants, causing Plaintiffs to  
19 incur measurable losses in customer acquisition, market penetration, and overall profitability.

20 403. Defendants’ conduct constitutes false advertising and unfair competition in  
21 violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(B).

22 404. Defendants’ deceptive conduct and false and misleading statements have also  
23 injured and will continue to injure Musk and xAI’s commercial interests.

24 405. Musk and xAI have been injured as a direct and proximate result of  
25 Defendants’ conduct, acts, and/or omissions, for which Defendants are jointly and severally  
26 liable. Musk and xAI are entitled to damages, prejudgment interest, attorneys’ fees, and the  
27 costs of suit.

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1 406. Unless enjoined by this Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116, Defendants will  
2 continue to mislead the public and cause harm to Musk and xAI. Plaintiffs are therefore  
3 entitled to an injunction during the pendency of this action and a permanent injunction  
4 enjoining Defendants, their officers, agents, and employees, and all persons acting in concert  
5 with them, from engaging in such further acts.

6 407. Defendants’ false and misleading claims are deliberate, willful, fraudulent, and  
7 without extenuating circumstances. Defendants’ conduct is thus an “exceptional case” within  
8 the meaning of section 35(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a). Musk and xAI are  
9 therefore entitled to recover three times the amount of their actual damages and their  
10 attorneys’ fees and costs incurred in this action.

11 **COUNT XIX: FALSE ADVERTISING UNDER**  
12 **CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 17500 et seq.**

13 **(Musk and xAI Against Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc.)**

14 408. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1  
15 through 407 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

16 409. As described above, Altman and Brockman, in their individual capacities and  
17 on behalf of OpenAI, Inc., have made materially false and/or misleading representations of  
18 fact in commercial advertisements about the nature, characteristics, and qualities of  
19 Defendants’ products and services, including, but not limited to, that OpenAI, Inc.’s AI/AGI  
20 research and technology would be safe, largely open source for the benefit of humanity, and  
21 would not be concentrated or used for private commercial gain.

22 410. Defendants knew and/or should have known their communications—via  
23 OpenAI’s website, online marketing, online blog posts, and social media—were materially  
24 false and/or misleading when they were made.

25 411. Defendants intended to use and did use the contributions from Musk and others  
26 to fund the research and development of AI/AGI technology which Defendants have kept  
27 secret from the public and have concentrated in Microsoft and the For-Profit Entities to  
28 enhance commercial profits and personal gain.

1 412. Musk reasonably relied on these statements as he continued to fund OpenAI,  
2 Inc., believing his contributions were in furtherance of a charitable AI/AGI research and  
3 development project, as advertised and promoted by Defendants. Defendants' conduct  
4 deceived Musk and likely deceived a substantial segment of the public.

5 413. In addition, as described in Count XVIII, Defendants' false advertising  
6 concerning OpenAI's mission and prioritization of safety over profits with respect to their  
7 products has attracted customers to them, directly diverting customers away from Plaintiffs.

8 414. Until more recently, Defendants intentionally concealed their wrongful  
9 conduct, which prevented Plaintiffs from discovering their scheme, notwithstanding their  
10 exercise of due diligence.

11 415. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants' conduct, acts, and/or  
12 omissions in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500 *et seq.*, Plaintiffs have been and  
13 continue to be harmed, entitling Plaintiffs to restitution, prejudgment interest, and  
14 preliminary and permanent injunctive relief under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203, and  
15 attorneys' fees and the costs of suit under Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 1021.5.

16 **COUNT XX: BREACH OF CHARITABLE TRUST**  
17 **(Musk Against Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc.)**

18 416. Plaintiff Musk re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through  
19 415 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

20 417. Musk's contributions to OpenAI, Inc., as solicited by Altman and Brockman,  
21 created a charitable trust.

22 418. Under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17510.8 and California common law as  
23 supplemented by the California Probate Code, Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc. owed  
24 Musk a fiduciary duty with respect to his donations, which he provided in a manner  
25 manifesting an intention to create that relationship, such that Altman, Brockman and OpenAI,  
26 Inc. owed Musk a duty to use his donations for the benefit of the charity, and subject to the  
27 conditions they agreed to.

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1 419. In light of Musk’s status as settlor of a trust in favor of OpenAI, Inc., and his  
2 special interest in OpenAI, Inc., Musk has standing to bring claims for violating the terms of  
3 his donations, whether under California common law as supplemented by its Probate Code or  
4 Cal. Corp. Code § 5142(a).

5 420. Defendants have breached the terms of Musk’s donations, and therefore the  
6 trust, by, without limitation:

7 a. All acts and/or omissions identified in paragraph 254(a)-(1), *supra*;  
8 and/or

9 b. The violations of all laws identified in paragraph 387(a)-(i), *supra*, the  
10 observation of which is an implicit condition of any trust.

11 421. The Attorney General of California has been notified by Musk of his intent to  
12 file this FAC.

13 422. The charitable trust and Musk have been directly and proximately injured by  
14 Defendants’ conduct, acts, and/or omissions in violation of Cal. Corp. Code § 5142 and  
15 California common law as supplemented by its Probate Code, for which Defendants are  
16 jointly and severally liable.

17 423. Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched, in an amount  
18 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, and for which restitution and nonrestitutionary  
19 disgorgement are appropriate. The primary remedy is correction, via the imposition of a  
20 constructive trust over Defendants and their ill-gotten gains, as well as the voiding of all  
21 contracts with any Defendant(s) that are contrary to the non-profit’s charitable purposes.

22 424. Defendants’ wrongful conduct, acts, and omissions have caused and will  
23 continue to cause Musk irreparable harm if allowed to continue without restraint, and as to  
24 which Musk has no adequate remedy at law.

25 425. Musk therefore seeks a judgment against Defendants for compensatory  
26 damages, an accounting, the imposition of a constructive trust, preliminary and permanent  
27 injunctive relief, prejudgment interest, an award of costs, and fees.

28 426. Musk is further entitled to exemplary damages under Cal. Civ. Code § 3294(a)

1 because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or willful and wanton  
2 negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm Musk.

3 **COUNT XXI: AIDING AND ABETTING BREACH**  
4 **OF FIDUCIARY DUTY TO MUSK**

5 **(Musk Against the For-Profit Entities and Microsoft)**

6 427. Plaintiff Musk re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through  
7 426 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

8 428. As a charity and persons soliciting contributions on behalf of a charity,  
9 OpenAI, Inc., Altman, and Brockman each owe a fiduciary duty to Musk, from whom  
10 charitable contributions were actively solicited, including under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §  
11 17510.8.

12 429. Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc. solicited and obtained contributions from  
13 Musk by making repeated and material promises, representations, and reassurances to him  
14 that they would develop AI for the benefit of humanity, would predominantly open source  
15 their technology, avoid concentrating it, and would not operate for the profit of any person or  
16 company, as evidenced in, without limitation, the emails, corporate filings, and online  
17 pronouncements alleged above.

18 430. Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc. breached their fiduciary duties to Musk  
19 in the same manner by which they violated the terms of the Contract as either an express  
20 written agreement or implied-in-fact contract, and/or the trust Musk created for OpenAI, Inc.'s  
21 benefit, as detailed in paragraph 251(a)-(m), *supra*, because such actions failed to observe,  
22 without limitation, the duties of obedience, loyalty, and/or care imposed by Cal. Bus. & Prof.  
23 Code § 17510.8.

24 431. The For-Profit Entities had actual knowledge of the fiduciary duties Altman,  
25 Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc. owed to Musk, because the very purpose of the For-Profit  
26 Entities is to enable Altman and Brockman to operate for non-charitable purposes and to  
27 circumvent the fiduciary duties they owe to the donors. Further, the knowledge and intent of  
28 the officers, agents, employees, and/or owners of the For-Profit Entities, who on information

1 and belief were aware of Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc.’s duties and breaches thereof,  
2 is imputed to the For-Profit Entities.

3 432. Microsoft had actual knowledge of the fiduciary duties Altman, Brockman, and  
4 OpenAI, Inc. owed to Musk. Microsoft shared a board member with OpenAI, Inc. (i.e.,  
5 Hoffman) and on information and belief, Microsoft’s due diligence process before investing  
6 \$13.75 billion would have required, at a minimum, review of OpenAI, Inc.’s Certificate of  
7 Incorporation and regulatory filing with the Attorney General of California, and on further  
8 information and belief, Microsoft knew of the donations by Musk and their conditions.

9 433. With respect to conduct alleged in this Count XXI, Microsoft and the For-  
10 Profit Entities did not act within any agency relationship with Altman, Brockman, and/or  
11 OpenAI, Inc.

12 434. The For-Profit Entities and Microsoft provided substantial assistance or  
13 encouragement to Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc., aiding and abetting their breaches of  
14 fiduciary duty to Musk by, without limitation, providing the corporate forms necessary to loot  
15 OpenAI, Inc. of its intellectual property and employees, drafting and executing exclusive  
16 licensing and other contracts contrary to the purposes of OpenAI, Inc., and requiring the  
17 pursuit of profits over safety and transparency. These actions were substantial factors in  
18 causing harm to Musk.

19 435. On information and belief, Defendants have been greatly enriched by their  
20 resulting misappropriation of the non-profit’s assets and their self-dealing in blatant  
21 derogation of the fiduciary duties Altman, Brockman, and OpenAI, Inc. owed and continue to  
22 owe Musk.

23 436. Musk has been directly and proximately injured by Defendants’ conduct, acts,  
24 and/or omissions, for which Defendants are jointly and severally liable. Defendants’ wrongful  
25 conduct, acts, and omissions have caused and will continue to cause Musk irreparable harm if  
26 allowed to continue without restraint, and as to which Musk has no adequate remedy at law.

27 437. Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched, in an amount  
28 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, and for which restitution and nonrestitutionary

1 disgorgement are appropriate. The primary remedy is correction, via the imposition of a  
2 constructive trust over Defendants and their ill-gotten gains, as well as the voiding of all  
3 contracts with any Defendant(s) that are contrary to the non-profit's charitable purposes.

4 438. Musk therefore seeks a judgment against Defendants for compensatory  
5 damages, an accounting, the imposition of a constructive trust, preliminary and permanent  
6 injunctive relief, prejudgment interest, an award of costs, and fees.

7 439. Musk is further entitled to exemplary damages under Cal. Civ. Code § 3294(a)  
8 because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or willful and wanton  
9 negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm Musk.

10 **COUNT XXII: BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

11 **(Musk and Zilis, derivatively as members of OpenAI, Inc.,**  
12 **Against Altman and Brockman)**

13 440. Plaintiffs Musk and Zilis, derivatively as members of OpenAI, Inc., re-allege  
14 and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 439 inclusive, as though fully set forth  
15 herein.

16 441. Defendants, as directors of OpenAI, Inc., owed it the responsibility to perform  
17 the responsibilities of a director, including the responsibilities as a member of its Board and of  
18 any committee of such Board on which they served, in good faith, in a manner they believed  
19 to be in the best interests of the corporation and with such care, including reasonable inquiry,  
20 as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. Cal.  
21 Corp. Code § 5231(a).

22 442. Defendants have breached these duties by failing to act in good faith and/or  
23 failing to use such care as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under  
24 similar circumstances when, without limitation, undertaking:

- 25 a. All acts and/or omissions identified in paragraph 254(a)-(1), *supra*;  
26 and/or  
27 b. The violations of law identified in paragraph 286(a)-(i), *supra*.

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1 443. In addition to his special interest in OpenAI, Inc. as, without limitation, a co-  
2 founder and director involved in its early governance and visibly associated with its work,  
3 Musk has standing under Cal. Corp. Code § 5710(b) to bring these claims on behalf of  
4 OpenAI, Inc., based on all transactions, any part of which took place before February 21,  
5 2018, including, without limitation, the series of transactions forming capped for-profit  
6 entities, as Altman and Brockman had agreed to pursue such transactions prior to that date.

7 444. In addition to her standing as a person with a special interest in OpenAI, Inc.  
8 as, without limitation, an early advisor integral to its functions and later a director, Zilis has  
9 standing under Cal. Corp. Code § 5710(b) to bring these claims on behalf of OpenAI, Inc.,  
10 based on all transactions any part of which took place between March 11, 2019, and March  
11 23, 2023, including, without limitation, the further effectuation of Defendants' for-profit  
12 plan(s) and OpenAI's exclusive relationship(s) with Microsoft, as well as transfers of OpenAI,  
13 Inc.'s intellectual property, the self-dealing detailed herein, and the various statutory and  
14 common law violations detailed throughout this FAC.

15 445. The Board was adversely dominated during all relevant periods, as detailed in  
16 paragraphs 162-72, *supra*.

17 446. Musk and/or Zilis brought to the attention of the Board their concerns over  
18 Defendants' conduct, of which they were aware at the time, via phone calls, in-person  
19 discussions, public statements via social media, and emails, including, without limitation,  
20 those emails detailed hereinabove.

21 447. The adverse domination of the Board rendered futile any effort by Musk and/or  
22 Zilis to secure remedial action from the Board. Altman and Brockman's purposeful  
23 concealment of their activities further deprived Musk and Zilis of the opportunity to discover  
24 the full breadth of Defendants' misconduct until recently.

25 448. Plaintiffs have given notice to the Board of the aforesaid violations by sending  
26 OpenAI, Inc. a copy of this FAC through counsel, prior to filing.

27 449. OpenAI, Inc. has been directly and proximately injured by Defendants'  
28 conduct, acts, and/or omissions in violation of their fiduciary duties, for which Defendants are

1 jointly and severally liable.

2 450. Defendants' wrongful conduct, acts, and omissions have caused and will  
3 continue to cause OpenAI, Inc. irreparable harm if allowed to continue without restraint, and  
4 as to which OpenAI, Inc. has no adequate remedy at law.

5 451. Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched, in an amount  
6 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, and for which restitution and nonrestitutionary  
7 disgorgement are appropriate. The primary remedy is correction, via the imposition of a  
8 constructive trust over Defendants and their ill-gotten gains, as well as the voiding of all  
9 contracts with any Defendant(s) that are contrary to the non-profit's charitable purposes.

10 452. OpenAI, Inc. is therefore entitled to a judgment against Defendants for  
11 compensatory damages, an accounting, the imposition of a constructive trust, preliminary and  
12 permanent injunctive relief, prejudgment interest, an award of costs, and fees.

13 453. OpenAI, Inc. is further entitled to exemplary damages under Cal. Civ. Code §  
14 3294(a) because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or willful and  
15 wanton negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm it.

16 **COUNT XXIII: SELF-DEALING UNDER CAL. CORP. CODE § 5233**

17 **(Musk and Zilis, derivatively as members of OpenAI, Inc., Against**  
18 **Altman, Brockman, and the Attorney General of California)**

19 454. Plaintiffs Musk and Zilis, derivatively as members of OpenAI, Inc., re-allege  
20 and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 453 inclusive, as though fully set forth  
21 herein.

22 455. Altman and Brockman engaged in transactions to which OpenAI, Inc. is a  
23 party and in which they had a material financial interest, to wit, the scheme to form the For-  
24 Profit Entities, each of which has a contractual relationship to OpenAI, Inc., as detailed in  
25 paragraphs 135-36 and 145, *supra*.

26 456. Altman and Brockman engaged in transactions to which OpenAI, Inc. is a  
27 party and in which they had a material financial interest, to wit, the March 2023 contract with  
28 Stripe, as detailed in paragraph 142, *supra*.



1 457. Altman further engaged in self-dealing by OpenAI, Inc.'s contracts with  
2 Reddit, Humane, Limitless, the undertaking with Jony Ive, Rain AI, and Helion Energy, in  
3 each of which Altman holds a substantial stake, as detailed in paragraphs 137-41 and 143-44,  
4 *supra*.

5 458. None of the exclusions in Cal. Corp. Code § 5233(b) apply.

6 459. Because the Attorney General of California is joined as an indispensable party,  
7 Musk, in addition to his special interest in OpenAI, Inc. as, without limitation, a co-founder  
8 and director involved in its early governance and visibly associated with its work, Musk has  
9 standing under Cal. Corp. Code § 5233(c)(1) to bring these claims on behalf of OpenAI, Inc.,  
10 based on all transactions any part of which took place before February 21, 2018, including,  
11 without limitation, the series of transactions constituting the scheme to form the For-Profit  
12 Entities, as Altman and Brockman had agreed to pursue such plan prior to that date. Cal. Corp.  
13 Code § 5710(b).

14 460. Because the Attorney General of California is joined as an indispensable party,  
15 Zilis, in addition to her standing as a person with a special interest in OpenAI, Inc. as, without  
16 limitation, an early advisor integral to its functions and later a director, Zilis has standing  
17 under Cal. Corp. Code § 5233(c)(1) to bring these claims on behalf of OpenAI, Inc., based on  
18 all transactions any part of which took place between March 11, 2019, and March 23, 2023,  
19 including, without limitation, the Stripe deal and further effectuation of the For-Profit Entities  
20 scheme. Cal. Corp. Code § 5710(b).

21 461. The Board was adversely dominated during all relevant periods, as detailed in  
22 paragraphs 162-72, *supra*.

23 462. Musk and/or Zilis brought to the attention of the Board their concerns over  
24 Defendants' conduct, of which they were aware at the time, via phone calls, in-person  
25 discussions, public statements via social media, and emails, including, without limitation,  
26 those emails detailed hereinabove.

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1           463. The adverse domination of the Board rendered futile any effort by Musk and/or  
2 Zilis to secure remedial action from the Board. Altman and Brockman’s purposeful  
3 concealment of their activities further deprived Musk and Zilis of the opportunity to discover  
4 the full breadth of Defendants’ misconduct until recently.

5           464. Plaintiffs have given notice to the Board of the aforesaid violations by sending  
6 OpenAI, Inc. a copy of this FAC through counsel, prior to filing.

7           465. Because the Board was adversely dominated, the safe harbor provisions of Cal.  
8 Corp. Code § 5233(d) do not apply. In any event, on information and belief, neither were the  
9 formalities of such safe harbor provisions observed nor their substantive standards met by  
10 Altman and/or Brockman.

11           466. OpenAI, Inc. has been directly and proximately injured by Defendants’  
12 conduct, acts, and/or omissions for which Defendants are jointly and severally liable.

13           467. Defendants’ wrongful conduct, acts, and omissions have caused and will  
14 continue to cause OpenAI, Inc. irreparable harm if allowed to continue without restraint, and  
15 as to which OpenAI, Inc. has no adequate remedy at law.

16           468. Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched, in an amount  
17 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, and for which restitution and nonrestitutionary  
18 disgorgement are appropriate. The primary remedy is correction, via the imposition of a  
19 constructive trust over Defendants and their ill-gotten gains, as well as the voiding of all  
20 contracts with any Defendant(s) that are contrary to the non-profit’s charitable purposes.

21           469. OpenAI, Inc. is therefore entitled to a judgment against Defendants for  
22 compensatory damages, an accounting, the imposition of a constructive trust, preliminary and  
23 permanent injunctive relief, prejudgment interest, an award of costs, and fees.

24           470. OpenAI, Inc. is further entitled to exemplary damages under Cal. Civ. Code §  
25 3294(a) because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or willful and  
26 wanton negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm it.

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1 to OpenAI, Inc. by, without limitation, providing the corporate structures necessary to loot  
2 OpenAI, Inc. of its intellectual property and employees, drafting and executing exclusive  
3 licensing and other contracts contrary to OpenAI, Inc.’s charitable purposes, and mandating  
4 the pursuit of profits over safety and transparency. These actions were substantial factors in  
5 causing harm to OpenAI, Inc.

6 478. On information and belief, the For-Profit Entities and Microsoft have been  
7 greatly enriched by their resulting misappropriation of the non-profit’s assets and their self-  
8 dealing in derogation of the fiduciary duties Altman and Brockman owed and/or continue to  
9 owe OpenAI, Inc.

10 479. OpenAI, Inc. has been directly and proximately injured by Defendants’  
11 conduct, acts, and/or omissions for which Defendants are jointly and severally liable.

12 480. Defendants’ wrongful conduct, acts, and omissions have caused and will  
13 continue to cause OpenAI, Inc. irreparable harm if allowed to continue without restraint, and  
14 as to which OpenAI, Inc. has no adequate remedy at law.

15 481. Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched, in an amount  
16 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, and for which restitution and nonrestitutionary  
17 disgorgement are appropriate. The primary remedy is correction, via the imposition of a  
18 constructive trust over Defendants and their ill-gotten gains, as well as the voiding of all  
19 contracts with any Defendant(s) that are contrary to the non-profit’s charitable purposes.

20 482. OpenAI, Inc. is therefore entitled to a judgment against Defendants for  
21 compensatory damages, an accounting, the imposition of a constructive trust, preliminary and  
22 permanent injunctive relief, prejudgment interest, an award of costs, and fees.

23 483. OpenAI, Inc. is further entitled to exemplary damages under Cal. Civ. Code §  
24 3294(a) because Defendants have acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and/or willful and  
25 wanton negligence by, without limitation, acting with intent to harm it.

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**COUNT XXV: VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL CIVIL RICO,**  
**18 U.S.C. § 1962(a)-(c)**

**(Musk and xAI Against Altman, Brockman, Microsoft, and the For-Profit Entities)**

484. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 483 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

485. The federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (“RICO”), 18 U.S.C. §§ 1962, 1964, provides a private right of action for plaintiffs to recover against defendants who harm them through a pattern of racketeering activity as well as defendants who conspire to do so.

**A. Wire Fraud Predicate Offenses**

486. Altman and Brockman knowingly engaged in a scheme to exploit Musk and others (including donors Jessica Livingston, Pieter Thiel, and Open Philanthropy) by inducing them with repeated misrepresentations to make significant financial and other contributions to develop valuable AI/AGI for ostensibly charitable purposes, which Defendants exploited to enrich themselves.

487. In furtherance of this scheme, Altman and Brockman transmitted, or caused to be transmitted writings by means of wire communication in interstate commerce (emails), in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343. The specific emails sent in furtherance of Defendants’ scheme include, but are not limited to, those detailed in paragraph 251, *supra*.

488. Altman and Brockman’s specific intent to defraud Musk is clear from, *inter alia*, their express misrepresentations and assurances to Musk in September 2017 that they remained committed to the original non-profit structure and mission of OpenAI, Inc., while simultaneously plotting to loot the charity’s technology and employees for exploitation by the For-Profit Entities and Defendants’ private gain. *See supra* ¶¶ 102-04.

489. Altman and Brockman intended Musk to rely, or knew or could have reasonably foreseen that Musk would rely, on their express promises, representations, and assurances, and in good faith Musk reasonably did rely on them to his detriment. Based thereon, Musk caused to be wired tens of millions of dollars of seed money to OpenAI, Inc. as

1 follows:

Date	Amount
05/27/2016	\$500,000.00 <sup>14</sup>
06/08/2016	\$5,000,000.00
08/26/2016	\$4,500,000.00
10/03/2016	\$142,000.00
10/25/2016	\$142,000.00
11/21/2016	\$750,000.00
11/23/2016	\$142,000.00
12/07/2016	\$4,250,000.00
01/01/2017	\$1,140,000.00
01/01/2017	\$700,000.00
01/01/2017	\$16,028,500.00
01/05/2017	\$142,000.00
01/27/2017	\$142,000.00
07/18/2017	\$175,000.00
08/14/2017	\$175,000.00
09/15/2017	\$175,000.00
09/29/2017	\$85,000.00
10/16/2017	\$235,000.00
11/14/2017	\$235,000.00
12/14/2017	\$235,000.00
01/18/2018	\$290,000.00
02/20/2018	\$390,000.00

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 27 <sup>14</sup> On information and belief, Musk’s initial \$10 million in donations to OpenAI, Inc. in 2016  
 28 were first wired to Altman’s “YC Org.,” and then wired by YC Org. to OpenAI, Inc. once  
 OpenAI, Inc. obtained its section 501(c)(3) status.

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03/14/2018	\$290,000.00
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05/15/2018	\$290,000.00
06/14/2018	\$290,000.00
07/16/2018	\$290,000.00
08/14/2018	\$290,000.00
09/18/2018	\$290,000.00
10/17/2018	\$290,000.00
11/14/2018	\$290,000.00
12/17/2018	\$290,000.00
01/16/2019	\$290,000.00
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05/13/2020	\$290,000.00

Date	Amount
06/15/2020	\$290,000.00
07/14/2020	\$290,000.00
08/17/2020	\$290,000.00
09/14/2020	\$290,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$44,563,500.00</b>

490. During this period, Musk also caused Musk Industries to pay by interstate bank wire the monthly rent and overhead for OpenAI, Inc.'s office.

491. Musk further invested his time, reputation, and connections to recruit top AI scientists and engineers for the non-profit, which included the transmission of emails and cellular telephonic communications.

492. It was reasonably foreseeable that interstate wires would be used in connection with Defendants' scheme. In addition to the wire transmissions described above, Altman and Brockman, acting in concert with the For-Profit Entities and Microsoft, relied on wires to invest such funds in furtherance of their fraudulent scheme, and, on information and belief, relied on email or other forms of electronic communication to exchange information about their receipt and usage of such funds and contributions.

493. In addition, from December 11, 2015 to today, Defendants in their online marketing (e.g., website), advertisements, and promotions made knowingly false and/or misleading representations to defraud the public and induce the false belief that OpenAI, Inc. would be a non-profit whose charitable mission is to develop safe and open-source AI/AGI technology for the public good, not private gain, as detailed in paragraphs 84-90 and 251, *supra*. These false and/or misleading public pronouncements served to further reassure Musk and induce him to make further contributions.

494. Altman and Brockman knowingly and repeatedly accepted contributions from Musk and other member of the public in order to develop AI/AGI with no intention of honoring and performing their promises at the time they were made, and failed to perform them. For instance, OpenAI's recent GPT-4, GPT-4T, GPT-4o, and OpenAI o1 models are all



1 closed source and shrouded in secrecy for Defendants' commercial advantage and gain.

2 495. Altman and Brockman used and exploited Musk's contributions to fund and  
3 support OpenAI, Inc.'s research and development of AI/AGI, and on information and belief,  
4 to attract massive investment by Microsoft, as well as to launch the For-Profit Entities, in  
5 which, on information and belief, Altman and Microsoft are significant shareholders.

6 496. Microsoft and the For-Profit Entities were aware of, benefitted from, and aided  
7 and abetted the continuation of this unlawful conduct by, without limitation, providing the  
8 capital, corporate structure(s), and advice and encouragement to exploit OpenAI, Inc. and its  
9 assets for Defendants' enrichment rather than the public's benefit. Microsoft and the For-  
10 Profit Entities further participated by siphoning off and exploiting OpenAI, Inc.'s valuable  
11 AI/AGI technology and highly skilled personnel and by facilitating and concealing  
12 Defendants' profiteering, as described in detail in paragraphs 129-35, *supra*.

13 497. While publicly cloaked as a mere fundraising apparatus, the For-Profit Entities  
14 are, in reality, the foundation of Defendants' scheme to control, co-opt, and cash in on  
15 OpenAI, Inc.'s valuable technology developed with Musk's significant contributions.

16 498. For instance, after Altman and Brockman launched OpenAI, L.P. (now OpenAI  
17 OpCo, LLC), they transferred much of the non-profit's staff over to the new company, which  
18 also now houses and operates much of OpenAI's technological research and development.  
19 Altman, Brockman, and the For-Profit Entities' reshuffling of OpenAI, Inc.'s assets, in concert  
20 with Microsoft, served to conveniently shield them and their scheme from public scrutiny and  
21 to evade the financial disclosures non-profits like OpenAI, Inc. must make.

22 499. Each of the predicate acts by Altman and/or Brockman alleged hereinabove  
23 were committed within the scope of their employment, their positions as officers and/or  
24 directors at, or their agency relationship with, the For-Profit Entities and/or Microsoft.

25 500. In addition, Altman, with the assistance and cooperation of Brockman, the For-  
26 Profit Entities, and/or Microsoft, brazenly engaged in rampant self-dealing involving OpenAI,  
27 Inc. and its assets, as described in detail in paragraphs 135-45, *supra*.

28 501. Altman and Brockman, in concert with the For-Profit Entities and Microsoft,

1 intentionally concealed their unlawful conduct, which prevented Musk from discovering their  
2 scheme, notwithstanding his exercise of due diligence. Musk would not have contributed to  
3 OpenAI, Inc. had he known of Defendants' true intentions and scheme.

4 502. Altman, Brockman, Microsoft, and the For-Profit Entities directly and  
5 indirectly committed or aided and abetted these numerous predicate acts of wire fraud in  
6 furtherance of their scheme. The predicate acts by Microsoft and the For-Profit Entities were  
7 committed by Altman, Brockman, and/or representatives of such entities acting through, or on  
8 behalf of and for the benefit of those entities. Each of these Defendants voluntarily and  
9 intentionally committed and/or aided and abetted the commission of the predicate acts to  
10 effectuate and/or further their illicit scheme.

11 **B. Pattern of Racketeering Activity**

12 503. Defendants committed multiple predicate acts of wire fraud which are  
13 indictable under 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1)(B). Defendants knowingly, willfully, and unlawfully  
14 conducted or participated, directly or indirectly, in a pattern of racketeering activity within the  
15 meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 1961(5).

16 504. Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit Entities, and/or Microsoft committed, or  
17 conspired with or aided and abetted one another in committing, at least two (and in fact,  
18 numerous) predicate acts of wire fraud constituting a continuous course of conduct spanning a  
19 period from at least March 2015 to the present. The temporal duration and the number of  
20 predicate acts are so extensive as to constitute a pattern of racketeering activity with, at  
21 minimum, closed-ended continuity, though on information and belief, such conduct is  
22 continuing—e.g., Defendants continue to form new for-profit entities, and to exploit the non-  
23 profit's technology for their private gain, all while continuing to promote their counterfeit  
24 charitable mission—and there exists a specific threat such conduct will persist indefinitely,  
25 constituting a pattern of racketeering activity that is open-ended.

26 505. In order to implement their scheme, Defendants used the interstate wires to  
27 defraud Musk and other contributors. The predicate acts were related, having the same or  
28 similar purposes and results (e.g., to obtain significant financial and other contributions to

1 develop valuable AI/AGI technology to be wrongfully exploited for Defendants’ self-  
2 enrichment); involved the same or similar participants (e.g., Defendants); and victims (e.g.,  
3 Plaintiffs, donors, AI scientists and engineers, and other contributors); and involved the same  
4 or similar methods of commission (e.g., misrepresentations via email, online marketing, etc.).

5 506. Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft each participated as  
6 a principal in the pattern of racketeering activity by, acting with intent or knowledge,  
7 committing, causing, aiding, abetting, counseling, commanding, inducing, or procuring the  
8 commission of, two or more acts of wire fraud that make up the alleged pattern of  
9 racketeering activity, or by willfully causing the commission of two or more acts of wire fraud  
10 that make up the pattern of racketeering activity, which, if Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit  
11 Entities, or Microsoft directly performed, would constitute the commission of two or more  
12 acts of wire fraud comprising such pattern.

13 **C. Violations of Section 1962(c)**

14 507. Title 18, Section 1962(c) makes it “unlawful for any person employed by or  
15 associated with any enterprise . . . to conduct or participate, directly or indirectly, in the  
16 conduct of such enterprise’s affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity[.]”

17 508. OpenAI, Inc. is an “enterprise” as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1961(4), and  
18 engaged in, and its activities affected, interstate and foreign commerce. At all relevant times,  
19 OpenAI, Inc. had an existence separate and distinct from the pattern of racketeering in which  
20 Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft engaged.

21 509. Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft are “persons” within  
22 the definition of 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3), and at all relevant times were employed by and/or  
23 associated with OpenAI, Inc. Altman and Brockman are OpenAI, Inc.’s CEO and sometimes  
24 President/CTO, respectively, and at various times have sat, and Altman currently sits, on its  
25 Board. On information and belief, from November 29, 2023 to July 9, 2024, Microsoft held its  
26 so-called “observer seat” on the Board, from which it participated in the management,  
27 operation, and/or control of OpenAI, Inc. The For-Profit Entities, which on information and  
28 belief are largely owned, operated, and/or controlled by Altman and Microsoft, knowingly

1 implemented decisions of Altman, Brockman, and/or Microsoft and have now so thoroughly  
2 infiltrated OpenAI, Inc., and are so intertwined with OpenAI, Inc., so as to effectively  
3 participate in, manage, control, and/or operate the non-profit with impunity.

4 510. Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft wrongfully  
5 conducted or participated, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of the OpenAI, Inc.'s affairs  
6 through a pattern of racketeering activity in furtherance of a common scheme to wrongfully  
7 exploit the financial and other charitable contributions of Musk and others to OpenAI, Inc. to  
8 develop valuable AI/AGI technology, which Defendants illicitly co-opted and leveraged to  
9 enrich themselves.

10 511. Based on Altman and Brockman's fraudulent misrepresentations, including  
11 those made through OpenAI, Inc., Musk contributed approximately \$44,811,795.00<sup>15</sup> of seed  
12 capital to OpenAI, Inc., caused Musk Industries to contribute the office rent and overhead of  
13 OpenAI, Inc., and invested his time, reputation, and connections to recruit premier AI  
14 scientists and engineers for the non-profit.

15 512. Defendants then used Musk's charitable contributions to develop valuable AI  
16 technology, which, once it approached marketable AGI, they kept closed source and  
17 exclusively licensed and/or furnished to Microsoft for Defendants' private gain.

18 513. On information and belief, Altman and Brockman, acting in concert with  
19 Microsoft, furthered the scheme by launching the For-Profit Entities and transferring much of  
20 OpenAI, Inc.'s technology and staff over to them. On information and belief, the For-Profit  
21 Entities now operate most of the non-profit's research and development, from which Altman,  
22 Brockman, the For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft stand to make a veritable fortune.

23 514. In addition, on information and belief, Altman along with other Defendants  
24 have engaged in unbridled self-dealing under cover of the "non-profit." On information and  
25 belief, the For-Profit Entities and Microsoft facilitated and/or aided and abetted such

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27 <sup>15</sup> In addition to the wired contributions tabled above, Musk donated Model 3 Teslas to  
28 OpenAI, Inc., valued at \$248,295.00, which contribution required communication over e-mail.

1 conflicted dealings, were vital to Defendants’ profiteering scheme, and furthered it by  
2 accepting OpenAI, Inc.’s misappropriated assets and staff and by helping to conceal Altman’s  
3 unlawful conduct.

4 **D. Violations of Section 1962(a)**

5 515. Title 18, Section 1962(a) makes it “unlawful for any person who has received  
6 any income derived, directly or indirectly, from a pattern of racketeering activity . . . to invest,  
7 directly or indirectly, any part of such income, or the proceeds of such income, in acquisition  
8 of any interest in, or the establishment or operation of, any enterprise[.]”

9 516. Altman, Brockman, and the For-Profit Entities, in concert with Microsoft have,  
10 without limitation, received income, directly or indirectly, by participating in the wire fraud  
11 scheme detailed above and receiving Musk’s donations, or any part thereof, and generated  
12 further income or proceeds from the activities of the For-Profit Entities, which exist and have  
13 value due to the assets developed with Musk’s wrongfully obtained donations.

14 517. Altman and Brockman used Musk’s donations and the income and proceeds  
15 derived therefrom to establish and operate OpenAI, Inc. and the For-Profit Entities in concert  
16 with Microsoft.

17 518. For example, Altman and Brockman used Musk’s financial contributions to  
18 launch and operate OpenAI, Inc. and develop its valuable technology by, *inter alia*, paying the  
19 salaries of its AI scientists and engineers, covering OpenAI, Inc.’s operating expenses (e.g.,  
20 lease and overhead), and purchasing the compute and other raw materials necessary for the  
21 non-profit to conduct research and develop its assets, which Defendants wrongfully exploited  
22 for their benefit.

23 519. Altman, Brockman, and the For-Profit Entities, in concert with Microsoft,  
24 further used the income and proceeds generated by the For-Profit Entities to acquire, maintain  
25 an interest in, and/or further operate OpenAI, Inc. The income from Defendants’ for-profit  
26 activities constitute an integral part of the scheme to defraud Musk, and allows OpenAI, Inc.  
27 to operate under the control of Defendants.

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1           **E.       Violations of Section 1962(b)**

2           520.    Title 18, Section 1962(b) makes it “unlawful for any person through a pattern  
3 of racketeering activity . . . to acquire or maintain, directly or indirectly, any interest in or  
4 control of any enterprise[.]”

5           521.    Defendants’ wire fraud scheme caused them to acquire and maintain, directly  
6 and/or indirectly, an interest in and/or control over OpenAI, Inc. On information and belief,  
7 Altman, Brockman, and the For-Profit Entities’ scheme yielded financial and other  
8 contributions from Musk and others, which were, in turn, used to develop valuable AI/AGI  
9 technology that Altman along with other Defendants leveraged and exploited to attract the  
10 powerful tech giant Microsoft and gain undue influence, which they used to acquire and/or  
11 maintain significant control over OpenAI, Inc. and its operations.

12           522.    To illustrate, on November 17, 2023, OpenAI, Inc.’s Board dismissed Altman  
13 as CEO and from the Board because, on information and belief, he had lied to the Board to  
14 obstruct its oversight of him, and because the Board was concerned by Altman’s numerous  
15 conflicts of interest and multiple instances of self-dealing.

16           523.    Prior to his dismissal, Altman had aligned himself with Microsoft and  
17 orchestrated deals causing OpenAI, Inc. to become inextricably dependent on Microsoft—  
18 e.g., on information and belief, Microsoft had paid only a fraction of its reported \$13 billion  
19 commitment to OpenAI, and OpenAI, Inc. needed Microsoft’s cloud computing system to  
20 continue to operate and function. On information and belief, when Microsoft learned of  
21 Altman’s dismissal, it and Altman made a concerted and coordinated effort to use their  
22 influence and leverage to threaten and pressure OpenAI, Inc.’s Board to have Altman quickly  
23 reinstated.

24           524.    On November 21, 2023, Altman was reinstated as CEO just four days after his  
25 dismissal. Upon his return, Altman purged the Board members who had dismissed him and,  
26 with Microsoft, handpicked new compliant Board members, effectively taking over OpenAI,  
27 Inc. in furtherance of Defendants’ profiteering scheme. Microsoft also obtained an influential  
28 observer seat on the Board, permitting it to exercise internal pressure and further influence

1 over OpenAI, Inc.’s operations.

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3 525. The foregoing unlawful actions of Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit Entities,  
4 and Microsoft directly, illegally, and proximately caused and continue to cause injuries to  
5 Musk and xAI’s respective business and property in an amount to be proven at the time of  
6 trial.

7 526. In addition to the loss of Musk’s considerable contributions to OpenAI, Inc.,  
8 Plaintiffs were further harmed by Defendants’ investment of the proceeds from their unlawful  
9 conduct in OpenAI, Inc. and/or Defendants’ acquisition of an interest in, or control over,  
10 OpenAI, Inc. in furtherance of their scheme.

11 527. OpenAI, now a competitor to Musk and xAI, used Musk’s tax-free startup  
12 capital to gain an unfair competitive advantage in the market for generative AI, resulting in  
13 decreased market share and profits for Musk and xAI, diversion of customers/investors away  
14 from them, and/or the competitive injuries detailed in Counts IX-XIX.

15 528. Defendants further leveraged their control over OpenAI, Inc. and market  
16 power, acquired through the pattern of unlawful activity described above, to undercut and  
17 block Musk and xAI’s entrance and/or growth in the generative AI market, including by  
18 controlling the limited supply of available compute, investors, and limited pool of qualified AI  
19 talent.

20 529. In addition, as detailed in Counts XX, Musk is the settlor of a trust in favor of  
21 OpenAI, Inc., and has a special interest in OpenAI, Inc. and its mission to be a non-profit  
22 devoted to the safe and largely open-source development of AI/AGI for the public’s benefit.  
23 Defendants, through their unlawful activity, acquired control over OpenAI, Inc., exploited it  
24 and its valuable technology for private commercial gain, and abandoned the charitable  
25 purposes for which it was founded, harming Musk.

26 530. Pursuant to the civil remedy provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1964(c), Musk and xAI  
27 are entitled to recover three times the damages they sustained, reasonable attorneys’ fees, and  
28 costs of litigation, as well as any other relief as authorized by statute.



**COUNT XXVI: CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE FEDERAL CIVIL RICO,**

**18 U.S.C. § 1962(d)**

**(Musk and xAI Against Altman, Brockman, Microsoft, and the For-Profit Entities)**

531. Plaintiffs Musk and xAI re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 530 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

532. Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft have undertaken the wrongful acts described in Count XXV above as part of a common scheme. Defendants willfully, knowingly, and unlawfully conspired, confederated, and agreed together and with others to violate 18 U.S.C. § 1962(a)-(c), in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d). Defendants intentionally concealed their illicit conduct, which prevented Plaintiffs from discovering their scheme, notwithstanding Plaintiffs' exercise of due diligence.

533. Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft were aware of the unlawful activity alleged hereinabove. Altman, as OpenAI, Inc.'s co-founder, CEO, and Board member, and Brockman, as its President and prior CTO and Board member, in concert with Microsoft, knew that Altman, Brockman and through them, OpenAI, Inc., had made false and/or misleading representations to Musk and other contributors that OpenAI, Inc. would be a non-profit devoted to the open-source development of AI/AGI for the public's benefit, and that Musk's financial or other contributions were supposed to be used solely to further such charitable purpose. On information and belief, Altman and Brockman have at all relevant times been officers, agents, employees, and/or owners whose knowledge and intent is imputed to the For-Profit Entities. The For-Profit Entities and Microsoft knew of and agreed to facilitate the operation of OpenAI, Inc. and/or Defendants' scheme.

534. Altman, Brockman, and Microsoft directed and caused the For-Profit Entities to engage in the racketeering activity alleged hereinabove.

535. Altman and Brockman understood that they were committing numerous RICO predicate acts and participating in a racketeering scheme, evidenced among other things, by their overt acts and involvement in repeatedly promulgating false and/or misleading representations via wire transmissions, including email correspondence, online transmittal,



1 and social media posts, and receiving financial and other contributions, including wired funds,  
2 in response to those fraudulent communications. In addition, on information and belief, the  
3 For-Profit Entities and Microsoft understood they were facilitating and/or aiding and abetting  
4 Altman and Brockman's self-dealing and furthering the scheme by helping to conceal their  
5 fraudulent conduct and aiding in the exploitation of the non-profit's assets for private  
6 inurement.

7 536. The participation and agreement of Altman, Brockman, each of the For-Profit  
8 Entities, and Microsoft was necessary to the scheme. Defendants knew their predicate acts  
9 were part of a pattern of racketeering activity and agreed to the commission of those acts to  
10 further the scheme, and agreed and conspired to conduct and participate in the affairs of  
11 OpenAI, Inc. through a consistent and continual pattern of racketeering activity. Further  
12 evidence of the agreement among Altman, Brockman, the For-Profit Entities, and Microsoft is  
13 peculiarly within the knowledge and control of Defendants.

14 537. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conspiracy and violations of 18  
15 U.S.C. § 1962(d), Musk and xAI have been injured in their business and property, as alleged  
16 herein, and are entitled to treble damages, attorneys' fees, and costs of suit.

17 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

18 WHEREFORE, each Plaintiff respectfully prays for judgment on the causes of action  
19 as pleaded against Defendants, including the Attorney General of California, Deannah  
20 Templeton, and Reid Hoffman, as follows:

21 1. For compensatory, consequential, and statutory damages, restitution, and non-  
22 restitutionary disgorgement, and any other relief that may be permitted by law or equity,  
23 according to proof in an amount to be determined at trial, together with interest thereon as  
24 provided by law;

25 2. For a constructive trust on Defendants' ill-gotten gains, property, and assets  
26 traceable to Musk's significant contributions to OpenAI, Inc. and/or all unlawful benefits  
27 received by Defendants;

28 3. For an accounting of all gains, profits, and advantages Defendants have derived

1 from their solicitation, receipt, use, and expenditure of Musk’s contributions to OpenAI, Inc.,  
2 including the intellectual property and derivative works funded by the same and from  
3 Defendants’ use of the same for their benefit or the benefit any third party;

4 4. For an order compelling specific performance of Defendants’ contractual  
5 promises to Musk;

6 5. For a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining Defendants’ unlawful,  
7 unfair, fraudulent, and unjust conduct;

8 6. For treble damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 15, 18 U.S.C. § 1964(a)-(c), 15  
9 U.S.C. § 1117(a), and Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16750(a), 17082;

10 7. For punitive and/or exemplary damages as provided by law;

11 8. For prejudgment interest, including without limitation at the statutory rate  
12 provided in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16761;

13 9. For costs of suit;

14 10. For attorneys’ fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 15, 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), 18 U.S.C.  
15 § 1964(c), Cal. Civ. Proc. § 1021.5, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16750(a), 17082, and as  
16 otherwise permitted by law; and

17 11. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

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19 DATED: November 14, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

20 TOBEROFF & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

21 By: /s/ Marc Toberoff

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23 *Attorneys for Plaintiffs Elon Musk,*  
24 *Shivon Zilis, and X.AI Corp.*

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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury for all issues triable to a jury.

DATED: November 14, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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By: /s/ Marc Toberoff  
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**VERIFICATION**

I, Elon Musk, hereby state:

1. I have reviewed the facts alleged in the foregoing Amended Verified Complaint and verify that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

2. I base this Verification on my own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true and correct. The grounds of my knowledge, information, and belief are derived from my prior role as a member of OpenAI, Inc. from its founding on or about December 8, 2015 to February 21, 2018, my current position as CEO of X.AI Corp., as well as my personal involvement in certain of the events underlying this litigation, including without limitation my communications with relevant individuals referenced in the Amended Verified Complaint.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 14, 2024.

*/s/ Elon Musk*  
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**VERIFICATION**

I, Shivon Zilis, hereby state:

1. I have reviewed the facts alleged in Counts XXII through XXIV of the foregoing Amended Verified Complaint and verify that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

2. I base this Verification on my own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true and correct. The grounds of my knowledge, information, and belief are derived from my prior role as a member of OpenAI, Inc. from on or about March 11, 2019 to March 23, 2023, including without limitation my communications with relevant individuals referenced in Counts XXII through XXIV of the Amended Verified Complaint.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 14, 2024.

*/s/ Shivon Zilis*  
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