

**DECLARATION OF WENDY J. WINTMAN
PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1746**

I, Wendy J. Wintman, have personal knowledge of the facts and matters discussed in this declaration, and, if called as a witness, could and would testify as follows:

1. I am over the age of twenty-one (21) and am competent to give this testimony.
2. I am employed as Manager, Legal Services of Consumers Union of United States, Inc. (“Consumers Union”).
3. Consumers Union is an independent non-profit organization with its headquarters located in Yonkers, New York. Since 1942, Consumers Union has published under the *Consumer Reports* trademark a magazine periodical that includes reviews and comparisons of consumer products and services.
4. Consumers Union currently administers several websites under domain names it has registered, which domain names include consumerreports.org, consumerreports.org/health, consumerreportshealth.org and consumersunion.org.
5. The *Consumer Reports* logo, pictured below, is a trademark that Consumers Union has registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Serial Number: 75/838,392; Registration Number: 2,465,186; registered on July 3, 2001).



Consumers Union is also the owner of a federal trademark registration for CONSUMER REPORTS (Serial Number: 72/043,817; Registration Number: 0672849; registered on January 20, 1959).

6. Websites such as consumerproductsdaily.com had used language “As seen on...” followed by the logos for *Consumer Reports* and other news outlets.
7. Consumers Union has no affiliation with consumerproductsdaily.com or with any other website using the *Consumer Reports* logo in a similar fashion.
8. Consumers Union has never licensed or in any way authorized the use of the *Consumer Reports* trademark in connection with the website consumerproductsdaily.com or with any website employing a similar format.
9. While this format may imply to consumers that *Consumer Reports* has, along with the other news outlets whose logos are listed, published articles favorably reviewing the products featured on these websites, *Consumer Reports* has not published any articles reviewing the advertised products favorably. In fact, *Consumer Reports* published an article in its February 2010 issue of *Consumer Reports* warning consumers that websites using formats like those used in the websites listed above may be misleading. A true and correct copy of that article, available at <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/magazine-archive/2010/february/money/beware-of-fake-news-online/overview/fakes-news-ov.htm>, is attached hereto.
10. Additionally, Consumers Union has received numerous complaints and inquiries from consumers regarding web sites with a format similar to consumerproductsdaily.com, including consumerdigestweekly.com, weeklyhealthnow.com, healthnews10.com, and health9news.com. Many of the complaints voiced concern that these web sites were infringing the *Consumer Reports* trademark, while other complaints questioned *Consumer Reports*' affiliation with these web sites. There were also inquiries about

Consumer Reports' actual reporting on acai berry by readers seeking to verify the claims in these web sites.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 14, 2011, within the United States.



Wendy J. Wintman