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#### **DECLARATION OF DAVID GROSSMAN**

I, DAVID GROSSMAN, declare as follows:

3 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California and am an associate with the law firm of Loeb & Loeb LLP ("Loeb"), attorneys of 4 5 record for Paramount Pictures Corporation ("Paramount") and CBS Studios, Inc. 6 ("CBS") (collectively, "Plaintiffs") in the above-captioned matter. The following is of my own personal knowledge, and if called as a witness, I could and would 7 competently testify thereto.<sup>1</sup> 8

9 2. Attached hereto as **Exhibit DDD** is a true and correct copy of CBS' responses to Interrogatories 2 and 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit EEE is a true and 10 correct copy of Paramount's responses to Interrogatories 2 and 3. 11

12 3. Exhibit A (a confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the deposition transcripts of Alec Peters taken on 13 October 19, 2016 and November 2, 2016 (referred to herein as "Peters tr.). 14

15 Exhibit B (a confidential document filed under seal) is a true and 4. 16 correct copy of excerpts from the deposition transcript of Robert Meyer Burnett 17 taken on October 11, 2016 (referred to herein as "Burnett tr.").

Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a true and correct copy of excerpts 18 5. 19 from the deposition transcript of Christian Gossett taken on October 22, 2016 20 (referred to herein as "Gossett tr.").

21 6. Exhibit D (a confidential document filed under seal) is a true and 22 correct copy of excerpts from the deposition transcript of Diana Kingsbury taken on October 12, 2016 (referred to herein as "Kingsbury tr."). 23

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<sup>1</sup> With the exception of Exhibits DDD, EEE, FFF, GGG, HHH, III, JJJ,KKK, LLL, and some additional deposition testimony in Exhibits A, B, and C, all of the 26 exhibits submitted with this declaration were also previously filed with the 27 declaration of David Grossman in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment (originally filed as Dkt. No. 72-2, corrected version filed as Dkt. No. 85-28 2).

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7. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of excerpts
 from the deposition transcript of Terry McIntosh taken on October 28, 2016
 (referred to herein as "McIntosh tr.").

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#### A. Defendants' Copying of Plaintiffs' Works.

5 8. Attached to this declaration are numerous emails and documents 6 showing the nature and extent of Defendants' copying of the Star Trek Copyrighted 7 Works. Although most of these documents were authored, or received, by 8 Defendant Alec Peters, virtually none of these documents were turned over by Mr. 9 Peters. In response to Plaintiffs' discovery requests, Mr. Peters produced a 10 smattering of emails, and he admittedly did not produce any social media postings 11 or other online postings/statements he made concerning the Axanar Works, 12 including statements and postings he made on his own website, 13 AxanarProductions.com. Defendants also did not produce thousands of pages of emails between Mr. Peters and the director of Prelude to Axanar (Christian Gossett). 14 15 Mr. Peters' extensive communications with Mr. Gossett regarding the creation of 16 the Axanar Works were only uncovered when Mr. Gossett produced them in 17 response to a third party subpoena. I reviewed the documents produced by Mr. 18 Peters as well as the documents turned over by Mr. Gossett that Mr. Peters did not 19 produce. Further, Mr. Peters did not produce 2021 22 23 **Exhibit A** (Peters tr. at 273:2-283:21) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of an excerpt 24 from Mr. Peters' deposition in which he testified that 25 26 27 9. The documents that Plaintiffs were able to obtain show that Mr. Peters engaged in extensive discussions regarding the creative details of the Axanar 28

project, including deciding which of Plaintiffs' copyrighted materials were to be used as source material to create the Axanar Works.

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# 1. Defendants Intentionally Replicated The Look And Feel of Star Trek.

5 10. On January 4, 2011, Mr. Peters sent an email to Christian Gossett with 6 the subject line "Must watch TOS [The Original Series]." Mr. Peters stated that he 7 and Christian were going to meet the following Friday to work on the Axanar 8 treatment, and in the meantime Mr. Gossett would get watch The Original Series 9 DVDs so that they could watch the key episodes again. Mr. Peters provided Mr. 10 Gossett with a list of *The Original Series* episodes to review. Attached hereto as **Exhibit F** is a true and correct copy of the email from Mr. Peters. **Exhibit A** (Peters 11 12 tr. at 332:15-334:4) (a confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct 13 copy of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** (Gossett tr. at 30:7-31:13) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Gossett's relevant 14 deposition testimony. 15

16 11. On Defendants' website, Axanarproductions.com, Mr. Peters stated: 17 "While Axanar is more professional, and has raised more money than all other Star 18 Trek fan films combined, we use less Star Trek IP than almost all of them...Yes, we 19 use several characters from Star Trek and we are clearly set in that universe." Attached hereto as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of a printout from 20 21 Axanarproductions.com. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 170:22-171:3) (confidential 22 document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony. 23

12. Mr. Peters sent an email to Mr. Gossett on November 13, 2013
containing source material for *Prelude to Axanar*. Attached hereto as Exhibit H is a
true and correct copy of this email exchange. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 359:18361:11) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of Mr.
Peters' relevant deposition testimony. Attached hereto as Exhibit C (Gossett tr. at

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32:7-34:16) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Gossett's relevant deposition
 testimony.

3 In Mr. Peters' deposition, he testified that 13. 4 5 6 7 Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 38:22-41:17) (confidential document filed under 8 seal) is a true and correct copy of the relevant excerpt from the deposition transcript 9 of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016. Mr. Peters and Mr. Gossett discussed using the Star Trek: The Role 10 14. Playing Game supplement "The Four Years War" as a "bible" for the creation of the 11 12 Axanar Works. Attached hereto as **Exhibit I** is a true and correct copy of that 13 email. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** (Gossett tr. at 48:10-50:10) are true and correct copies of the relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Christian Gossett 14 taken on October 22, 2016. 15 16 15. On March 28, 2014, Mr. Gossett sent an email to Mr. Peters and others 17 discussing how he was using *The Original Series* as source material, and he 18 appended various screen shots from *The Original Series*. Attached hereto as

Exhibit J is a true and correct copy of this email exchange. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at
371:13-372:9) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of
Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony.

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16. Mr. Peters testified

Exhibit A (Peters tr. at

143:13-145:7) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of the relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript taken on October 19, 2016.

26 17. On October 11, 2016, I took the deposition of Robert Meyer Burnett.
27 Mr. Burnett is the director of the Vulcan Scene and of the full-length Axanar film.
28 Mr. Burnett was also the editor of *Prelude to Axanar* and is a creative collaborator

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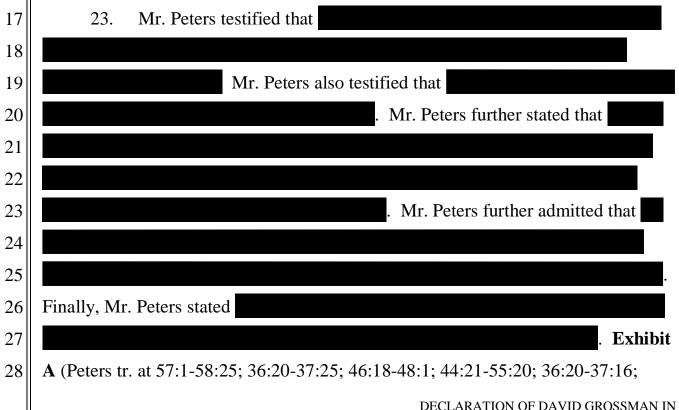
1	with Mr. Peters on the Axanar project. Mr. Burnett also testified
2	. Exhibit B (Burnett tr.
3	at 202:12-203:4) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy
4	of the relevant excerpt from the transcript of Robert Meyer Burnett taken on
5	October 11, 2016.
6	18. <b>Exhibit A</b> (Peters tr. at 34:10-12; 34:5-9; 69:14-70:6) (confidential
7	document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of the relevant excerpt from the
8	deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016 in which he confirms
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11	19. Defendants produced a document stating that
12	. Exhibit K (confidential document filed under
13	seal) is a true and correct copy of the document produced by Defendants.
14	According to YouTube, Prelude to Axanar was published on August 15, 2014.
15	Attached hereto as <b>Exhibit L</b> is a true and correct copy of a printout from
16	Youtube.com (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1W1_8IV8uhA). Mr. Gossett
17	testified that Prelude to Axanar premiered in July 2014 at a theater that used to be
18	called Horton Plaza in San Diego. Exhibit C (Gossett tr. at 72:2-24) is a true and
19	correct copy of the relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Christin
20	Gossett taken on October 22, 2016.
21	20. Attached hereto as <b>Exhibit M</b> is a true and correct copy of the
22	illustrated script of Prelude to Axanar. Although I requested its production from
23	Defendants, Defendants' counsel refused to produce the illustrated script and it was
24	therefore obtained from third party, Terry McIntosh, who was deposed in this
25	matter. The illustrated script includes storyboards and source materials juxtaposed
26	against the final script for Prelude to Axanar.
27	21. In response to a question from Defendants' counsel, Mr. Gossett, the
28	director of Prelude to Axanar, testified that the film infringes upon Plaintiffs'

Loeb & Loeb A Limited Liability Partnership Including Professional Corporations copyrights. Attached hereto as Exhibit C (Gossett tr. at 185:25-186:8) is a true and
correct copy of the relevant excerpt from the deposition transcript of Christian
Gossett taken on October 22, 2016. (Q. Do you think Prelude to Axanar is –
infringes upon the Star Trek intellectual property? A. Yes. Q. And in what
way? A. In that it is an unlicensed filmed entertainment that uses countless
elements of the Star Trek fictional world without -- yeah, unlicensed. I said
that.").

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#### 2. Defendants Copied Plaintiffs' Characters.

9 22. Christian Gossett, the director of *Prelude To Axanar*, testified that he 10 and Mr. Peters incorporated the Federation and Klingons into the Axanar Works. Mr. Gossett also testified that the Axanar Script features Plaintiffs' character, Garth 11 12 of Izar. Attached hereto as Exhibit C (Gossett tr. at 112:14-113:8; 67:5-70:23) are 13 true and correct copies of the relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Christian Gossett taken on October 22, 2016. Exhibit N (a confidential document 14 15 filed under seal) is a correct copy of a brochure for a screening of *Prelude to* Axanar, which shows images of Prelude to Axanar. 16



Loeb & Loeb A Limited Liability Partnership Including Professional Corporations 100302312.1 202828-10048 DECLARATION OF DAVID GROSSMAN IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT 414:2-415:19) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of
 the relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October
 19, 2016 and November 2, 2016.

24. Mr. Burnett testified that

5 Exhibit B (Burnett tr. at 191:17-192:25; 107:6-15) (confidential
6 document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of relevant excerpts from the
7 deposition transcript of Robert Meyer Burnett taken on October 11, 2016.

8 25. Defendants' Answer to the First Amended Complaint denied copying Klingons and Vulcans and asserted that Vulcan Ambassador Soval's robe used in 9 10 Prelude to Axanar contains "Chinese lettering" and not Vulcan script. (See Dkt. No. 47 at ¶ 46 (8:11-9:3)) ("deny that Soval's robe in Prelude to Axanar contains 11 'ancient Vulcan script' (the robe contains Chinese letters)."). After Mr. Peters' first 12 13 deposition was taken, Mr. Gossett produced an email in which Mr. Peters sent Mr. 14 Gossett an image for the Soval costume. In that email, Mr. Peters approved the 15 Vulcan robe for Soval and stated that the production team should add Vulcan glyphs 16 to the robe. At Mr. Peters' second deposition, which was taken pursuant to Court Order after the documents Mr. Peters had not produced were obtained from third 17

- 18 parties, Mr. Peters admitted
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21 22 **Exhibit A** (Peters tr. at 319:8-323:10) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony. Attached hereto as **Exhibit O** is a true and correct copy of this email exchange.

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26. Mr. Peters admitted in his deposition that

2 3 4 **Exhibit A** (Peters tr. at 82:6-85:12; 88:5-88:16) 5 (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of the relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016. 6 7 27. Mr. Peters and Mr. Gossett exchanged emails on November 25, 2012 8 regarding **Exhibit P** (a confidential 9 document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of their email exchange. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 347:4-348:10) (confidential document filed under seal) is a 10 true and correct copy of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony. 11 12 28. On April 4, 2014, Mr. Peters and Mr. Gossett discussed makeup tests 13 for the character Kharn, and discuss how it looks "Klingon." Attached hereto as 14 **Exhibit Q** is a true and correct copy of that email exchange, discussing what 15 changes to send to Kevin Haney of Makeup Effects. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 16 376:16-377:11) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony. Mr. Gossett testified that Mr. Haney was 17 18 an Oscar and Emmy award-winning makeup artist who worked on Star Trek. 19 **Exhibit** C is a true and correct copy of Mr. Gossett's relevant deposition testimony (Gossett tr. at 50:14-52:21). 2021 29. In an email on March 24, 2013, a graphic designer named Sean 22 Tourangeau sent costume ideas to Mr. Gossett and Mr. Peters. Mr. Gossett testified 23 that Mr. Tourangeau was designing these costumes at Mr. Peters' direction, and that 24 the costumes were being designed so that they looked to be very similar to those 25 worn in *The Original Series* because that was the time period in which the Axanar 26 Works were intended to be set. Attached hereto as **Exhibit R** is a true and correct

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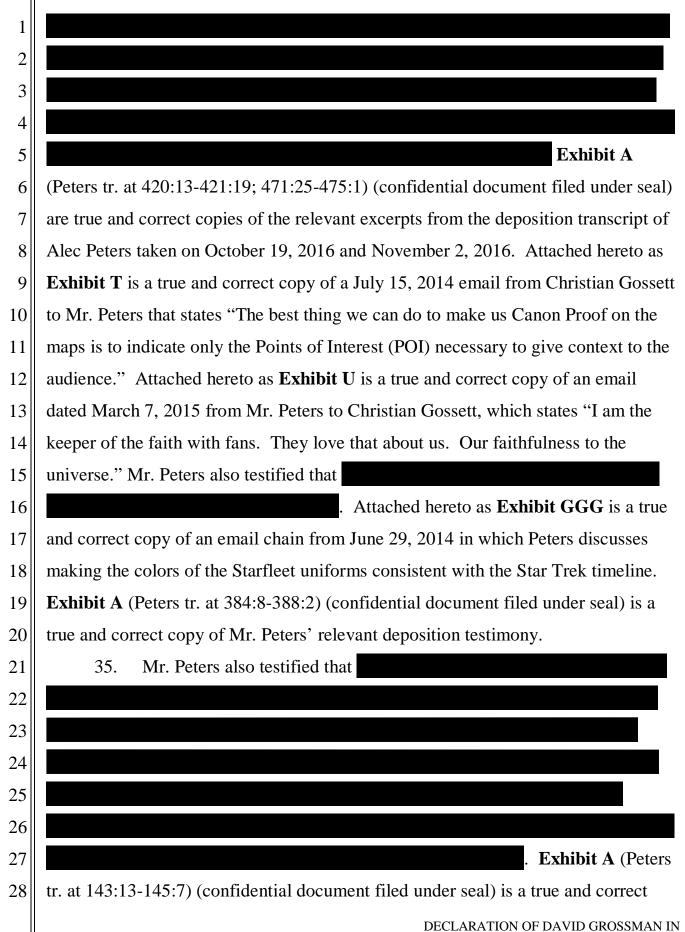
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copy of Mr. Tourangeau's email. Attached hereto as Exhibit C (Gossett tr. at

1	36:11-37:8) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Gossett's relevant deposition
2	testimony.
3	30. Mr. Burnett testified that
4	. Exhibit B (Burnett tr. at 202:21-
5	203:25) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of the
6	relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Robert Meyer Burnett taken on
7	October 11, 2016.
8	31. Mr. Burnett testified that
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10	Exhibit B (Burnett tr. at 202:21-203:25; 215:4-216:9) (confidential document filed
11	under seal) is a true and correct copy of relevant excerpts from the deposition
12	transcript of Robert Meyer Burnett taken on October 11, 2016.
13	3. Defendants Copied Costumes, Settings And Other Elements
14	From Plaintiffs' Works.
15	32. Mr. Gossett testified that Mr. Peters approved the costumes to be used
16	in the Axanar Works, and that Mr. Peters wanted to ensure that the costumes used
17	were consistent with Star Trek "canon." Attached hereto as Exhibit C (Gossett tr.
18	at 47:22-48:6) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Gossett's relevant deposition
19	testimony.
20	33. Attached hereto as <b>Exhibit S</b> is a true and correct copy of a July 8,
21	2014 email from Mr. Peters to Mr. Gossett and Rocio Everett, a principal at a
22	garment manufacturer, containing images of Starfleet costumes. Mr. Peters testified
23	that
24	. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 414:2-
25	415:19) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of Mr.
26	Peters' relevant deposition testimony.
27	34. Mr. Peters testified that
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copy of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony. Exhibit V (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of

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Mr. Peters testified that 36.

145:12-:147:10) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies 6 of the relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016. Exhibit W (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of 9

10 37. In an email exchange in April 2014, Mr. Peters discussed location ideas 11 with Mr. Gossett and others. They discussed filming at Tillman Japanese Gardens. 12 Mr. Peters testified that multiple Star Trek television series used this location to 13 depict "Starfleet headquarters" and Defendants intended to shoot at that same 14 location in order to depict the exterior for Starfleet headquarters in their Axanar 15 works. Attached hereto as **Exhibit X** is a true and correct copy of this email 16 exchange. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 373:10-375:16) (confidential document filed 17 under seal) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony.

18 38. In an email exchange between Mr. Peters, Tobias Richter, and Mr. 19 Gossett, Mr. Richter, the visual effects supervisor for *Prelude to Axanar*, the 20production team discussed using a screenshot of Eminiar City for the Axanar

21 Works. Mr. Peters testified 22

- 23 24 Attached hereto as **Exhibit Y** is a true and 25 correct copy of this email exchange. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 377:17-378:13) 26 (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony. Attached hereto as Exhibit C (Gossett tr. at 92:14-27
- 28 93:13) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Gossett's relevant deposition testimony.

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**Exhibit** A (Peters tr. at

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1	39. Mr. Burnett testified that
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3	. Exhibit B
4	(Burnett tr. at 55:4-14; 58:10-22; 59:11-22) (confidential document filed under seal)
5	is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the deposition transcript of Robert
6	Meyer Burnett taken on October 11, 2016.
7	4. Defendants' Vulcan Scene and Axanar Script Also Copied
8	Plaintiffs' Works.
9	40. On August 15, 2015, in a post on Facebook, Mr. Peters announced that
10	he had completed the "fully revised and locked script" which he referred to as "the
11	best Star Trek movie script ever!" Attached hereto as Exhibit Z is a true and
12	correct copy of Peters' Facebook post.
13	41. Mr. Peters testified that
14	. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 77:5-9)
15	(confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of the relevant
16	excerpt from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016.
17	42. Exhibit AA (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and
18	correct copy of version 7.7 of the Axanar Script, dated November 26, 2015. This is
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26	43. Mr. Peters testified that
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2	. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 79:11-17; 425:11-426:3; 77:5-9;
3	82:2-85:12) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copy of
4	relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19,
5	2016 and November 2, 2016.
6	44. Mr. Burnett testified that
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9	. Exhibit B
10	(Burnett tr. at 103:13-18; 106:11-17) (confidential document filed under seal) are
11	true and correct copies of relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Robert
12	Meyer Burnett taken on October 11, 2016.
13	45. Mr. Peters testified that
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15	<b>Exhibit A</b> (Peters tr. at 362:9-363:13;
16	44:21-55:20) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copy of
17	relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19,
18	2016 and November 2, 2016.
19	46. Mr. Burnett also testified that
20	(both characters from licensed Star Trek works).
21	Exhibit B (Burnett tr. at 194:9-195:16; 195:18-23) (confidential document filed
22	under seal) is a true and correct copy of the relevant excerpts from the deposition
23	transcript of Robert Meyer Burnett taken on October 11, 2016.
24	47. In an email on October 27, 2014, Mr. Peters explained that he wanted
25	pistol designs for Axanar to look more like the weapons from The Original Series.
26	Attached hereto as <b>Exhibit BB</b> is a true and correct copy of this email exchange.
27	Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 456:24-458:18) (confidential document filed under seal) is a
28	true and correct copy of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony.
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# B. Defendants Created A "Professional" Work, Using Professional Cast and Crew Members.

48. Although Mr. Peters did not turn over documents evidencing his
fundraising activities on the Indiegogo.com platform, Plaintiffs located these
documents independently. Mr. Peters made the following statement on the
Indiegogo website for Axanar:
"Axanar is the first fully-professional independent Star

"Axanar is the first fully-professional, independent Star Trek film. While some may call it a 'fan film' as we are not licensed by CBS, Axanar has professionals working in front and behind the camera, with a fully-professional crew—many of whom have worked on Star Trek itself who ensure Axanar will be the quality of Star Trek that all fans want to see."

Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 92:19-94:1) (confidential document filed under seal)
is a true and correct copy of the relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of
Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016. Attached hereto as Exhibit CC is a true and
correct copy of the Indiegogo fundraising page.

15 49. Mr. Peters also made the following statement on Indiegogo: "Axanar has professionals working in front and behind the camera, with a fully-professional 16 17 crew—many of whom have worked on Star Trek itself—who ensure Axanar will be 18 the quality of Star Trek that all fans want to see. ... But Axanar is not just an 19 independent Star Trek film; it is the beginning of a whole new way that fans can get 20the content they want, by funding it themselves. Why dump hundreds or thousands 21 of dollars a year on 400 cable channels, when what you really want is a few good 22 sci-fi shows." Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 99:10-101:10) (confidential document filed 23 under seal) is a true and correct copy of the relevant excerpt from the deposition 24 transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016. Attached hereto as Exhibit DD 25 is a true and correct copy of the Indiegogo fundraising page.

50. Social media posts by Defendants that were not produced by
Defendants, but were located and produced by Plaintiffs, also reflect Defendants'
emphasis that the Axanar Works are not a "fan film" and that they are

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"professional" productions. Mr. Peters made the following Facebook post on 1 2 Creation Entertainment's Official Star Trek Convention page: "My name is Alec 3 Peters and I am the producer of Star Trek: Axanar, an independent Star Trek feature 4 that will be released on the web. We don't call it a 'fan film' because we have so 5 many pros involved and plan to make a ground breaking film. Our DP is a 3x 6 Emmy Winner, and the film is directed by Christian Gossett, the guy behind The 7 Red Star." Attached hereto as **Exhibit EE** is a true and correct copy of a Facebook 8 post by Alec Peters. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 108:6-109:12) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of relevant excerpts from the deposition 9 10 transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016.

51. Attached hereto as Exhibit FF is a true and correct copy of a post on 11 Mr. Peters' Axanar Facebook page that states "Axanar is the first independent Star 12 13 Trek film. While some may call it a 'fan film' as we are not licensed by CBS, 14 Axanar has professionals working in front of and behind the camera. A fully 15 professional crew, many of whom have worked on Star Trek itself ensure Axanar will be the quality of Star Trek that all fans want to see." Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 16 17 109:16-110:2) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of 18 relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 19 2016.

2052. Attached hereto as **Exhibit GG** is a true and correct copy of a 21 statement made by Mr. Peters in an interview in which he is asked the question: 22 "You have used the word 'professional,' so does that mean that everyone who works 23 on the project in production and post-production will be paid? And will they be paid union wages?" Mr. Peters states: "Everyone will be paid, but we can't afford union 24 25 wages..." Mr. Peters also states in the interview that *Prelude to Axanar* was made 26 with "all professionals." Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 91:11-92:7) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of relevant excerpts from the deposition 27 28 transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016. Attached hereto as Exhibit III

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Exhibit A (Peters tr.

at 114:6-116:19) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy
of relevant excerpts from the deposition testimony of Alec Peters.

53. Mr. Peters has participated in approximately forty podcasts, with
various guests, discussing *Prelude to Axanar*, the Axanar feature film, and other
subjects. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 133:16-18) (confidential document filed under
seal) is a true and correct copy of relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of
Alec Peters. These recordings are distributed as podcasts over the internet at
http://trek.fm/axp/. Exhibit ZZ is a transcript of excerpts from those recordings. At

13 See Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 133:16-143:5) (confidential document filed 14 under seal). In the first recording, Mr. Peters states that *Prelude to Axanar*, "was a 15 fan film at twenty thousand [dollars] now it's a full independent production." See Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 135:11-13) (confidential document filed under seal). In the 16 17 second recording, Mr. Peters states, in reference to *Prelude to Axanar*, "what people 18 will see when we premier this at San Diego Comic-Con on July 26 is not a fan film. 19 They are going to see a fully professional production that's going to change the way 20people view Star Trek." See Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 137:13-19) (confidential 21 document filed under seal). In the third recording, Mr. Peters states that *Prelude to* 22 Axanar is "not like other fan projects which are true labors of love by fans. This is a 23 labor of love, but we have the means and the wherewithal to bring in professionals at every position." See Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 139:11-16) (confidential document 24 25 filed under seal). In the same recording, Mr. Peters further stated that, "it's very 26heartwarming and rewarding for us when people are just blown away and they say 27 this is like a real movie. Yeah, it is, that was our goal and we're happy people think 28 so, so it's very reassuring." See Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 139:19-25) (confidential

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document filed under seal). In the fourth recording, Mr. Peters discusses the Axanar 1 2 feature, saying "But it also went from a fan film to a professional production. And 3 it's kind of the same here. We thought we could do Axanar for 300 grand, but that 4 was probably much closer to a fan film. Now we want to make it very professional." 5 See Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 140:19-141:3) (confidential document filed under seal). 6 In the fifth recording, after discussing the roles of certain crew members slated to 7 work on the Axanar feature, Mr. Peters stated, "these are positions you find on 8 professional productions. And we pride ourselves on being that, and not being a fan film." See Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 142:10-14) (confidential document filed under 9 10 seal).

54. 11 Attached hereto as **Exhibit HH** is a true and correct copy of a 12 screenshot from Defendants' Kickstarter fundraising page, which states: "The 13 Axanar Team is determined to make the first true independent Star Trek film." Attached hereto as Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 97:14-98:22) (confidential document 14 15 filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of the relevant excerpt from the 16 deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016. Attached hereto as 17 **Exhibit HHH** is a true and correct copy of Defendants' Kickstarter fundraising page 18 for Axanar, which states: "Axanar is the independent Star Trek film which proves 19 that a feature-quality Star Trek film can be made on a small budget...Axanar takes place 21 years before the events of "Where no Man Has Gone Before". It tells the 2021 story of Garth of Izar, the legendary Starfleet captain who is Captain Kirk's hero 22 and the role model for a generation of Starfleet officers. Garth charted more planets 23 than any other Captain and was the hero of the Battle of Axanar. His exploits are 24 required reading at Starfleet Academy. This is the story of Garth and his crew 25 during the Four Years War, the war with the Klingon Empire that almost tore the 26 Federation apart..." The Kickstarter page also states "This is Star Trek."

55. Mr. Peters tweeted to a Web Series twitter account stating: "We would
LOVE you to cover Star Trek: Axanar, the first independent Star Trek film." Mr.

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1	Peters testified
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3	. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 106:6-107:7) (confidential document filed under
4	seal) are true and correct copies of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony.
5	Attached hereto as <b>Exhibit II</b> is a true and correct copy of the tweet.
6	56. A press kit for Axanar states:
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9	Exhibit JJ (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of the
10	press kit. Mr. Peters testified that . Exhibit
11	A (Peters tr. at 124:8-127:15) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and
12	correct copies of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition testimony.
13	57. In an email from Mr. Peters to Doug Drexler on February 11, 2013, Mr.
14	Peters stated
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18	Exhibit KK (a confidential document filed under
19	seal) is a true and correct copy of this email. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 349:18-24)
20	(confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Peters'
21	relevant deposition testimony.
22	C. Defendants' Commercial Activities.
23	1. Axanar Was Intended To Compete With Licensed Star Trek
24	Works.
25	58. Mr. Peters testified that
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28	. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 442:21-449:9) (confidential document
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filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Peters' relevant deposition
 testimony. Attached hereto as Exhibit LL is a true and correct copy of a Facebook
 message exchange between Terry McIntosh and Alec Peters, in which Mr. Peters
 states that he thinks that they can trademark Axanar, and discusses a meeting with
 Netflix.

59. The deposition of Terry McIntosh, Chief Technical Officer for Axanar
Productions, was taken on October 28, 2016. At his deposition, Mr. McIntosh
testified that there were discussions at Axanar Productions regarding trademarking
Axanar. Attached hereto as Exhibit E (McIntosh tr. at 20:23-22:15) is a true and
correct copy of Mr. McIntosh's relevant deposition testimony.

60. Mr. Gossett testified that Mr. Peters told him that he had meetings with
both Netflix and Amazon, in the hopes of using *Prelude to Axanar* as an entree into
the possibility of becoming a producer for Netflix or Amazon. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** (Gossett tr. at 126:10-128:14) is a true and correct copy of Mr. Gossett's
relevant deposition testimony. Attached hereto as **Exhibit MM** is a true and correct
copy of the relevant email exchange between Mr. Peters and Mr. Gossett, in which

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61. Mr. Burnett testified

20 **Exhibit B** (Burnett tr.at 61:24-62:11; 62:12-18; 93:23-25; 140:21-141:3)

21 (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of relevant
22 excerpts from the deposition transcript of Robert Meyer Burnett taken on October
23 11, 2016.

62. Mr. Gossett testified that Mr. Peters' company, Propworx, has its
offices in the Axanar Productions studio, and that it houses its props and costumes
there. Attached hereto as Exhibit C (Gossett tr. at 35:11-36:7) are true and correct
copies of excerpts from the deposition transcript of Christian Gossett taken on
October 22, 2016.

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1	63. Mr. Peters testified that
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4	. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 353:8-13; 487:21-488:8;
5	225:12-227:20) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies
6	of relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October
7	19, 2016 and November 2, 2016. Exhibit NN (confidential document filed under
8	seal) is a true and correct copy of the lease.
9	64. Mr. Burnett testified that
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13	<b>Exhibit B</b> (Burnett tr. at 142:14-:148:8) (confidential document filed under
14	seal) are true and correct copies of relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript
15	of Robert Meyer Burnett taken on October 11, 2016.
16	65. Mr. Peters testified that
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19	. Exhibit A
20	(Peters tr. at 234:11-25) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct
21	copies of relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on
22	October 19, 2016.
23	66. Mr. Burnett also testified that
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25	. Exhibit B (Burnett tr. at 151:2-
26	153:12) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of
27	relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Robert Meyer Burnett taken on
28	October 11, 2016.
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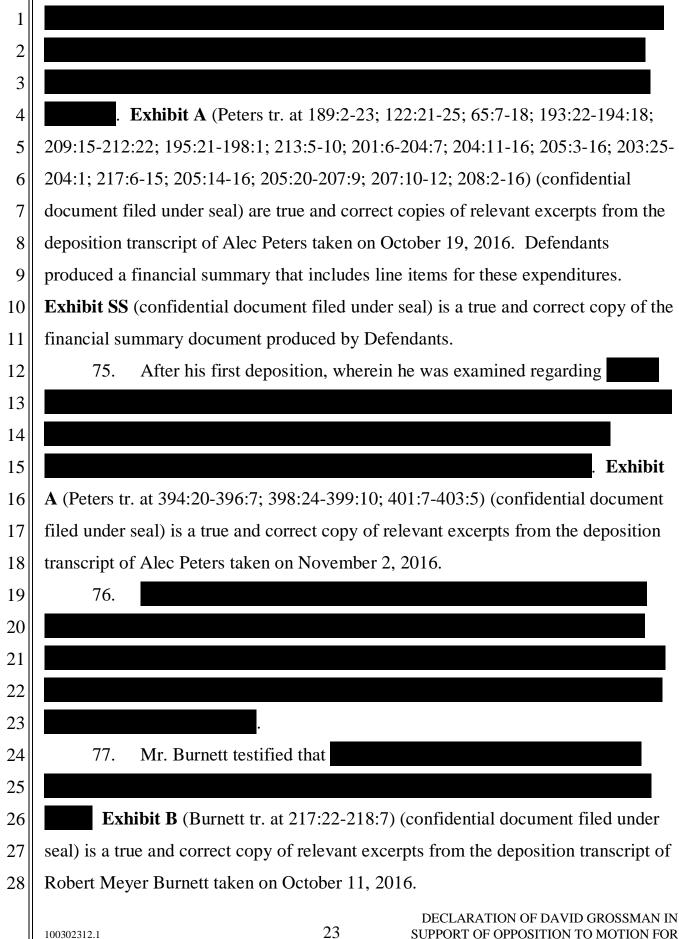
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1	67. Defendants created a marketing plan that stated:
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6	Exhibit
7	<b>PP</b> (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of that
8	document.
9	68. In a post on Axanarproductions.com, Defendants stated: "The Axanar
10	team is happy to announce that we have signed a lease on 16,000sf warehouse in
11	Valencia, CA. The new home of Axanar Productions will be called 'Ares
12	Studios'We intend to turn this warehouse and office space into a fully functional
13	sound stage. This will allow us to not only make 'Axanar' but other Star Trek
14	projects after Axanar and other Sci-Fi projects. (Robert Burnett and I have already
15	acquired the rights to a fantastic book series by David Gerrold.)." Attached hereto as
16	Exhibit QQ is a true and correct copy of a printout from Axanarproductions.com.
17	69. Diana Kingsbury was the Director of Fulfillment of Axanar
18	Productions. I took her deposition on October 12, 2016. Ms. Kingsbury testified
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20	. Exhibit D (Kingsbury tr. at 114:16-24) (confidential
21	document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of excerpts from the
22	deposition transcript of Diana Kingsbury taken on October 12, 2016.
23	2. Defendants Profited From The Axanar Works and Intended
24	To Generate Additional Profits Going Forward.
25	70. Ms. Kingsbury testified that
26	. Exhibit D (Kingsbury tr. at 39:22-41:9)
27	(confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of excerpts from
28	the deposition transcript of Diana Kingsbury taken on October 12, 2016.
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1	71. Diana Kingsbury was Mr. Peters' girlfriend. Mr. Peters testified that
2	. Exhibit A (Peters
3	tr.at 197:12-15) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies
4	of relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October
5	19, 2016.
6	72. Ms. Kingsbury testified that
7	. <b>Exhibit D</b> (Kingsbury tr.at 15:21-24; 18:7-11;
8	141:4-15) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of
9	excerpts from the deposition transcript of Diana Kingsbury taken on October 12,
10	2016.
11	73. Mr. Peters testified that
12	. Exhibit A (Peters tr.
13	at 70:24-71:4; 190:19-191:24) (confidential document filed under seal) are true and
14	correct copies of relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of Mr. Peters taken
15	on October 19, 2016.
16	. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 192:3-193:21) (confidential
17	document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of relevant excerpts from the
18	deposition transcript of Mr. Peters.
19	74. Mr. Peters used donor funds
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1	78. Mr. Gossett similarly testified that Mr. Peters told him that he hoped
2	that, after creating Axanar, CBS would hire Mr. Peters in some capacity. Attached
3	hereto as Exhibit C (Gossett tr. at 19:15-22:20) are true and correct copies of
4	excerpts from the deposition transcript of Christian Gossett taken on October 22,
5	2016.
6	79. Mr. Peters testified that
7	. Exhibit A
8	(Peters tr. at 455:24-456:16) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and
9	correct copy of excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters. Attached
10	hereto as Exhibit OO is a true and correct copy of a Facebook communication
11	between Mr. Peters and Terry McIntosh, which was produced by Mr. McIntosh,
12	discussing Mr. Peters' desire to work for CBS.
13	80. Mr. Burnett, like Mr. Peters, did not produce his social media postings,
14	his online postings, any text messages, or any substantive emails regarding the
15	Axanar project. However, Plaintiffs were able to locate some of those documents.
16	In Mr. Burnett's deposition, he was asked
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21	81. Mr. Burnett testified:
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25	. Exhibit B (Burnett tr. at 32:6-33:1; emphasis added)
26	(confidential document filed under seal) are true and correct copies of relevant
27	excerpts from the deposition transcript of Robert Meyer Burnett taken on October
28	11, 2016.
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1	82. Mr. Burnett was then presented with a lengthy statement that he wrote
2	in 2015, which he did not turn over, but which provides: "For me personally, I want
3	to illustrate to the greater industry I can direct a 100 million dollar space epic for
4	one percent of that budget, proving my filmmaking worth and hopefully get hired
5	for similar jobs. It's my spec commercial, just done on a larger scale." Mr.
6	Burnett's online statement went on to state that: "People ask 'Why not just go create
7	your own original material?' Throughout my career, I've done that, but in this day
8	and age, one must use all avenues to increase awareness of one's abilities.
9	AXANAR allows us to use an underserved built in audience to show off those
10	abilities and garner attention, and will hopefully lead to that work attracting
11	private and studio equity so we can finance our own original IP." Attached
12	hereto as Exhibit RR is Mr. Burnett's public statement. Exhibit B (Burnett tr. at
13	31:21-:36:20; emphasis added) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and
14	correct copy of relevant excerpts from the deposition testimony of Mr. Burnett.
15	D. Mr. Peters' Control Over Axanar Productions.
16	83. Mr. Peters testified that
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18	. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 182:1-2; 60:6-61:2) (confidential
19	document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of relevant excerpts from the
20	deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016.
21	84. Mr. Peters testified that
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24	. Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 55:21-58:9; 78:9-80:10)
25	(confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of relevant
26	excerpts from the deposition transcript of Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016. In
27	an email on November 2, 2015, Mr. Peters told Mr. Burnett and Mr. Hunt:
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3 Exhibit FFF (emphasis added)
4 (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct copy of this email
5 exchange. Exhibit B (Burnett tr. at 94:16-95:4) (confidential document filed under
6 seal) is a true and correct copy of relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of
7 Robert Meyer Burnett.

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85. Mr. Burnett testified that

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(Burnett tr. at 201:19-202:11) (confidential document filed under seal) is a true and
correct copy of an excerpt from the deposition transcript of Robert Meyer Burnett
taken on October 11, 2016.

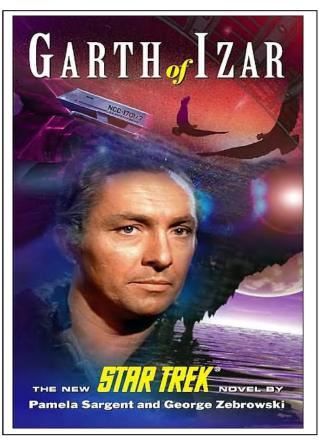
13 86. A number of the emails produced by Mr. Gossett involve the creative 14 decisions made by Mr. Gossett and Mr. Peters in connection with copying specific 15 elements from the Star Trek universe. In his deposition, Mr. Gossett testified 16 regarding these documents and confirmed that Mr. Peters had approval over the 17 production, including the designs for the uniforms and costumes worn by the cast, 18 the designs of the ships portrayed, and the sets that were created. Mr. Gossett also 19 testified that the creative input that he provided to Mr. Peters was "always subject to 20[Peters'] approval," including details such as hair and makeup. Attached hereto as 21 **Exhibit C** (Gossett tr. at 38:6-16; 161:14-23; 162:9-163:14) are true and correct 22 copies of excerpts from the deposition transcript of Christian Gossett taken on October 22, 2016. 23

87. Mr. McIntosh testified that Mr. Peters was exclusively responsible for
deciding who would be paid and how much they would be paid. Attached hereto as
Exhibit E (McIntosh tr. at 52:12-20) is a true and correct copy of Mr. McIntosh's
relevant deposition testimony.

Mr. Peters testified 88. 1 2 3 . Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 9:21-23; 21:18-25) (confidential document filed under 4 seal) is a true and correct copy of relevant excerpts from the deposition transcript of 5 Alec Peters taken on October 19, 2016. 6 89. Prior to this lawsuit, Mr. Peters repeatedly communicated with CBS regarding his belief that other fan films and third parties were engaging in conduct 7 8 that infringed on CBS' intellectual property. Attached hereto as Exhibit TT are true 9 and correct copies of examples of such emails. 10 90. Attached hereto as **Exhibit UU** are copies of copyright registrations for The Original Series (1966-1969), Star Trek: The Next Generation (1987-1994), Star 11 12 Trek: Deep Space Nine (1993-1999), Star Trek: Voyager (1995-2001), and Star 13 *Trek: Enterprise* (2001-2005) (collectively, the "Star Trek Television Series"). Attached hereto as Exhibit VV are copies of copyright registrations for 14 91. 15 Star Trek – The Motion Picture (1979), Star Trek II – The Wrath of Khan (1982), 16 Star Trek III The Search for Spock (1984), Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1986), 17 Star Trek V: The Final Frontier (1989), Star Trek VI – The Undiscovered Country 18 (1991), Star Trek Generations (1994), Star Trek: First Contact (1996), Star Trek: 19 Insurrection (1998), Star Trek Nemesis (2002), Star Trek (2009), Star Trek Into 20 Darkness (2013), Star Trek Beyond (2016) (collectively, the "Star Trek Motion 21 Pictures"). 22 92. True and correct copies of selected DVDs of the Star Trek Television 23 Series were lodged with the Court. See Dkt. 72-63 (Notice of Lodging), Exhibits 1 through 5. 24 25 93. True and correct copies of DVDs of the Star Trek Motion Pictures are being concurrently lodged with the Court. See Dkt. 72-63 (Notice of Lodging), 26

- 27 Exhibits 6 through 18.
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94. Attached hereto as Exhibit WW is a true and correct copy of the
 copyright registration for Garth of Izar. A true and correct copy of the novel is
 being lodged with the Court. See Notice of Lodging, Exhibit 21. Below is an
 image of the front cover of Plaintiffs' Garth of Izar novel.



19 95. Attached hereto as Exhibit XX is a true and correct copy of the20 copyright registration for *Strangers from the Sky*.

21 96. Attached hereto as Exhibit YY is a true and correct copy of the
22 copyright registration for *Infinity's Prism*.

97. Exhibit CCC (confidential document filed under seal) is the deposition
testimony of John Van Citters on behalf of CBS and Dan O'Rourke on behalf of
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98. On February 27, 2016, at Condor-Con in San Diego, Mr. Peters held a
presentation called "A Brief History of Axanar." At that presentation, Mr. Peters

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stated that Defendants had completed one-third of the visual effects, in a visual
 effects "reel" for Axanar. Defendants did not produce these visual effects to
 Plaintiffs.

99. 4 On June 21, 2016, I met and conferred with counsel for Defendants, 5 Erin Ranahan. At the meeting, Ms. Ranahan and I agreed that the parties did not 6 need to produce the Star Trek Copyrighted Works to one another, but that 7 Defendants would produce the source documents that he used to create the Axanar 8 Works *other than* the Star Trek films and episodes. Ms. Ranahan told me that Mr. Peters had all of the Star Trek Copyrighted Works in his possession. At his 9 10 deposition, Mr. Peters testified that Exhibit A (Peters tr. at 40:10-15) (confidential document) is a true and correct copy of an 11

excerpt from Mr. Peters' deposition. Defendants did not turn over any source
documents that they purportedly used and, consistent with the parties' agreement,
and Mr. Peters' testimony, Defendants did not request copies of the Star Trek works
from Plaintiffs.

16 100. Defendants emailed their expert reports on the evening of November 2, 17 2016, the deadline for serving expert reports. On November 14, 2016, Plaintiffs 18 served subpoenas for Defendants' experts, Henry Jenkins and Christian Tregillis, 19 noticing the depositions for Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22. On 20November 15, 2016, Ms. Ranahan stated in an email to me that she was accepting 21 service of the subpoenas, but "wholly objected" to the depositions of Defendants' 22 purported experts. Ms. Ranahan claimed that she would not produce Defendants 23 experts because (fact) discovery was closed. In an email on November 15, 2016, I 24 requested that Ms. Ranahan reconsider her position, and explained that her argument 25 that expert depositions had to be completed prior to Defendants providing expert 26reports to Plaintiffs was untenable. I also noted that the Federal Rules provide that a 27 retained expert's deposition may only be taken after an expert report is provided. 28 FRCP 26(b)(4). Defendants' expert reports were not provided until the evening of

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1	November 2, 2016 and yet Ms. Ranahan took the position that all expert depositions
2	must have been completed prior to November 2, 2016. Finally, I pointed out that
3	the Court had previously ruled on this precise issue, and has held that the discovery
4	cutoff in the pre-trial scheduling order does not apply to preclude expert depositions,
5	which may be taken following the service of expert reports. See Skidmore v.
6	Zeppelin et al., Case No. 2:15-cv-03462-RGK-AGR, Dkt. No. 216. Nevertheless,
7	Ms. Ranahan still refused to make Defendants' experts available to be deposed prior
8	to the filing of this Opposition brief. Exhibit JJJ is a true and correct copy of this
9	email exchange.
10	101. J.J. Abrams testified that
11	. Mr. Abrams further stated that
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14	Lin testified that <b>Exhibit KKK</b> (Abrams tr. at
15	15:17-21; 39:19-40:12)(confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct
16	copy of relevant excerpts from Mr. Abram's deposition testimony. Exhibit LLL
17	(Lin tr. at 13:22-25)(confidential document filed under seal) is a true and correct
18	copy of relevant excerpts from Mr. Lin's deposition testimony.
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20	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of
21	America that the foregoing is true and correct.
22	Executed this 28 <sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, at Los Angeles, California.
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