

# **EXHIBIT A**

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Clerk of the Court  
United States District Court  
for the Northern District of California  
San Jose Division  
280 South 1st Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

In re: Apple iPhone 4 Products Liability Litigation, Case No. 5:10-md-02188-RMW

To whom it may concern:

Per the notice I received via e-mail, I am a member of the Apple iPhone 4 Settlement. I object to the settlement and ask that the court reject it in its entirety.

Any signal reception "harm" done in relation to the iPhone 4's antenna design has been greatly exaggerated. In my evaluation, this class action is opportunistic rather than realistic.

Yes, I have seen my signal strength drop when I have touched the area of the iPhone 4's antenna in question. However, I have never experienced dropped calls or any noticeable degradation in wireless performance due to it.

As an engineer, I can attest to the simple fact that tradeoffs are always necessary in any product design. Apple's chosen tradeoffs seem to balance out overall performance quite nicely. On the whole, the iPhone 4's reception is excellent. Further, all cellular handsets necessarily experience reception attenuation due to the placement of the human hand upon the device. This is a simple reality of electromagnetic radiation in wireless communication devices and has been thoroughly documented among other mobile phones though not necessarily widely highlighted in press coverage of this issue.

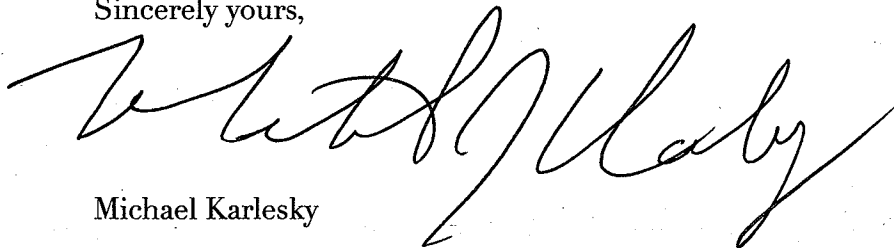
Apple's only transgression in the design of the iPhone 4 antenna was to unwittingly provide a physical demarcation point on the device at which the human hand most readily causes signal attenuation. Undue media attention fomented outrage.

Briefly, I object to the settlement for these reasons:

1. The iPhone 4's reception performance is excellent. In fact, in my experience, it is much superior to earlier iPhone designs I have personally owned. That is, upon switching to the iPhone 4 from earlier models, I *gained* reception where it was previously unavailable to me.
2. All cellular handsets experience attenuation due to the effect of the human hand interacting with the space surrounding handsets' antennas. This is physics. Many handset manuals recommend locations on the handset to avoid touching for improved reception.
3. Any harm done due to the iPhone 4's antenna design is trivial if, in fact, at all real to begin with.
4. I do not believe Apple's choice to provide their bumpers to iPhone 4 customers is an admission of culpability. I'm confident that Apple's move to do so was merely a goodwill attempt to placate unfounded outrage.

I am not a lawyer. If I am not mistaken, the spirit of class action suits is to provide legal recourse to a large group otherwise unable to seek restitution. Those who own the iPhone 4 have the means to pursue redress directly with Apple or any number of consumer advocacy groups if they believe they have truly been harmed by Apple's design choices. In short, this class action seems to be unnecessary legal angling based on sentiment rather than evidence.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Karlesky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Michael Karlesky