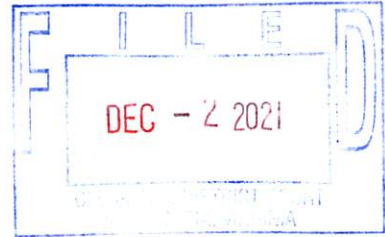## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a
Washington corporation,

        Plaintiff,

      v.

JOHN DOES 1-2,
Controlling a Computer Network
Thereby Injuring Plaintiff and Its
Customers,

        Defendants.

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Civil Action No: 1:21 cv 01346

**FILED UNDER SEAL PURSUANT
TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 5**

ORDER GRANTING MICROSOFT'S MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER TEMPORARILY SEALING DOCUMENTS

Before the Court is Microsoft's Motion for a Protective Order Temporarily Sealing

Documents. Upon consideration of the Motion, the pleadings filed herein, and the arguments of

counsel, the Court finding that the requirements of the applicable rules and precedent are

satisfied, that the requested order is the least restrictive means available to protect the interests of

Microsoft and the public, and that there is a compelling need to enter a temporary sealing order,

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that this case and the following documents be

filed and maintained UNDER SEAL in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1) and Local Civil

Rule 5, pending execution of the *ex parte* relief requested in Microsoft's *Ex Parte* Application

for an Emergency Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary

Injunction filed contemporaneous with this Motion:

    1. The Motion for Protective Order Sealing Documents and accompanying
       documents, including the Brief in support of the Motion;

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2. The declaration of Gabriel M. Ramsey in Support of Motion for Protective Order Sealing Documents;

3. Plaintiff's Complaint and Appendices thereto;

4. Plaintiff's *Ex Parte* Application for an Emergency Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction and accompanying documents;

5. The declaration of Christopher Coy in Support of Plaintiff's *Ex Parte* Application for an Emergency Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction and attachments thereto;

6. The declaration of Gabriel M. Ramsey in Support of Plaintiff's *Ex Parte* Application for an Emergency Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction and attachments thereto; and

7. [Proposed] Temporary Restraining Order and accompanying documents.

8. The Temporary Restraining Order and accompanying documents and the instant Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, immediately upon execution of the *ex parte* relief disabling the domains set forth at **Appendix A** to the Temporary Restraining Order sought in Microsoft's *Ex Parte* Application for an Emergency Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction, Microsoft shall file with the Clerk of the Court a Notice that the Temporary Restraining Order has been executed. Upon such filing, the case and the foregoing documents shall be immediately unsealed and the Clerk of the Court upon receiving such Notice shall unseal the case and file the foregoing documents on the public docket. Upon the filing of the foregoing notice, the case and all filed documents in the case shall be deemed unsealed and Microsoft shall be permitted to disclose any such material as deemed necessary to commence its efforts to provide Defendants notice of any further hearings and service of pleadings associated with Microsoft's *Ex Parte* Application for an Emergency Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause re Preliminary Injunction.

So Ordered

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/s/

Leonie M. Brinkema
United States District Judge   12/2/21