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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

RICHARD HARPER, individually, on a  
representative basis, and on behalf of all  
others similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

vs.

HAMNER TOWING, INC., a California  
Corporation; and DOES 1 through 20,  
inclusive;

Defendants.

Case No.: CIVSB 2127523  
*[Assigned to Hon. Judge David Cohn, Dept  
S26, for all purposes]*

**DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF  
RICHARD HARPER IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR  
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS  
ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Complaint filed: October 4, 2021

I, Richard Harper, state and declare:

1. I am the Plaintiff in the above captioned action and have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and could competently testify thereto. I make this declaration in support of the motion for preliminary approval of the class action settlement. I believe that the settlement is fair and reasonable and constitutes a fair resolution of the claims alleged.

2. When I first retained my attorneys (Lauby, Mankin & Lauby), I chose to pursue this case on a class action basis rather than as an individual claim. In that regard, I understood that I had specific burdens as the "Class Representative," which included: (a) representing the interests of all class members, (2) considering the interests of all class members above my own personal interests, (3) participating actively in the lawsuit, including potential testimony at

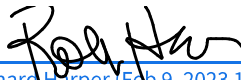
1 deposition and trial, and keeping generally aware of the status and progress of the lawsuit.  
2 Moreover, I understood that any resolution of the lawsuit is subject to court approval and must  
3 be designed in the best interests of the class as a whole.

4 3. Since first initiating this action on behalf of the proposed class, I believe that I  
5 have more than adequately performed my duties as a class representative. I have been an active  
6 participant in this litigation, including assisting my attorneys in various ways and making myself  
7 available when needed. For example, I have assisted my attorneys by compiling and analyzing  
8 substantial documentation regarding the claims in this case. I have also helped to explain and  
9 discuss the company's practices and their general practices and procedures, locating and  
10 analyzing company documents, among others. I have also reviewed all settlement documents and  
11 believe that this settlement is fair for the class. Finally, I will continue to take all steps necessary  
12 to finalize this settlement and obtain court approval.

13 4. I have no conflicts with the proposed class members and will continue to assist  
14 with the litigation and prosecute the case on behalf of the other employees.

15 5. I respectfully request that the court preliminarily approve the service award. As  
16 outlined above, I have performed substantial services for the Class and helped obtain a highly  
17 beneficial settlement for my fellow employees. And I have also agreed, as part of this Class  
18 action settlement and in connection with the individual settlement I have agreed to with the  
19 company, to waive all of my claims against the company as part of this settlement and in  
20 exchange for the service award – which goes well beyond the release given by other class  
21 members. At the final approval stage, I will submit an additional declaration setting forth all the  
22 work I did for this case, including an estimated number of hours spent assisting the Class and my  
23 attorneys.

24 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the  
25 foregoing is true and correct. Executed on February 9, 2023, at Mira Loma, California.

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27 By:   
28 Richard Harper (Feb 9, 2023 12:38 PST)  
Richard Harper