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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ANDREW D. TAPPIN, DONYEISHA MISH,
DARNELL LEE, LUIS ROBLES, XOCHITL
VELASCO, and VICTOR GONZALEZ,
individually and on behalf of all others similarly
situated, and on behalf of the general public as
private attorney general,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TFORCE FREIGHT, INC., a Virginia
Corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,
Defendants.

Case No. 34-2022-00314820-CU-OE-GDS

DECLARATION OF KYLE NORDREHAUG
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT

Date: June 21, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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**DECLARATION OF KYLE NORDREHAUG IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS’
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS SETTLEMENT**

I, Kyle Nordrehaug, declare:

1. I am a partner of the law firm of Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP (“BNBD”), counsel for Plaintiff Victor Gonzalez. As such, I am fully familiar with the facts, pleadings and history of this matter. The following facts are within my own personal knowledge, and if called as a witness, I could testify competently to the matters stated herein.

2. This declaration is being submitted in support of the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Settlement by Plaintiffs Donyeisha Mish, Darnell Lee, Luis Robles, Xochitl Velasco, Victor Gonzalez, and Andrew Tappin (“Plaintiffs”). The settlement reached between Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all members of the Class, on the one hand, and Defendant TForce Freight, Inc. (“TForce” or “Defendant”), on the other hand, is set forth in the Stipulation of Class and Action and PAGA Representative Action Settlement (“Settlement”) submitted with this motion.

Experience of BNBD

3. Over the course of the litigation, my firm has worked actively on this matter. The firm credentials are reflected in the BNBD Resume, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit #1. Some of the major cases our firm has undertaken are also set forth therein. BNBD has represented hundreds of thousands of employees in hundreds of legal matters, including PAGA lawsuits and hundreds of employment class actions. BNBD’s practice is devoted almost entirely to the prosecution of wage and hour class action and PAGA action matters. The attorneys at BNBD have been appointed lead counsel in hundreds of contested motions for class certification including many consolidated wage and hour matters. The attorneys at my firm have extensive experience in cases involving labor code violations and overtime claims. BNBD has litigated similar overtime cases against other employers on behalf of employees, including cases against Walmart, Legoland, Sharp

1 Healthcare, Securitas, Okta, See's Candies, Walt Disney Resorts, El Pollo Loco, Panda
2 Express, Universal Protection, Mattress Firm, Total Renal, Liberty Mutual, Union Bank,
3 Apple, Coventry Health Care, Qualxserv, Union Bank, Marriott, Kaiser / Permanente,
4 Walgreens, and California State Automobile Association. My firm has been approved as
5 class counsel by state and federal courts in California in contested class certification motions,
6 including approvals in this Court. It is this level of experience which enabled the firm to
7 undertake the instant matter and to successfully combat the resources of the defendants and
8 their capable and experienced counsel. On account of the concerted and dedicated effort
9 this case demanded in order to properly handle and prosecute, BNBD was precluded from
10 taking other cases, and in fact, had to turn away other potential fee generating cases.

11 4. Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP was responsible for
12 handling the briefing and argument that resulted in the landmark ruling of *Sakkab v.*
13 *Luxottica Retail N. Am., Inc.*, 803 F.3d 425 (9th Cir. 2015). There, Blumenthal Nordrehaug
14 Bhowmik De Blouw LLP overcame opposition by Littler Mendelson and amici Curiae briefs
15 submitted by Mayer Brown LLP to persuade the Ninth Circuit of the importance of the
16 substantive rights of the State of California under the California Private Attorney General
17 Act of 2004 ("PAGA"). BNBD took the lead on this case where the ruling was the
18 reaffirmation of the PAGA statute and the *Iskanian* rule. BNBD also has recently engaged in
19 noted appellate work on the subject of class actions in the California Court of Appeals
20 resulting in the opinions handed down in *Securitas Sec. Services USA, Inc. v. Superior Court*,
26 234 Cal. App. 4th 1109, 184 Cal. Rptr. 3d 568 (2015) (class or representative action waiver in
22 an employment-related arbitration agreement was unenforceable); *Altman v. Solarcity Corp.*,
23 No. D067582, 2016 Cal. App. Unpub. LEXIS 3536 (Ct. App. May 13, 2016) (same). In 2015,
24 Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP received an award from the Daily Journal
25 for Top Appellate Reversal, and I received an award from the Daily Journal as Top Labor &
26 Employment Attorney in 2016.

27 5. District Judge Irma Gonzales in a consolidated class action representing
28 hundreds of armed forces officers held that Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw

1 LLP was "qualified counsel with extensive experience in class action litigation." *McPhail v.*
2 *First Command Fin. Planning, Inc.*, 247 F.R.D. 598, 611 (S.D. Cal. 2007). Examples of other
3 contested actions where class certification was granted Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik
4 De Blouw LLP and was appointed lead class counsel in wage and hour class actions in
5 Federal Court include *Schulz v. Qualxserv, LLC*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 58561 (S.D. Cal. 2012);
6 *Dobrosky v. Arthur J. Gallagher Serv. Co., LLC*, No. EDCV 13-0646 JGB (SPx), 2014 U.S. Dist.
7 LEXIS 106345 (C.D. Cal. July 30, 2014); *Culley v. Lincare Inc.*, No. 2:15-cv-00081-MCE-CMK,
8 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 105704 (E.D. Cal. Aug. 10, 2016); *Nelson v. Avon Prods.*, No. 13-cv-02276-
9 BLF, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 51104 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 17, 2015); *Orozco v. Illinois Tool Works*,
10 U.S.D.C. Case No. 14-cv-02113-MCE, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 158115 (E.D. Cal. February 17,
11 2017); *Metrow v. Liberty Mutual*, U.S.D.C. Case No. EDCV 16-1133 JGB (C.D. Cal. May 1,
12 2017). Some examples of heavily contested State Court wage and hour class actions where
13 class certification was obtained and BNBD was appointed lead class counsel include *El Pollo*
14 *Loco Wage and Hour Cases*, Orange County Superior Court, JCCP Case No. 4957 (July 30,
15 2018); *Torrento v. Lucile Packard Children's Hospital*, Santa Clara County Superior Court Case
16 No. 2016-1-CV-291035 (July 17, 2018); *Salem v. Alliance*, San Bernardino Superior Court, Case
17 No. CIVRS1401129 (March 8, 2016); *Rivers v. Veolia*, Sonoma County Superior Court Case
18 No. SCV 255350 (March 9, 2016); *Mathies v. Union Bank*, San Francisco Superior Court Case
19 No. CGC-10-498077 (Sept. 11, 2013); *Jefferson v. Bottling Co, LLC*, Orange County Superior
20 Court Case No. 30-2009-00180102-CU-OE-CXC (Sept. 7, 2010); *Rangel v. Balboa Ambulance*
26 *Co.*, 37-2008-00095700-CU-BT-CTL (Fe. 11, 2010); *Tan v. CSAA*, Orange County Superior
22 Court, Case No. 30-2008-00231219 (Nov. 23, 2009).

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24 The Settlement Is Fair, Reasonable and Adequate:

25 6. Plaintiff Gonzalez was a non-exempt employee of Defendant during the
26 relevant time period. On August 27, 2021, Plaintiff Gonzalez filed with the LWDA and
27 served on Defendant a notice under Labor Code section 2699.3, stating that Plaintiff
28 Gonzalez intended to serve as a proxy of the LWDA to recover civil penalties on behalf of

1 Aggrieved Employees for alleged Labor Code violations (the “Gonzalez PAGA Notice”). A
2 true and correct copy of the Gonzalez PAGA Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit #2. The
3 PAGA Notice alleged violations of California Labor Code §§ 2201, 202, 203, 204 et seq., 210,
4 221, 226(a), 226.7, 227.3, 246, 510, 512, 558(a)(1)(2), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2802, California
5 Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11040, Subdivision 5(A)-(B), California Code of
6 Regulations, Title 8, Section 1 1070(14) (Failure to Provide Seating), Violation of the
7 applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order(s), , and attached a copy of the
8 complaint by Plaintiff Gonzalez as an exhibit to the PAGA Notice.

9 7. On November 21, 2021, Plaintiff Victor Gonzalez filed his putative class action in
10 Riverside County Superior Court in an action entitled *Gonzalez v. TForce Freight, Inc.*, Case No.
11 CVRI2105223 The Gonzalez Class Action was subsequently removed, transferred, and consolidated
12 with the Mish Class Action in the Northern District of California under Case No. 3:22-cv-01177. On
13 November 21, 2021, Plaintiff Victor Gonzalez filed his separate putative representative action under
14 PAGA in Riverside Superior Court, in an action entitled *Gonzalez v. TForce Freight, Inc.*, Riverside
15 County Superior Case No. CVRI2105225.

16 8. On May 17, 2022, the Parties participated in a full-day mediation with Michael
17 Young, a well-regarded mediator, experienced in mediating complex labor and employment
18 matters. The case did not settle on May 17, 2022, but the Parties continued to negotiate
19 through Mr. Young for several months until they reached an agreement in principle in
20 December 2022.

26 9. In this case, the Settlement reached in the total non-reversionary amount of
22 Eight Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$8,250,000.00) as
23 the Gross Settlement Amount is the product of substantial effort by the Parties and counsel
24 should be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate. The Settlement was the result of arms-
25 length negotiations during mediation and between experienced counsel. The Settlement
26 was only reached after extensive factual and legal investigation and research, careful
27 evaluation of the respective parties' strengths and weaknesses, and diligent negotiation
28 efforts. The Settlement amount is a negotiated compromise which took into account risks

1 related to liability, damages, and all the defenses asserted by Defendant. The risk that class
2 certification would not be granted was an extremely important consideration, as the denial
3 of class certification would mean that the class would receive nothing. The fear of retaliation
4 and blacklisting makes it unlikely that absent class certification, individuals would come
5 forward to assert their rights individually. Although I am of the opinion that a class can be
6 certified, I also believe in the fairness of the settlement that is based on factoring in the
7 uncertainty and risks to Plaintiffs involved in not prevailing on one or more of the causes of
8 action or theories alleged, the possibility of non-certification and potential for appeals.
9 Based on the foregoing data and our own independent investigation and evaluation, I am
10 of the opinion that the settlement with the Defendants for the consideration and on the terms
11 set forth in the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interest of the
12 class in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of significant delay,
13 the defenses asserted by Defendant, and numerous potential appellate issues.

14 10. From the inception of the case, Class Counsel has zealously represented the
15 interests of the Class. The settlement was obtained for the benefit of the Class, as opposed
16 to the individual Plaintiff. Class Counsel have been approved as class counsel in a number
17 of prior cases, have litigated numerous other class action cases, and are competent to
18 represent the Class.

19 11. Plaintiff Gonzalez and his counsel are adequate representatives in that they
20 have no conflicts with the class and will adequately represent the class.

22 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
23 foregoing is true and correct.

24 Executed this 24th day of May, 2024, at San Diego, California.

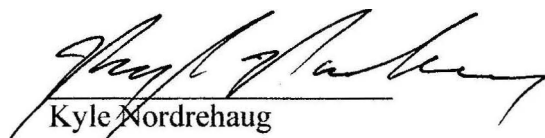
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REPORTED CASES

Sakkab v. Luxottica Retail N. Am., Inc., 803 F.3d 425 (9th Cir. 2015) (The panel reversed the district court's order granting Luxottica Retail North America, Inc.'s motion to compel arbitration of claims and dismissing plaintiff's first amended complaint, in a putative class action raising class employment-related claims and a non-class representative claim for civil penalties under the Private Attorney General Act.);

Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. v. Superior Court, 234 Cal. App. 4th 1109 (Cal. Feb. 27, 2015) (Court of Appeal concluded the trial court correctly ruled that *Iskanian* rendered the PAGA waiver within the parties' dispute resolution agreement unenforceable. However, the Court of Appeal then ruled the trial court erred by failing to invalidate the non-severable class action waiver from the agreement and remanded the entire complaint, including class action and PAGA claims, be litigated in the Superior Court);

Sussex v. United States Dist. Court for the Dist. of Nev., 781 F.3d 1065 (9th Cir. 2015) (The panel determined that the district court clearly erred in holding that its decision to intervene mid-arbitration was justified under *Aerojet-General*. Specifically, the panel held that the district court erred in predicting that an award issued by the arbitrator would likely be vacated because of his "evident partiality" under 9 U.S.C. § 10(a)(2).);

Provost v. YourMechanic, Inc., 2020 Cal. App. Lexis 955 (Oct. 15, 2020) (Court of Appeals affirmed denial of arbitration of PAGA claim, and held in a case of first impression, that there was no additional standing rules for PAGA claim brought by independent contractor);

In re Tobacco Cases II, 41 Cal. 4th 1257 (2007); Washington Mutual Bank v. Superior Court, 24 Cal. 4th 906 (2001); Rocker v. KPMG LLP, 148 P.3d 703; 122 Nev. 1185 (2006); PCO, Inc. v. Christensen, Miller, Fink, Jacobs, Glaser, Weil & Shapiro, LLP, 150 Cal. App. 4th 384 (2007); Hall v. County of Los Angeles, 148 Cal. App. 4th 318 (2007); Coshov v. City of Escondido, 132 Cal. App. 4th 687 (2005); Daniels v. Philip Morris, 18 F.Supp 2d 1110 (S.D. Cal.1998); Gibson v. World Savings & Loan Asso., 103 Cal. App. 4th 1291 (2003); Jordan v. Department of Motor Vehicles,

75 Cal. App. 4th 445 (1999); Jordan v. Department of Motor Vehicles, 100 Cal.App. 4th 431 (2002); Norwest Mortgage, Inc. v. Superior Court, 72 Cal.App.4th 214 (1999); Hildago v. Diversified Transp. Sya, 1998 U.S. App. LEXIS 3207 (9th Cir. 1998); Kensington Capital Mgal. v. Oakley, Inc., 1999 U.S. Dist LEXIS 385; Fed.Sec.L.Rep. (CCH) P90, 411 (1999 C.D. Cal.); Lister v. Oakley, Inc., 1999 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 384; Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) P90,409 (C.D. Cal. 1999); Olszewski v. Scripps Health, 30 Cal. 4th 798 (2003); Steroid Hormone Product Cases, 181 Cal. App. 4th 145 (2010); Owen v. Macy's, Inc., 175 Cal. App. 4th 462 (2009); Taiheiyo Cement Corp. v. Superior Court, 117 Cal. App. 4th 380 (2004); Taiheiyo Cement Corp. v. Superior Court, 105 Cal.App. 4th 398 (2003); McMeans v. Scripps Health, Inc., 100 Cal. App. 4th 507 (2002); Ramos v. Countrywide Home Loans, 82 Cal.App. 4th 615 (2000); Tevssier v. City of San Diego, 81 Cal.App. 4th 685 (2000); Washington Mutual Bank v. Superior Court, 70 Cal. App. 4th 299 (1999); Silvas v. E*Trade Mortg. Corp., 514 F.3d 1001 (9th Cir. 2008); Silvas v. E*Trade Mortg. Corp., 421 F. Supp. 2d 1315 (S.D. Cal. 2006); McPhail v. First Command Fin. Planning, Inc., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26544 (S.D. Cal. 2009); McPhail v. First Command Fin. Planning, Inc., 251 F.R.D. 514 (S.D. Cal. 2008); McPhail v. First Command Fin. Planning, Inc., 247 F.R.D. 598 (S.D. Cal. 2007); Barcia v. Contain-A-Way, Inc., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17118 (S.D. Cal. 2009); Barcia v. Contain-A-Way, Inc., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27365 (S.D. Cal. 2008); Wise v. Cubic Def. Applications, Inc., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 11225 (S.D. Cal. 2009); Gabisan v. Pelican Prods., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 1391 (S.D. Cal. 2009); La Jolla Friends of the Seals v. Nat'l Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin. Nat'l Marine Fisheries Serv., 630 F. Supp. 2d 1222 (S.D. Cal. 2009); La Jolla Friends of the Seals v. Nat'l Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin. Nat'l Marine Fisheries Serv., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 102380 (S.D. Cal. 2008); Louie v. Kaiser Found. Health Plan, Inc., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78314 (S.D. Cal. 2008); Weltman v. Ortho Mattress, Inc., 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20521 (S.D. Cal. 2010); Weltman v. Ortho Mattress, Inc., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 60344 (S.D. Cal. 2008); Curry v. CTB McGraw-Hill, LLC, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 5920; 97 A.F.T.R.2d (RIA) 1888; 37 Employee Benefits Cas. (BNA) 2390 (N.D. Cal. 2006); Reynov v. ADP Claims Servs. Group, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 94332 (N.D. Cal. 2006); Kennedy v. Natural Balance Pet Foods, Inc., 2010 U.S. App. LEXIS 248 (9th Cir. 2010); Kennedy v. Natural Balance Pet Foods, Inc., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38889 (S.D. Cal. 2008); Kennedy v. Natural Balance Pet Foods, Inc., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57766 (S.D. Cal. 2007); Sussex v. Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 29503 (D. Nev. 2009); Picus v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 256 F.R.D. 651 (D. Nev. 2009); Tull v. Stewart Title of Cal., Inc., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14171 (S.D. Cal. 2009); Keshishzadeh v. Gallagher, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 46805 (S.D. Cal. 2010); Keshishzadeh v. Arthur J. Gallagher Serv. Co., 2010 U.S. Dist. Lexis 116380 (S.D. Cal. 2010); In re Pet Food Prods. Liab. Litig., MDL Docket No. 1850 (All Cases), 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 94603 (D.N.J. 2008); In re Pet Food Prods. Liab. Litig., 629 F.3d 333 (3rd Cir. 2010); Puentes v. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., 160 Cal. App. 4th 638 (2008); Rezec v. Sony Pictures Entertainment, Inc., 116 Cal. App. 4th 135 (2004); Badillo v. Am. Tobacco Co., 202 F.R.D. 261 (D. Nev. 2001); La Jolla Friends of the Seals v. Nat'l Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin., 2010 U.S. App. Lexis 23025 (9th Cir. 2010); Dirienzo v. Dunbar Armored, Inc., 2011 U.S. Dist. Lexis 36650 (S.D. Cal. 2011); Rix v. Lockheed Martin Corp., 2011 U.S. Dist Lexis 25422 (S.D. Cal. 2011); Weitzke v. Costar Realty Info., Inc., 2011 U.S. Dist Lexis 20605 (S.D. Cal. 2011); Goodman v. Platinum Condo. Dev., LLC, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 36044 (D. Nev. 2011); Sussex v. Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14502 (D. Nev. 2011); Smith v. Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Inc., 2010 U.S. Dist. Lexis 117869 (S.D. Cal. 2010); Dobrosky v. Arthur J. Gallagher Serv. Co., LLC, No. EDCV 13-0646 JGB (SPx), 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 106345 (C.D. Cal. July 30, 2014); Metrow v. Liberty Mut. Managed Care LLC - Class Certification Granted, Metrow v. Liberty Mut. Managed Care LLC, No. EDCV 16-1133 JGB (KKx), 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 73656 (C.D. Cal. May 1, 2017); Nelson v. Avon Products, Inc., Class Certification Granted, U.S. District Court for The Northern District of California, Case No. 13-cv-02276-BLF, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 51104 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 17, 2015); Orozco v. Illinois Tool Works Inc., Class Certification Granted, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 23179 (E.D. Cal. Feb. 16, 2017); Rieve v. Coventry Health Care, Summary Judgment *Sua*

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Re: Notice Of Violations Of California Labor Code Sections §§ 201, 202, 203, 204 *et seq.*, 210, 221, 226(a), 226.7, 227.3, 246 *et seq.*, 510, 512, 558(a)(1)(2), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2802, California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11040, Subdivision 5(A)-(B), California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 1 1070(14) (Failure to Provide Seating), Violation of Applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order(s), and Pursuant To California Labor Code Section 2699.5.

Dear Sir/Madam:

“Aggrieved Employees” refers to all individuals who are or previously were employed by Tforce Freight, Inc. in California and classified as non-exempt employees during the time period of August 27, 2020 until a date as determined by the Court. Our offices represent Plaintiff Victor Gonzalez (“Plaintiff”) and other Aggrieved Employees in a lawsuit against Tforce Freight, Inc. (“Defendant”). Plaintiff has been employed by Defendant in California as a non-exempt employee since 2006 and entitled to the legally required meal and rest breaks and payment for all time worked under Defendant’s control. Defendant, however, unlawfully failed to record and pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for, including but not limited to, all of their time worked, including minimum and overtime wages, for all of their missed meal and rest breaks, and for all of their time spent working off the clock. Moreover, when Defendant required Plaintiffs and Aggrieved Employees to report for work, but “furnished less than half said employee’s usual or scheduled day’s work,” Defendant violated Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8 § 11040, subd. 5(A) by failing to pay Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees for at least two (2) hours’ worth of work at their regular rate of pay. In addition, when Defendant required Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees to respond to and engage in additional work, this resulted in a second reporting for work in a single workday, and Defendant failed to pay these employees reporting time pay as required by Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 11040, subd. 5(B). Further, Defendant failed to advise Plaintiff and the other Aggrieved Employees of their right to take separately and hourly paid duty-free ten (10) minute rest periods. *See Vaquero v. Stoneledge Furniture,*

LLC, 9 Cal. App. 5th 98, 110 (2017). Additionally, pursuant to Labor Code § 204 *et seq.*, Defendant failed to timely provide Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees with their wages. Plaintiff further contends that Defendant failed to provide accurate wage statements to Plaintiff, and other Aggrieved Employees, in violation of California Labor Code section 226(a). Further, Defendant violated Section 226(a)(9) by failing to identify the correct rates of pay and number of hours worked, including for the “Regular” and “Grievanc” items of pay, which are wage payments. Additionally, Plaintiff contends that Defendant failed to comply with Industrial Wage Order 7(A)(3) in that Defendant failed to keep time records showing when Plaintiff began and ended each shift and meal period. Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees perform tasks that reasonably permit sitting, and a seat would not interfere with their performance of any of their tasks that may require them to stand. Defendant failed to provide Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees with suitable seats. Said conduct, in addition to the foregoing, as well as the conduct alleged in the incorporated Complaint, violates Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204 *et seq.*, 210, 221, 226(a), 226.7, 227.3, 246, 510, 512, 558(a)(1)(2), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2802, California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11040, Subdivision 5(A)-(B), California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11070(14) (Failure to Provide Seating), Violation of the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order(s), and is therefore actionable under California Labor Code section 2699.3.

A true and correct copy of the Complaint by Plaintiff against Defendant, which (i) identifies the alleged violations, (ii) details the facts and theories which support the alleged violations, (iii) details the specific work performed by Plaintiff, (iii) sets forth the people/entities, dates, classifications, violations, events, and actions which are at issue to the extent known to Plaintiff, and (iv) sets forth the illegal practices used by Defendant, is attached hereto. This information provides notice to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency of the facts and theories supporting the alleged violations for the agency’s reference. Plaintiff therefore incorporates the allegations of the attached Complaint into this letter as if fully set forth herein. If the agency needs any further information, please do not hesitate to ask.

This notice is provided to enable Plaintiff to proceed with the Complaint against Defendant as authorized by California Labor Code section 2699, *et seq.* The lawsuit consists of other Aggrieved Employees. As counsel, our intention is to vigorously prosecute the claims as alleged in the Complaint, and to procure civil penalties as provided by the Private Attorney General Statue of 2004 on behalf of Plaintiff and all Aggrieved Employees.

Your earliest response to this notice is appreciated. If you have any questions of concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number and address.

Respectfully,

/s/ Nicholas J. De Blouw

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