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

JOSHUA LORENZ, individually, on a
representative basis, and on behalf of all
others similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

vs.

HAWK TRANSPORTATION INC., a
California Corporation; BEANT
BHANGU, an Individual; JEET SINGH,
an Individual; MANPRIT SANDHU, an
Individual; and DOES 1 through 20,
inclusive;

Defendants.

Case No.: CIVSB2303256

*[Assigned to Hon. Jessica Morgan, Dept S26, for
all purposes]*

**DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF
JOSHUA LORENZ**

I, Joshua Lorenz, 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) and chose to pursue this case on a class action basis, I understood that I had specific burdens as the "Class Representative," which included: (a) representing the interests of all class members, (2)

1 considering the interests of all class members above my own personal interests, (3) participating
2 actively in the lawsuit, including potential testimony at deposition and trial, and keeping
3 generally aware of the status and progress of the lawsuit. Moreover, I understood that any
4 resolution of the lawsuit is subject to court approval and must be designed in the best interests of
5 the class as a whole.

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

15 4. Additionally, I believe that my claims are typical of the other employees (the class
16 members) because we were all subjected to the same uniform practices of the company. For
17 example, I was subjected to the same per-mile pay issues, and I was also subjected to the same
18 claims for alleged failure to reimburse business expenses.

19 5. I have no conflicts with the proposed class members and will continue to assist
20 with the litigation and prosecute the case on behalf of the other employees.

21 6. I respectfully request that the court preliminarily approve the service award. As
22 outlined above, I have performed substantial services for the Class and helped obtain a highly
23 beneficial settlement for my fellow employees. At the final approval stage, I will submit an
24 additional declaration setting forth all the work I did for this case, including an estimated number
25 of hours spent assisting the Class and my attorneys.

26 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
27 foregoing is true and correct. Executed on Jul 18, 2024, at Lake Elsinore, California.

28 By:


Joshua Allen Lorenz (Jul 18, 2024 15:59 PDT)

Joshua Lorenz