

# AMENDED CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between plaintiff Raquel Chavez (“Plaintiff”) and defendants Constant Staffing, LLC (“Constant”), and National Custom Packing, Inc. (“NCP” and collectively with Constant, “Defendants”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendants collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

This settlement is based on Raquel Chavez’s written notice to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) against Defendants, dated August 1, 2024, (the “LWDA Notice”), and the class action and representative complaint filed by Plaintiff on October 8, 2024, with the Superior Court, County of Monterey, Case Number 24CV004236, hereinafter referred to as the “Action.”

## 1. **DEFINITIONS.**

- 1.1. “Action” means the Class and Representative Action Case No.: 24CV004236.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means Ilym (“ILYM”), the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employee” means all current and former non-exempt employees of Constant that were assigned to work at NCP in California at any time during the PAGA Period.
- 1.5. “Class” means all current and former non-exempt employees of Constant that were assigned to work at NCP in California at any time during the Class Period.
- 1.6. “Class Counsel” means Otkupman Law Firm, A Law Corporation.
- 1.7. “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.8. “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Defendants’ possession including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods.
- 1.9. “Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non- Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).

- 1.10. “Class Member Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.
- 1.11. “Class Notice” means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, to be mailed to Class Members in English and Spanish.
- 1.12. “Class Period” means the period from October 8, 2020 through October 29, 2025.
- 1.13. “Class Representative” means Plaintiff Raquel Chavez.
- 1.14. “Class Representative Service Payment” means the payment to the Class Representative for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.
- 1.15. “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey.
- 1.16. “Defendants” means named Defendants Constant Staffing, LLC and National Custom Packing, Inc.
- 1.17. “Defense Counsel” means Joe Haselton of Haselton, Haselton, and Liddicoat, LLP for NCP, and Megan Childress and Elizabeth Martin of O’Hagan Meyer for Constant.
- 1.18. “Effective Date” shall mean (a) the date when the Final Approval Order is signed, if there are no objections, or if an objection is made but withdrawn prior to the Final Approval hearing, or (b) in the event there are objectors, sixty (60) days after service of notice of entry of the Final Approval Order on the Parties and all objectors to the settlement without any appeals or request for review being taken, or orders affirming said Final Approval Order or denying review after exhaustion of all appellate remedies, if appeals or requests for review have been taken. “Final Approval Order” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement in the Action.
- 1.19. “Final Approval Hearing(s)” shall mean the hearing during which the Court shall consider, without limitations, any timely objections to the settlement from Class Members, testimony from the Parties or their counsel, declarations regarding the notice process from the Settlement Administrator, and otherwise make a final determination regarding the fairness of the settlement as set forth herein.
- 1.20. “Final Judgment(s)” means the Judgment(s) Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement in the Action.
- 1.21. “Gross Settlement Amount” means the maximum settlement amount Defendants shall pay in any event in exchange for the settlement and release of claims alleged

in the Action, which is One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$150,000.00). The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, Class Representative Service Payment and the Administrator's Expenses.

- 1.22. "Individual Class Payment" means the Participating Class Member's pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.
- 1.23. "Individual PAGA Payment" means the Aggrieved Employee's pro rata share of 35% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.24. "LWDA" means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.25. "LWDA PAGA Payment" means the 65% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.26. "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.27. "Non-Participating Class Member" means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.28. "PAGA Pay Period" means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.29. "PAGA Period" means the period from August 1, 2023 through October 29, 2025.
- 1.30. "PAGA" means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. *et seq.*).
- 1.31. "PAGA Notice" means Plaintiff Chavez's LWDA letter dated August 1, 2025 providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a).
- 1.32. "PAGA Penalties" means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 35% to the Aggrieved Employees and the 65% to LWDA in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.33. "Participating Class Member" means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.
- 1.34. "Plaintiff" means Raquel Chavez, the named plaintiff in the Actions.

- 1.35. "Preliminary Approval" means the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement in the Action.
- 1.36. "Preliminary Approval Order(s)" means the order(s) granting preliminary approval of the settlement entered by the Court in the Action.
- 1.37. "Released Class Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.
- 1.38. "Released PAGA Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.3 below.
- 1.39. "Released Parties" means: Defendants, including their respective former and present parents, affiliated corporations and entities, subsidiaries, divisions, predecessors, insurers, reinsurers, successors, investors, and assigns, and each of their respective current, future and former employees, attorneys, officers, directors, members, managers, partners, shareholders, joint venturers, and third-party agents thereof, both individually and in their business capacities, and their employee benefit plans and programs and the trustees, administrators, fiduciaries, and insurers of such plans and programs, and any successors, assigns, legal representatives, or any individual or entity which could be jointly or severally liable with Defendants and all persons or entities acting by, through, under, or in concert with any of them.
- 1.40. "Request for Exclusion" means a Class Member's submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.
- 1.41. "Response Deadline" means 60 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) fax, email, or mail his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.
- 1.42. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Actions effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.43. "Workweek" means any week during which a Class Member worked for Defendant for at least one day, during the Class Period.

## 2. **RECITALS.**

- 2.1. On August 1, 2024, Raquel Chavez gave written notice to the LWDA alleging various Labor Code Violations against Defendants.
- 2.2. On October 8, 2024, Chavez filed a Class and Representative Complaint against Defendants alleging Class and PAGA violations, Case No.: 24CV004236.

- 2.3. On July 16, 2025, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by mediator Jonathan Andrews, and continued to negotiate over several weeks thereafter, which led to this Agreement to settle the Action.
- 2.4. Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through informal discovery, statistical data, including records of Constant's employees, which consisted of wage statements, clock-in and clock-out times, times taken for meal breaks, wages earned during the relevant pay periods, written policies and procedures on meal breaks, rest breaks, overtime compensation, and reimbursement for business expenses, the number of workweeks and pay periods in the class, the total number of class members and aggrieved employees, and the average rate of pay for class members each year in question. Plaintiff's investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*").
- 2.5. The Court has not granted class certification. The Parties engaged in private mediation prior to Plaintiff filing a motion for class certification, and by way of a Motion for Preliminary Approval, will request provisional certification of the Class.
- 2.6. The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

### 3. **MONETARY TERMS.**

- 3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants promise to pay \$150,000.00 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount, and to separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments, as follows: Constant shall pay Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$55,000.00) to fund the Gross Settlement Amount, plus 33.66% of the employer payroll taxes owed; NCP shall pay Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$95,000.00) to fund the Gross Settlement Amount, plus 66.34% of the employer payroll taxes owed. The Parties agree that this is a non-reversionary Settlement and that no portion of the Gross Settlement Amount shall revert to Defendants. Except as otherwise specified herein, Defendants shall not be required to pay any additional monies beyond the amount of the Gross Settlement Amount in connection with the settlement of the class and PAGA claims in this Action, with the exception of Defendants' share of employer payroll taxes, which shall be paid separate and in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants have no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendants.

- 3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
- 3.2.1. To Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Payment to the Class Representative of not more than \$10,00.00 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member). Defendants will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The amount of the Class Representative Service Payment is not a material term of this Agreement and if the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, it shall not result in the Agreement being void. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment using IRS Form 1099.
- 3.2.2. To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 35%, and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$20,000.00. Defendants will not oppose requests for these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The amount of the Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment is not a material term of this Agreement and if the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amount requested, it shall not result in the Agreement being void. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms.
- 3.2.3. To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$10,000.00 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$10,000.00, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

- 3.2.4. To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks.
- 3.2.4.1. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 20% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. 80% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for interest and penalties (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.
- 3.2.4.2. Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.
- 3.2.5. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 65% (\$6,500.00) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 35% (\$3,500.00) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.
- 3.2.5.1. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 35% share of PAGA Penalties (\$3,500.00) by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.
- 3.2.5.2. If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The amount of the PAGA Penalties awarded by the Court is not a material term of this Agreement and if the Court approves an amount for PAGA Penalties less than the amount requested, or requests that the Parties allocate a greater amount of the Gross Settlement Amount toward the PAGA Penalties, it shall not result in the Agreement being void. The

Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

**4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.**

- 4.1. Class Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records as of July 15, 2024, Defendant estimates there are 129 Class Members who worked a total of 3,095 Workweeks during the Class Period.
- 4.2. Class Data. Not later than 21 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement in this Action, Defendants will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendants have a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendants must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.
- 4.3. 4.3Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants shall deposit the full amount of the Gross Settlement Amount and employer payroll taxes due no later than 60 days after the Effective Date into a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") to be established by the Administrator. The QSF shall be at a federally insured bank. The Parties agree that the QSF is intended to be a "Qualified Settlement Fund" under Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code and Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1, 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-1, *et seq.*, and will be administered by the Settlement Administrator as such. The Parties agree to cooperate with the Settlement Administrator and one another to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this Section. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendants fund the Gross Settlement Amount and employer payroll taxes, the Administrator will mail checks for the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. The Administration Expenses Payment shall also be paid to the Administrator.
  - 4.3.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all



Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

- 4.3.2. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.
- 4.3.3. For any Class Member or Aggrieved Employee whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to CASA of Monterey County thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).
- 4.3.4. The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendants to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. **RELEASES OF CLAIMS.** Effective on the date when Defendants fully fund the entire Gross Settlement Amount and fund all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiff, Class Members, the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

- 5.1. Plaintiff's Release. Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of her heirs, family members, executors, administrators, successors, attorneys, agents, representatives, and assigns will irrevocably and unconditionally remise, release, and forever discharge Defendants and the Released Parties from any and all claims, wages, demands, rights, liens, agreements, contracts, covenants, actions, suits, causes of action, obligations, debts, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, judgments, orders, liabilities, demands, charges, complaints, and promises of any nature whatsoever, in law or equity, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and whether or not concealed or hidden, which Plaintiff may have, or have ever had, against the Released Parties, or any of them, arising out of, or in any way related to Plaintiff's hire, benefits, employment, termination, or separation from employment

with Defendants by reason of any actual or alleged act, omission, transaction, practice, conduct, occurrence, or other matter from the beginning of time up to and including the date Plaintiff signs the Agreement including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing: (a) any and all claims under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (“Title VII”), the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, as amended (“ERISA”) (regarding unvested benefits), the Family and Medical Leave Act (“FMLA”) (regarding existing but not prospective claims), the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”), the Equal Pay Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Section 1981 of U.S.C. Title 42, the Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”), the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (“WARN Act”), the National Labor Relations act (“NLRA”), the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (“USERRA”), the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (“GINA”), the Immigration Reform and Control Act (“IRCA”), the Fair Employment and Housing Act (“FEHA”), the California Constitution, the California Family Rights Act (“CFRA”), the California Labor Code (including PAGA) and applicable Wage Order(s), the Unfair Competition Law, all as amended by their respective implementing regulations, and any other federal, state, or local law, (statutory, regulatory, or otherwise) that may be legally waived and released; however the identification of specific statutes or law shall not limit the scope of this general release in any manner; and (b) any and all claims for backpay, regular pay, minimum wages, premium pay, overtime pay, other wages, expenses, penalties, failure to provide meal and/or rest periods, failure to reimburse business expenses, compensatory damages, special damages, interest, commissions, bonuses, sick leave, holiday pay, vacation pay, restitution, tort claims, contract claims, equitable claims, hostile work environment claims, workplace harassment claims, wrongful termination claims, discrimination claims, public policy claims, retaliation claims, whistleblower retaliation claims, failure to provide reasonable accommodation claims, failure to engage in the interactive process claims, failure to prevent discrimination claims, failure to prevent retaliation claims, statutory claims, personal injury claims, emotional distress claims, invasion of privacy claims, defamation claims, fraud claims, quantum meruit claims, and/or attorneys’ fees and costs either individually or as part of a class action, collective action, and/or representative action. Notwithstanding the above, this general release by Plaintiff shall not extend to any claims or actions to enforce the Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, workers’ compensation benefits, claims that may arise after Plaintiff signs the Agreement, or other claims that may not be released by law. Additionally, nothing in this general release shall be construed to prevent the disclosure of factual information related to any acts of sexual assault, sexual harassment, workplace harassment or discrimination, failure to prevent an act of workplace harassment or discrimination, or act of retaliation against a person for reporting harassment or discrimination, or waives Plaintiff’s right to testify in an administrative, legislative, or judicial proceeding concerning alleged criminal conduct or alleged sexual harassment on the part of Defendants, or on the part of the agents or employees of Defendants, when Plaintiff has been required or requested to attend such a

proceeding pursuant to a court order, subpoena, or written request from an administrative agency or the legislature, or shall prevent Plaintiff from communicating with, filing a charge or complaint with, or from participating in an investigation or proceeding conducted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, National Labor Relations Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any other any federal, state, or local agency charged with the enforcement of any laws, including providing documents or any other information, or limit Plaintiff from exercising rights under Section 7 of the NLRA to engage in protected, concerted activity with other employees, although by signing the Agreement Plaintiff is waiving rights to individual relief in any charge, complaint, or lawsuit or other proceeding brought by Plaintiff or on Plaintiff's behalf by any third party, except for any right Plaintiff may have to receive a payment or an award from a government agency (and not Defendants) for information provided to the government agency or where otherwise prohibited.

5.1.1. Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542. For purposes of Plaintiff's Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or Released Party.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent Plaintiff from participating in the Class/PAGA settlement or seeking approval of the Class/PAGA settlement.

5.2. Release by Participating Class Members: All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Defendants and the Released Parties from any and all claims or causes of action alleged or that could have reasonably been alleged in the operative complaint filed in the Action, as it relates to work performed at NCP's facilities in California, including but not limited to claims under Cal. Labor Code §§ 201-204, 210, 216, 218, 218.5, 221, 223, 225.5, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 233, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1175, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1198, 1199, 2802, the applicable IWC Wage Order, and the Cal. & Prof Bus. Code § 17200 et seq., based on failure to provide meal periods, failure to provide rest periods, failure to pay premiums including with respect to the rate at which such premiums are paid, failure to pay minimum, regular, and overtime wages including with respect to the rate at which such wages are paid, failure to pay reporting time pay, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to pay wages upon termination, and failure to reimburse for business expenses.

- 5.3. Release by Aggrieved Employees: All Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, Defendants and the Released Parties from all claims that accrued during the PAGA Period that were alleged in Plaintiff's LWDA Notice and/or in the operative complaint filed in the Action, as well as claims that reasonably could have been alleged arising out of the same operative facts, for civil penalties under PAGA predicated on violations of Cal. Labor Code §§ 201-204, 210, 216, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 223, 225.5, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 233, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1175, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1198, 1199, and 2802, and the applicable IWC Wage Order..
6. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.** Plaintiff agrees to prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval") no later than 60 days after the full execution of this Agreement. Plaintiff shall provide a draft of the Motion for Preliminary Approval paperwork to Defendants prior to filing the paperwork with the Court.
7. **SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.**
- 7.1. Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Apex Class Action Administration (Apex) to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Apex agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2. Notice to Class Members.
- 7.2.1. No later than 3 business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, Workweeks, and Pay Periods in the Class Data.
- 7.2.2. Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service ("USPS") mail, the Class Notice with Spanish translation substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit 1. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.

- 7.2.3. Not later than 3 business days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.
  - 7.2.4. The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, Challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the 60 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.
  - 7.2.5. If the Administrator, Defendant or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and in good faith in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, which ever are later.
- 7.3. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).
- 7.3.1. Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.
  - 7.3.2. The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the

authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

7.3.3. Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases of this Agreement, regardless whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

7.3.4. Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims set forth in Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

7.4. Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges.

7.5. Objections to Settlement.

7.5.1. Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

7.5.2. Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to

present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 60 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

7.5.3. Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to the Settlement.

7.6. Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

7.6.1. Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.

7.6.2. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than 5 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion ("Exclusion List"); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

7.6.3. Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. The Administrator's decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

7.6.4. Administrator's Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate

Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) in Court.

7.6.5. Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

8. **CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES and ESCALATOR CLAUSE.** Based on its records, Defendants estimate that, as of July 15, 2024, (1) there are approximately 3,095 Workweeks in the Class Period. If the actual number of workweeks increases by more than 10% for the time period from July 15, 2025 as of the date of October 29, 2025, Defendants shall, at their option, either (a) increase the Gross Settlement Amount proportionally by the workweeks in excess of the 10%, or (b) cap the Class Period as of the date the number of workweeks reaches but does exceed 10%. Under option (a) an increase by more than 10% shall mean should the number of workweeks increase by more than 10% through the Class Period, this will increase the Gross Settlement Amount proportionally over the 10% increase. For example, if the number of workweeks increase by 11% through the Class Period, and Defendants elect option (a) set forth above, then the Gross Settlement Amount shall increase by 1%.
9. **DEFENDANTS' RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 10% of the total of all Class Members, Defendants may, but is not obligated to, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Defendants withdraw, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendants will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendants must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than 7 days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.
10. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.** Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement.



- 10.1. Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than 5 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.
- 10.2. Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.
- 10.3. Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.
- 10.4. Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment reflected set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final.
- 10.5. Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

11. **AMENDED JUDGMENT.** If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit and a proposed amended judgment.
12. **NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT TO LWDA.** Plaintiff and Class Counsel shall provide notice to the LWDA of the proposed settlement as required by California Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (l)(2), as well as any other information required by law to be provided to the LWDA to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.
13. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**
  - 13.1. No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendants that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendants has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendants' defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, Defendants reserve the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Defendants reserve all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendants' defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).
  - 13.2. Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff and Class Counsel, separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Plaintiff and Class Counsel agrees to immediately notify Defendants and Defendants' Counsel of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff and Class Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, any with third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

- 13.3. No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 13.4. Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 13.5. Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendants, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 13.6. Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 13.7. No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 13.8. No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendants nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 13.9. Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 13.10. Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 13.11. Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.

- 13.12. Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 13.13. Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 13.14. Use of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendant in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff and Class Counsel shall destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendants unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendants make a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Class Data.
- 13.15. Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 13.16. Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 13.17. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.
- 13.18. Notice. All notices, demands, or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

To Plaintiff:

[INSERT PLAINTIFF'S  
COUNSEL INFO]

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To Defendant NCP:

[INSERT NCP COUNSEL INFO]

- 13.19. Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to CCP section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.
- 13.20. Binding Agreement. The Parties intend that this Agreement shall be fully enforceable and binding upon all Parties within the provisions of Cal. Civil Proc. § 664.6, and that it shall be admissible and subject to disclosure in any proceeding to enforce its terms pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §§ 1122(a)(1) and 1123(b), notwithstanding the confidentiality provisions that otherwise might apply under federal or state law. The Parties further agree and intend that the Monterey County Superior Court may enforce this Agreement pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6.
- 13.21. Enforcement Actions. In the event that one or more of the Parties institutes any legal action or other proceeding against any other Party or Parties to enforce the provisions of this Settlement or to declare rights and/or obligations under this Settlement, the successful Party or Parties will be entitled to recover from the unsuccessful Party or Parties reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including expert witness fees incurred in connection with any enforcement actions.
- 13.22. Severability. In the event that one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall in no way effect any other provision if Defense Counsel and Class Counsel, on behalf of the Parties and the Settlement Class, mutually elect in writing to proceed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been included in this Agreement.

13.23. Representation By Counsel. The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented by counsel throughout all negotiations that preceded the execution of this Agreement, and that this Agreement has been executed with the consent and advice of counsel and reviewed in full. Further, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel warrant and represent that there are no liens on the Settlement Agreement.



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Plaintiff Raquel Chavez

Dated: 07 / 30 / 2026

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant Constant Staffing, LLC

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: David Schanzer  
Custom National Packing, Inc.

Dated: 7/30/2026

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: Kenneth Hollenbaugh, CFO  
Defendant Constant Staffing, LLC

Dated: **Jul 31, 2026**  
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