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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

CAPITOL TRUCK LINES INC., a California corporation; and DOES 1-50, Inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

MARVIN YOUNG, on behalf of the State of California in Plaintiff's representative capacity as a private attorney general

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Kern Superior Court
Metro Division - 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso):

26CUB00690

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NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

- ☐ as an individual defendant.
- ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
- ☐ on behalf of (specify):
under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

MARVIN YOUNG, on behalf of the State of
California in Plaintiff's representative capacity
as a private attorney general,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAPITOL TRUCK LINES INC., a California
corporation; and DOES 1-50, Inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No: 26CUB00690

REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
COMPLAINT FOR:

- 1) VIOLATIONS OF THE PRIVATE
ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT [LABOR
CODE §§ 2698 ET SEQ.]

1 PLAINTIFF MARVIN YOUNG (“PLAINTIFF”), an individual, in PLAINTIFF’S
2 representative capacity and on behalf of PLAINTIFF, the people of the State of California, and as
3 an “aggrieved employee” acting as a private attorney general under the Labor Code Private Attorney
4 General Act of 2004, Section 2699, *et seq.* (“PAGA”) only, alleges on information and belief, except
5 for their own acts and knowledge which are based on personal knowledge, the following:

6 **INTRODUCTION**

7 1. PLAINTIFF brings this action against Defendant CAPITOL TRUCK LINES INC.
8 (“DEFENDANTS”) seeking only to recover PAGA civil penalties on behalf of all current and
9 former aggrieved employees who worked for DEFENDANTS. PLAINTIFF does **not seek to**
10 **recover anything other than penalties as permitted by California Labor Code Section 2699.**
11 To the extent that statutory violations are mentioned for wage violations, PLAINTIFF does not seek
12 underlying general and/or special damages for those violations, but simply the civil penalties
13 permitted by California Labor Code Section 2699.

14 2. California has enacted the PAGA which permits PLAINTIFF to bring an action on
15 behalf of PLAINTIFF and on behalf of others for PAGA penalties *only*, which is the precise and
16 sole nature of this action.

17 3. Accordingly, PLAINTIFF seeks to obtain all applicable relief for DEFENDANTS’
18 violations under PAGA and solely for the relief as permitted by PAGA that is, penalties and any
19 other relief the Court deems proper pursuant to PAGA. Nothing in this complaint should be
20 constructed as attempting to obtain any relief that would not be available in a PAGA- only action.

21 4. PLAINTIFF brings this representative action pursuant to PAGA on behalf of the
22 Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) and other current and former aggrieved
23 employees of DEFENDANTS for engaging in a pattern and practice of wage and hour violations
24 under the California Labor Code.

25 5. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that DEFENDANTS
26 decreased their employment-related costs by systematically violating California wage and hour
27 laws.

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6. DEFENDANTS' systematic pattern of wage and hour and Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order violations toward PLAINTIFF and other aggrieved employees in California include, *inter alia*:

7. PLAINTIFF reserves the right to name additional representatives throughout the State of California.

8. Defendant CAPITOL TRUCK LINES INC. (“DEFENDANTS”) is a California corporation that at all relevant times mentioned herein conducted and continues to conduct substantial and regular business throughout California.

1 exempt, piece-rate based, and/or commissioned employees (“AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES”)
2 during the time period of December 19, 2024, and the present (“PAGA PERIOD”).

3 13. PLAINTIFF is an “AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE” within the meaning of Labor Code
4 Section 2699(c) because PLAINTIFF was employed by DEFENDANTS and personally suffered
5 each of the alleged Labor Code violations committed by DEFENDANTS.

6 14. PLAINTIFF and all other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES are, and at all relevant times
7 were, employees of DEFENDANTS, within the meanings set forth in the California Labor Code
8 and the applicable IWC Wage Order.

9 15. Each of the fictitiously named defendants participated in the acts alleged in this
10 Complaint. The true names and capacities of the Defendants named as DOES 1 THROUGH 50,
11 inclusive, are presently unknown to PLAINTIFF. PLAINTIFF will amend this Complaint, setting
12 forth the true names and capacities of these fictitiously named Defendants when their true names
13 are ascertained. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that each of the
14 fictitious Defendants have participated in the acts alleged in this Complaint.

15 16. DEFENDANTS, including DOES 1 THROUGH 50 (hereinafter collectively
16 “DEFENDANTS”), were PLAINTIFF’S employers or persons acting on behalf of PLAINTIFF’S
17 employer, within the meaning of California Labor Code Section 558, who violated or caused to be
18 violated, a section of Part 2, Chapter 1 of the California Labor Code or any provision regulating
19 hours and days of work in any order of the IWC and, as such, are subject to civil penalties for each
20 underpaid employee, as set forth in Labor Code Section 558, at all relevant times.

21 17. DEFENDANTS were PLAINTIFF’S employer or persons acting on behalf of
22 PLAINTIFF’S employer either individually or as an officer, agent, or employee of another person,
23 within the meaning of California Labor Code Section 1197.1, who paid or caused to be paid to any
24 employee a wage less than the minimum fixed by California state law, and as such, are subject to
25 civil penalties for each underpaid employee.

26 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

27 18. This Court has jurisdiction over this Action pursuant to California Code of Civil
28 Procedure, Section 410.10 and California Business and Professions Code, Section 17203. This

1 Court has jurisdiction over AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES' claims for civil penalties under the
2 Private Attorney General Act of 2004, California Labor Code Section 2698, *et seq.*

3 19. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure,
4 Sections 395 and 395.5, because DEFENDANTS (i) currently maintain and at all relevant times
5 maintained offices and facilities in this County and/or conduct substantial business in this County,
6 and (ii) committed the wrongful conduct herein alleged in this County against AGGRIEVED
7 EMPLOYEES.

8 **THE CONDUCT**

9 20. In violation of the applicable sections of the California Labor Code and the
10 requirements of the IWC Wage Order, DEFENDANTS as a matter of company policy, practice,
11 and procedure, intentionally, knowingly, and systematically failed to pay PLAINTIFF and
12 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES for all time worked, failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and
13 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES for off-the-clock work, failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF and other
14 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES for business expenses, and knowingly and intentionally failed to
15 issue to PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES accurate itemized wage statements
16 showing, among other things, all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay periods and the
17 corresponding amount of time worked at each hourly rate. DEFENDANTS' uniform policies and
18 practices are intended to purposefully avoid the accurate and full payment for all time worked as
19 required by California law which allows DEFENDANTS to illegally profit and gain an unfair
20 advantage over competitors who comply with the law. To the extent equitable tolling operates to
21 toll claims by the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES against DEFENDANTS, the PAGA PERIOD
22 should be adjusted accordingly.

23 **A. Commission and Piece-Rate Violations**

24 21. From time-to-time during the PAGA PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED
25 EMPLOYEES were paid in part on a commission and/or piece-rate basis. In those instances where
26 PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES were paid in part on a commission and/or piece-
27 rate basis, PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES were entitled to be separately
28 compensated for all non-productive time at an hourly rate that is no less than the applicable

1 minimum wage. Notwithstanding, in those instances where PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED
2 EMPLOYEES were paid in part on a commission and/or piece-rate basis, DEFENDANTS failed
3 to separately compensate PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES for all non-productive
4 time at an hourly rate that is no less than the applicable minimum wage. As a result, PLAINTIFF
5 and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES forfeited minimum wages by DEFENDANTS' failure to
6 separately compensate their nonproductive time at an hourly rate that is no less than the applicable
7 minimum wage.

8 **B. Unreimbursed Business Expenses**

9 22. DEFENDANTS as a matter of corporate policy, practice, and procedure,
10 intentionally, knowingly, and systematically failed to reimburse and indemnify the PLAINTIFF
11 and the other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES for required business expenses incurred by the
12 PLAINTIFF and other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES in direct consequence of discharging their
13 duties on behalf of DEFENDANTS. Under California Labor Code Section 2802, employers are
14 required to indemnify employees for all expenses incurred in the course and scope of their
15 employment. California Labor Code Section 2802 expressly states that "an employer shall
16 indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in
17 direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions
18 of the employer, even though unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions,
19 believed them to be unlawful."

20 23. In the course of their employment, DEFENDANTS required PLAINTIFF and other
21 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES to incur personal expenses as a result of and in furtherance of their
22 job duties for the use of their personal cell phones. Specifically, PLAINTIFF and other
23 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES were required to use their own cell phones in order to perform work
24 related tasks. However, DEFENDANTS unlawfully failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF and other
25 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES for the personal expenses incurred for the use of their personal cell
26 phones. As a result, in the course of their employment with DEFENDANTS, the PLAINTIFF and
27 other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES incurred unreimbursed business expenses that included, but
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1 were not limited to, costs related to the use of their personal cell phones, all on behalf of and for the
2 benefit of DEFENDANTS.

3 **C. Wage Statement Violations**

4 24. California Labor Code Section 226 requires an employer to furnish its employees an
5 accurate itemized wage statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours
6 worked, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece-rate, (4) all deductions,
7 (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the
8 name of the employee and only the last four digits of the employee's social security number or an
9 employee identification number other than a social security number, (8) the name and address of
10 the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay
11 period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.

12 25. From time to time during the PAGA PERIOD, when PLAINTIFF and other
13 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES were not paid for all hours worked, DEFENDANTS also failed to
14 provide PLAINTIFF and other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES with complete and accurate wage
15 statements which failed to show, among other things, all deductions, the total hours worked and all
16 applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period, and the corresponding amount of time
17 worked at each hourly rate, or correct rates of pay for penalty payments.

18 26. Further, DEFENDANTS, from time to time, failed to provide PLAINTIFF and other
19 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES with wage statements that comply with California Labor Code
20 Section 226(a)(3). DEFENDANTS provided PLAINTIFF and other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES
21 with wage statements that failed to include the number of piece-rate units earned.

22 27. Further, DEFENDANTS from time to time failed to provide PLAINTIFF and other
23 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES with wage statements that show all deductions, in violation of
24 California Labor Code Section 226(a)(4).

25 28. In addition to the foregoing, DEFENDANTS, from time to time, failed to provide
26 PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES with wage statements that comply with
27 California Labor Code Section 226(a)(1)-(9).

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1 29. As a result, DEFENDANTS issued PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES
2 with wage statements that violate California Labor Code Section 226. Further, DEFENDANTS'
3 violations are knowing and intentional; they were not isolated due to an unintentional payroll error
4 due to clerical or inadvertent mistake.

5 **D. Off-the-Clock Work Resulting in Minimum Wage Violations**

6 30. During the PAGA PERIOD, from time to time DEFENDANTS failed and continue
7 to fail to accurately pay PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES for all hours worked.

8 31. During the PAGA PERIOD, from time to time DEFENDANTS required
9 PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES to perform pre-shift or post-shift work, including
10 but not limited to, completing inspections, completing deliveries, strapping down trailer loads, and
11 sending and receiving work-related communications. This resulted in PLAINTIFF and
12 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES having to work while off-the-clock.

13 32. DEFENDANTS directed and directly benefited from the undercompensated off-the-
14 clock work performed by PLAINTIFF and the other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES.

15 33. DEFENDANTS controlled the work schedules, duties, protocols, applications,
16 assignments, and employment conditions of PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES.

17 34. DEFENDANTS were able to track the amount of time PLAINTIFF and
18 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES spent working; however, DEFENDANTS failed to document, track,
19 or pay PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES all wages earned and owed for all the work
20 they performed.

21 35. PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES were non-exempt employees,
22 subject to the requirements of the California Labor Code.

23 36. DEFENDANTS' policies and practices deprived PLAINTIFF and the other
24 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES of all minimum regular wages owed for the off-the-clock work
25 activities.

26 37. DEFENDANTS knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED
27 EMPLOYEES' off-the-clock work was compensable under the law.

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1 38. As a result, PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES forfeited wages due to
2 them for all hours worked at DEFENDANTS' direction, control, and benefit for the time spent
3 working while off-the-clock. DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and practice to not pay PLAINTIFF
4 and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES wages for all hours worked in accordance with applicable law is
5 evidenced by DEFENDANTS' business records.

6 **E. Regular Rate Violation –Redeemed Sick Pay**

7 39. From time to time during the PAGA PERIOD, DEFENDANTS failed and continues
8 to fail to accurately calculate and pay PLAINTIFF and the other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES for
9 their redeemed sick pay. As a result, PLAINTIFF and the other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES
10 forfeited wages due to them at the correct redeemed sick pay rates. DEFENDANTS' uniform
11 policy and practice not to pay PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES at the correct rate
12 for all redeemed sick pay in accordance with applicable law is evidenced by DEFENDANTS'
13 business records.

14 40. The second component of PLAINTIFF'S and other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES'
15 compensation was DEFENDANTS' non-discretionary incentive program that paid PLAINTIFF
16 and other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES' incentive wages based on their performance for
17 DEFENDANTS. The non-discretionary bonus program provided all employees paid on an hourly
18 basis with bonus compensation when the employees met the various performance goals set by
19 DEFENDANTS.

20 41. From time to time, when calculating the regular rate of pay, in those pay periods
21 where PLAINTIFF and other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES redeemed sick pay, and earned non-
22 discretionary bonus, DEFENDANTS failed to accurately include the non-discretionary bonus
23 compensation as part of the employees' "regular rate of pay" and/or calculated all hours worked
24 rather than just all non-overtime hours worked. Management and supervisors described the
25 incentive/bonus program to potential and new employees as part of the compensation package. As
26 a matter of law, the incentive compensation received by PLAINTIFF and other AGGRIEVED
27 EMPLOYEES must be included in the "regular rate of pay." The failure to do so has resulted in a
28 systematic underpayment of redeemed sick pay to PLAINTIFF and other AGGRIEVED

1 EMPLOYEES by DEFENDANTS. Specifically, California Labor Code Section 246 mandates that
2 paid sick time for non-exempt employees shall be calculated in the same manner as the regular rate
3 of pay for the workweek in which the non-exempt employee uses paid sick time. DEFENDANTS’
4 conduct, as articulated herein, by failing to include the incentive compensation as part of the
5 “regular rate of pay” for purposes of sick pay compensation was in violation of California Labor
6 Code Section 246 the underpayment of which is recoverable under California Labor Code Sections
7 201, 202, 203 and/or 204.

8 42. In violation of the applicable sections of the California Labor Code and the
9 requirements of the IWC Wage Order, DEFENDANTS as a matter of company policy, practice,
10 and procedure, intentionally and knowingly failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED
11 EMPLOYEES at the correct rate of pay for all redeemed sick pay. This uniform policy and practice
12 of DEFENDANTS is intended to purposefully avoid the payment of the correct sick pay rate as
13 required by California law which allowed DEFENDANTS to illegally profit and gain an unfair
14 advantage over competitors who complied with the law. To the extent equitable tolling operates to
15 toll claims by the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES against DEFENDANTS, the PAGA PERIOD
16 should be adjusted accordingly.

17 **F. Sick Pay Violations**

18 43. California Labor Code Section 246 (a)(1) mandates that “An employee who, on or
19 after July 1, 2015, works in California for the same employer for 30 or more days within a year
20 from the commencement of employment is entitled to paid sick days as specified in this section.”
21 Further, California Labor Code Sections 246(b)-(d) provide for the sick day accrual requirements.
22 From time to time, DEFENDANTS failed to have a policy or practice in place that provided
23 PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES with sick days and/or paid sick leave. As of January
24 1, 2024, DEFENDANTS failed to adhere to the law in that they failed to provide and allow
25 employees to use at least forty hours or five days of paid sick leave per year.

26 44. California Labor Code Section 246(i) requires an employer to furnish its employees
27 with written wage statements setting forth the amount of paid sick leave available. From time to
28 time, DEFENDANTS violated California Labor Code Section 246 by failing to furnish PLAINTIFF

1 and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES with wage statements setting forth the amount of paid sick leave
2 available.

3 **G. Violations for Untimely Payment of Wages**

4 45. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 204, PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED
5 EMPLOYEES were entitled to timely payment of wages during their employment. PLAINTIFF
6 and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES, from time to time, did not receive payment of all wages.

7 46. Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 201, “If an employer discharges an
8 employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately.”
9 Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 202, if an employee quits his or her employment, “his
10 or her wages shall become due and payable not later than 72 hours thereafter, unless the employee
11 has given 72 hours previous notice of his or her intention to quit, in which case the employee is
12 entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.” PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED
13 EMPLOYEES were, from time to time, not timely provided the wages earned and unpaid at the
14 time of their discharge and/or at the time of quitting, in violation of California Labor Code Sections
15 201 and 202. Further, DEFENDANTS’ violations are willful and intentional; they were not isolated
16 due to an unintentional payroll error due to clerical or inadvertent mistake.

17 47. As such, PLAINTIFF demands up to thirty days of pay as penalty for not timely
18 paying all wages due at time of termination for all AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES whose
19 employment ended during the PAGA PERIOD.

20 **H. Unlawful Deductions**

21 48. DEFENDANTS, from time to time unlawfully deducted wages from PLAINTIFF
22 and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES’ pay without explanations and without authorization to do so or
23 notice to PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES. As a result, DEFENDANTS violated
24 Labor Code Section 221.

25 **I. Unlawful Rounding Practices**

26 49. During the PAGA PERIOD, DEFENDANTS did not have in place an immutable
27 timekeeping system to accurately record and pay PLAINTIFF and other AGGRIEVED
28 EMPLOYEES for the actual time these employees worked each day. Specifically, DEFENDANTS

1 had in place an unlawful rounding policy and practice that resulted in PLAINTIFF and
2 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES being undercompensated for all of their time worked. As a result,
3 DEFENDANTS were able to and did in fact unlawfully, and unilaterally round the time recorded
4 in DEFENDANTS' timekeeping system for PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES in
5 order to avoid paying these employees for all their time worked. As a result, PLAINTIFF and other
6 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES, from time to time, forfeited compensation for their time worked by
7 working without their time being accurately recorded.

8 50. Further, the mutability of DEFENDANTS' timekeeping system and unlawful
9 rounding policy and practice resulted in PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES' time being
10 inaccurately recorded.

11 **J. Timekeeping Manipulation**

12 51. During the PAGA PERIOD, DEFENDANTS, from time to time, did not have an
13 immutable timekeeping system to accurately record and pay PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED
14 EMPLOYEES for the actual time PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES worked each day,
15 including regular time, and sick pay. As a result, DEFENDANTS were able to and did in fact,
16 unlawfully, and unilaterally alter the time recorded in DEFENDANTS' timekeeping system for
17 PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES in order to avoid paying these employees for all
18 hours worked, and applicable sick pay.

19 52. As a result, PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES, from time to time,
20 forfeited time worked by working without their time being accurately recorded and without
21 compensation at the applicable pay rates.

22 53. As a result, PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES forfeited wages due to
23 them for all hours worked at DEFENDANTS' direction, control and benefit for the time the
24 timekeeping system was inoperable. DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and practice to not pay
25 PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES wages for all hours worked in accordance with
26 applicable law is evidenced by DEFENDANTS' business records.

27 54. Specifically, as to PLAINTIFF, PLAINTIFF was from time to time DEFENDANTS
28 provided PLAINTIFF with paystubs that failed to comply with California Labor Code Section 226.

1 Further, DEFENDANTS also failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF for required business expenses
2 related to the personal expenses incurred for the use of PLAINTIFF'S personal cell phone on behalf
3 of and in furtherance of PLAINTIFF'S employment with DEFENDANTS. To date,
4 DEFENDANTS have not fully paid PLAINTIFF the minimum, compensation still owed to
5 PLAINTIFF or any penalty wages owed to PLAINTIFF under California Labor Code Section 203.
6 The amount in controversy for PLAINTIFF individually does not exceed the sum or value of
7 \$75,000.

8 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **VIOLATION OF THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT**

10 **(Cal. Lab. Code §§2698 *et seq.*)**

11 **(Alleged by PLAINTIFF against all DEFENDANTS)**

12 55. PLAINTIFF realleges and incorporates by this reference, as though fully set forth
13 herein, the prior paragraphs of this Complaint.

14 56. PAGA is a mechanism by which the State of California itself can enforce state labor
15 laws through the employee suing under the PAGA who do so as the proxy or agent of the state's
16 labor law enforcement agencies. An action to recover civil penalties under PAGA is fundamentally
17 a law enforcement action designed to protect the public and not to benefit private parties. The
18 purpose of the PAGA is not to recover damages or restitution, but to create a means of "deputizing"
19 citizens as private attorneys general to enforce the Labor Code. In enacting PAGA, the California
20 Legislature specified that "it was ... in the public interest to allow aggrieved employees, acting as
21 private attorneys general to recover civil penalties for Labor Code violations ..." (Stats. 2003, ch.
22 906, § 1.) Accordingly, PAGA claims cannot be subject to arbitration.

23 57. At all relevant times, for the reasons described herein and others, PLAINTIFF and
24 the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES were aggrieved employees of DEFENDANTS within the
25 meaning of Labor Code Section 2699(c).

26 58. Labor Code Sections 2699(a) and (k) authorize an AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE, like
27 PLAINTIFF, on behalf of PLAINTIFF and other current or former employees, to bring a civil
28 action to recover civil penalties pursuant to the procedures specified in Labor Code Section 2699.3

1 59. PLAINTIFF complied with the procedures for bringing suit specified in Labor Code
2 Section 2699.3. By certified letter, return receipt requested, dated December 19, 2025,
3 PLAINTIFF gave written notice to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”)
4 and to DEFENDANTS of the specific provisions of the Labor Code alleged to have been violated,
5 including the facts and theories to support the alleged violations. (See Exhibit #1.)

6 60. As of the date of this complaint, more than sixty-five (65) days after serving the
7 LWDA with notice of DEFENDANTS’ violations, the LWDA has not provided any notice by
8 certified mail of its intent to investigate the DEFENDANTS’ alleged violations as mandated by
9 Labor Code Section 2699.3(a)(2)(A). Accordingly, pursuant to Labor Code Section
10 2699.3(a)(2)(A), PLAINTIFF may commence and is authorized to pursue this cause of action.

11 61. Pursuant to Labor Code Sections 2699(a) and (f), PLAINTIFF and the
12 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES are entitled to civil penalties for DEFENDANTS’ violations of
13 Labor Code Sections 201, 201.3, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 226, 226.2, 226.3, 246,
14 510, 558, 1174(d), 1174.5, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1197.14, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, 2802 and 2804 in
15 the following amounts:

16 a. For violation of Labor Code Sections 201, 202, 203, and 204, up to (\$200)
17 per AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE per pay period [penalty per Labor Code
18 Section 2699(f)];

19 b. For violations of Labor Code Section 226(a), a civil penalty in the amount
20 of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE for
21 any initial violation and one thousand dollars for each subsequent violation
22 [penalty per Labor Code Section 226.3];

23 c. For violations of Labor Code Sections 204, a civil penalty in the amount of
24 one hundred dollars (\$100) for each AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE for any initial
25 violation and two hundred dollars (\$200) for AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE for
26 each subsequent violation [penalty per Labor Code Section 210];

27 d. For violations of Labor Code Section 1174(d), a civil penalty in the amount
28 of five hundred (\$500) dollars for each AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE [penalty

1 per Labor Code Section 1174.5].

2 e. For violations of Labor Code Sections 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1198 and 1199,
3 a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each
4 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE per pay period for the initial violation and two
5 hundred dollars fifty (\$250) for each AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE per pay
6 period for each subsequent violation [penalty per Labor Code Section 1197.1].

7 62. For all provisions of the Labor Code for which civil penalty is not specifically
8 provided, Labor Code Section 2699(f) imposes upon DEFENDANTS a penalty of up to two
9 hundred dollars (\$200) for each AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE per pay period. PLAINTIFF and the
10 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs in
11 connection with their claims for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code Section 2699(k)(1).

12 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

13 WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF prays for judgment against DEFENDANTS as follows:

14 1. For reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit to the extent permitted by law,
15 including pursuant to Labor Code Section 2699, *et seq.*;

16 2. For civil penalties to the extent permitted by law pursuant to the Labor Code under
17 the Private Attorneys General Act; and

18 3. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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20 DATED: February 23, 2026

JCL LAW FIRM, APC

21 By: Perssia Razma
22 Perssia Razma, Esq.
23 Attorney for PLAINTIFF
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EXHIBIT 1

December 19, 2025

Via Online Filing to LWDA and Certified Mail to Defendants
Labor and Workforce Development Agency
Online Filing

CAPITOL TRUCK LINES INC.

c/o Jagdeep Thind
5608 Barbados Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93313

Sent via Certified Mail and Return Receipt No. 9589 0710 5270 2308 6694 98

Re: Notice of Violations of California Labor Code Sections 201, 201.3, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 226, 226.2, 226.3, 227.3, 246, 510, 558, 1174(d), 1174.5, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1197.14, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, 2802, 2804, and Violation of Applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order(s), and Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 2699.5

Dear Sir/Madam:

This notice is being sent in compliance with California Labor Code Section 2699.3. Our offices represent Plaintiff MARVIN YOUNG (“Plaintiff”) and other aggrieved employees. Plaintiff was employed by Defendant CAPITOL TRUCK LINES INC. (“Defendants”) in California from November of 2024 through January of 2025 as a truck driver. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants as a non-exempt employee, paid in part on a piece-rate basis and entitled payment of minimum wages due for all time worked.

Plaintiff alleges that within the past year, Plaintiff personally suffered violations of the following Labor Code Sections as a result of Defendants’ failure to pay Plaintiff for all time worked, provide Plaintiff with accurate itemized wage statements that facially comply with the requirements provided for in Labor Code Section 226, furnish wages to Plaintiff with the frequency as set forth under Labor Code Section 204, and reimburse Plaintiff for necessary business expenses pursuant to Labor Code Sections 201, 201.3, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 226, 226.2, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 246, 558, 1174(d), 1174.5, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1197.14, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, 2802, and 2804. These violations are actionable under California Labor Code Section 2699.3.

The information below provides notice to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency of the facts and theories supporting the alleged violations for the agency’s reference. If the agency needs any further information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Plaintiff seeks to represent a group of aggrieved employees defined as any person currently or formerly employed by Defendants who performed work in California and against whom one or more of the alleged violations listed above were committed during the relevant claim period (“Aggrieved Employees”). Plaintiff believes this group to be comprised of all current and former non-exempt, exempt, piece-rate based, and/or commission-based employees who

performed work for Defendants in California during the period beginning one year prior to the date of this Notice and continuing through the present.

In violation of the applicable sections of the California Labor Code and the requirements of the Industrial Welfare Commission (“IWC”) Wage Order, Defendants as a matter of company policy, practice, and procedure, intentionally, knowingly, and systematically failed to pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for all time worked, failed to compensate Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for off-the-clock work, failed to pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees redeemed sick pay at the regular rate of pay, failed to reimburse Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for business expenses, and failed to issue to Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees accurate itemized wage statements showing, among other things, all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay periods and the corresponding amount of time worked at each hourly rate. Defendants’ uniform policies and practices are intended to purposefully avoid the accurate and full payment for all time worked as required by California law which allows Defendants to illegally profit and gain an unfair advantage over competitors who comply with the law.

Unreimbursed Business Expenses: Defendants as a matter of corporate policy, practice, and procedure, intentionally, knowingly, and systematically failed to reimburse and indemnify the Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for required business expenses incurred by the Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees in direct consequence of discharging their duties on behalf of Defendants. Under California Labor Code Section 2802, employers are required to indemnify employees for all expenses incurred in the course and scope of their employment. California Labor Code Section 2802 expressly states that “an employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer, even though unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions, believed them to be unlawful.”

Within the last year, in the course of their employment, Defendants required Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees to incur personal expenses as a result of and in furtherance of their job duties for the use of their personal cell phones. Specifically, Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees were required to incur personal expenses for the use of their personal cell phones in order to perform work related tasks. However, Defendants unlawfully failed to reimburse Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for the personal expenses incurred for the use of their personal cell phones. As a result, in the course of their employment with Defendants, the Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees incurred unreimbursed business expenses that included, but were not limited to, costs related to the personal expenses incurred for the use of their personal cell phones, all on behalf of and for the benefit of Defendants. **For example, during the pay period of December 16, 2024, to December 28, 2024, Defendants required Plaintiff to use Plaintiff’s personal cell phone. However, as evidenced by the example below, Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff for the use of Plaintiff’s personal cell phone.**

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Employee: Marvin R Young		Social Security No XXX-XX-XXXX		Period Beginning 12/26/2024	Period Ending 12/28/2024	Check Date 12/30/2024
Earnings	Rate/Mile	Miles	Current Total	Earnings	Year-to-Date	
Mileage Pay	0.5	1347	\$673.50	Mileage Pay	\$5,684.72	
Balance						
Ex Drop / Pick / Layover / Inspection				Additional Pay	\$200.00	
Reimbursement / Scale			\$14.00			
Direct Deposit 1/3/2024			\$1,000.00			
Trip -						
Trip -						
Current Gross			Current Net Pay	YTD Gross	YTD Net Pay	
-\$312.50			-\$312.50	\$5,884.72	\$5,884.72	

Note - Will be no deposit on 12/26/24

Wage Statement Violations: California Labor Code Section 226 requires an employer to furnish its employees and accurate itemized wage statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece-rate, (4) all deductions, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and only the last four digits of the employee's social security number or an employee identification number other than a social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee. From time to time during the last year, when Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees were not paid for all hours worked, Defendants also failed to provide Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees with complete and accurate wage statements which failed to show, among other things, all deductions, the total hours worked and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period, and the corresponding amount of time worked at each hourly rate. Defendants also failed to provide Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees with complete and accurate wage statements that included all required elements listed above. **For example, as identified in the example below, Defendants issued Plaintiff with a wage statement that failed to show all deductions in violation of California Labor Code Section 226(a)(4).**

Employee: Marvin R Young		Social Security No XXX-XX-XXXX		Period Beginning 12/26/2024	Period Ending 12/28/2024	Check Date 12/30/2024
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As a result, Defendants issued Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees with wage statements that violate California Labor Code Section 226. Further, Defendants' violations are knowing and

intentional; they were not isolated due to an unintentional payroll error due to clerical or inadvertent mistake.

Off-the-Clock Work Resulting in Minimum Wage Violations: During the last year, from time-to-time, Defendants failed and continue to fail to accurately pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for all hours worked. **During the last year, from time-to-time Defendants required Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees to perform pre-shift or post-shift work, including but not limited to, completing inspections, completing deliveries, strapping down trailer loads, and sending and receiving work-related communications.** This resulted in Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees having to work while off-the-clock. Defendants directly benefited from the undercompensated off-the-clock work performed by Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees. Defendants controlled the work schedules, duties, and protocols, applications, assignments, and employment conditions of Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees.

Defendants were able to track the amount of time Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees spent working; however, Defendants failed to document, track, or pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees all wages earned and owed for all the work they performed. Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees were non-exempt employees, subject to the requirements of the California Labor Code. Defendants' policies and practices deprived Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees of all minimum regular wages owed for the off-the-clock work activities.

Defendants knew or should have known that Plaintiff's and other Aggrieved Employees' off-the-clock work was compensable under the law. As a result, Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees forfeited wages due to them for all hours worked at Defendants' direction, control, and benefit for the time spent working while off-the-clock, including but not limited to, completing inspections, completing deliveries, strapping down trailer loads, and sending and receiving work-related communications. Defendants' uniform policy and practice to not pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees wages for all hours worked in accordance with applicable law is evidenced by Defendants' business records.

Regular Rate Violation - Redeemed Sick Pay: From time to time during the last year, Defendants failed and continue to fail to accurately calculate and pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for their redeemed sick pay. As a result, Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees forfeited wages due to them for redeemed sick pay rates. Defendants' uniform policy and practice not to pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees at the correct rate for all sick pay in accordance with applicable law is evidenced by Defendants' business records.

Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees were compensated at an hourly rate plus incentive pay that was tied to specific elements of an employee's performance. The second component of Plaintiff's and other Aggrieved Employees' compensation was Defendants' non-discretionary incentive program that paid Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees incentive wages based on their performance for Defendants. The non-discretionary bonus program provided all employees paid on an hourly basis with bonus compensation when the employees met the various performance goals set by Defendants. However, from time to time, when calculating the regular rate of pay in those pay periods where Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees redeemed sick pay, and earned non-discretionary bonuses, Defendants failed to accurately include the non-discretionary bonus compensation as part of the employee's "regular rate of pay" and/or calculated all hours worked rather than just all non-overtime hours worked. Management and supervisors

described the incentive/bonus program to potential and new employees as part of the compensation package. As a matter of law, the incentive compensation received by Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees must be included in the “regular rate of pay.” The failure to do so has resulted in a systematic underpayment of redeemed sick pay to Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees by Defendants.

Specifically, California Labor Code Section 246 mandates that paid sick time for non-exempt employees shall be calculated in the same manner as the regular rate of pay for the workweek in which the non-exempt employee uses paid sick time, whether or not the employee actually works overtime in that workweek. Defendants’ conduct, as articulated herein, by failing to include the incentive compensation as part of the “regular rate of pay” for purposes of sick pay compensation was in violation of California Labor Code Section 246 the underpayment of which is recoverable under California Labor Code Sections 201, 202, 203, and/or 204.

In violation of the applicable sections of the California Labor Code and the requirements of the Industrial Welfare Commission (“IWC”) Wage Order, Defendants as a matter of company policy, practice, and procedure, intentionally and knowingly failed to compensate Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees at the correct rate of pay for all redeemed sick pay as required by California law which allowed Defendants to illegally profit and gain an unfair advantage over competitors who complied with the law.

Piece-Rate Violations: During the last year, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were paid in part on a piece-rate basis. In those instances where Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees were paid in part on a piece-rate basis, Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees were entitled to be separately compensated for all non-productive time at an hourly rate that is no less than the applicable minimum wage. Notwithstanding, in those instances where Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees were paid in part on a piece-rate basis, Defendants failed to separately compensate Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for all non-productive time at an hourly rate that is no less than the applicable minimum wage. As a result, Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees forfeited minimum wages by Defendants’ failure to separately compensate their non-productive time at an hourly rate that is no less than the applicable minimum wage.

Unlawful Deductions: During the last year, Defendants, from time-to-time, unlawfully deducted wages from Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees’ pay without explanations and without authorization to do so or notice to Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees. As a result, Defendants violated Labor Code Section 221.

Timekeeping Manipulation: During the last year, Defendants, from time-to-time, did not have an immutable timekeeping system to accurately record and pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for the actual time Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees worked each day. As a result, Defendants were able to and did in fact, unlawfully, and unilaterally alter the time recorded in Defendants’ timekeeping system for Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees in order to avoid paying these employees for all hours worked. **According to Plaintiff’s testimony, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees were required to manually record time on paper logs to artificially reflect shorter drive times.** As a result, Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees, from time-to-time, forfeited time worked by working without their time being accurately recorded and without compensation at the applicable pay rates.

Unlawful Rounding Practices: During the last year, Defendants did not have in place an immutable timekeeping system to accurately record and pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for the actual time these employees worked each day. Specifically, Defendants had in place an unlawful rounding policy and practice that resulted in Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees being undercompensated for all of their time worked. As a result, Defendants were able to and did in fact unlawfully and unilaterally round the time recorded in Defendants' timekeeping system for Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees in order to avoid paying these employees for all their time worked. As a result, Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees, from time to time, forfeited compensation for their time worked by working without their time being accurately recorded.

Untimely Payment of Wages: Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 204, Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees were entitled to timely payment of wages during their employment. Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees, from time to time, did not receive payment of all wages, including, but not limited to minimum wages, within the permissible time period. Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 201, "If an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately." Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 202, if an employee quits his or her employment, "his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than 72 hours thereafter, unless the employee has given 72 hours previous notice of his or her intention to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting." Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees were, from time to time, not timely provided the wages earned and unpaid at the time of their discharge and/or at the time of quitting, in violation of California Labor Code Sections 201 and 202. To date, Defendants have not fully paid PLAINTIFF the minimum compensation still owed to them or any penalty wages owed to them under California Labor Code Section 203.

Sick Pay Violations: California Labor Code Section 246 (a)(1) mandates that "An employee who, on or after July 1, 2015, works in California for the same employer for 30 or more days within a year from the commencement of employment is entitled to paid sick days as specified in this section." Further, California Labor Code Sections 246(b)-(d) provide for the sick day accrual requirements. From time to time, including within the last year, Defendants failed to have a policy or practice in place that provided Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees with sick days and/or paid sick leave. As of January 1, 2024, Defendants failed to adhere to the law in that they failed to provide and allow employees to use at least 40 hours or five days of paid sick leave per year. California Labor Code Section 246(i) requires an employer to furnish its employees with written wage statements setting forth the amount of paid sick leave available. From time to time, including within the last year, Defendants violated California Labor Code Section 246 by failing to furnish Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees with wage statements setting forth the amount of paid sick leave available.

Defendants also include DOES 1-50, the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, subsidiary, partnership, associate or otherwise, are presently unknown to Plaintiff who therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names. To the extent that entities and/or individuals are named and charged with violations of the Labor Code—making them liable on an individual basis as permitted by numerous Labor Code Sections including, but not limited to 558, 558.1, and 1197.1—Plaintiff reserves any and all rights to add, substitute, or change the name of employer entities and/or individuals, including DOES 1-50, responsible for the violations at issue.

Any further amendments and changes to this notice shall relate back to the date of this notice. Consequently, Defendants are on notice that Plaintiff continues their investigation, with the full intent to amend and/or change this notice, to add any undiscovered violations of any of the provisions of the California Labor Code—to the extent that are applicable to this case—and to change and/or add the identities of any entities and/or individuals responsible for the violations contained herein.

This notice is provided in compliance with California Labor Code Section 2699.3, *et seq.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number and address.

Very truly yours,

JCL LAW FIRM, APC

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Perssia Razma".

Perssia Razma, Esq.