1 Melissa L. Stewart* (NY Bar No. 4827747) SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO Jared W. Goldman (Cal. Bar No. 330574) 2 SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT Theanne Liu* (NY Bar No. 5864939) **OUTTEN & GOLDEN LLP** 3 685 Third Avenue, 25th Floor New York, NY 10017 4 Telephone: (212) 245-1000 5 Facsimile: (646) 509-2060 Email: mstewart@outtengolden.com 6 Email: jgoldman@outtengolden.com Email: tliu@outtengolden.com 7 8 Jordon R. Harlan (Cal. Bar No. 273978) HARLAN LAW, P.C. 9 2404 Broadway, 2nd Floor San Diego, CA 92102 10 Telephone: (619) 870-0802 Facsimile: (619) 870-0815 11 Email: jordon@harlanpc.com 12 * pro hac vice motion forthcoming 13 Attorneys for Plaintiffs, Proposed 14 Class and Collective Members, and Aggrieved Employees 15 16 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 17 UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION 18 CIV SB 2 2 0 0 5 7 5 19 MANDELA BYAM, SEBASTIAN Case No. CIFUENTES, ANDY FREE, MATTHEW 20 HARMON, MIN SOO KIM, JAMINE NYAMEKYE, DANIEL ORTIZ, NATHAN 21 **COMPLAINT** PEGRAM, MARYANNE PIRRELLO, JESUS RAMOS, and CODY WILSON, individually 22 CLASS, COLLECTIVE, AND PAGA and on behalf of all others similarly situated, ACTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF FAIR 23 LABOR STANDARDS ACT. Plaintiffs, CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE, AND 24 **UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW:** v. 25 CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES. FLOCK FREIGHT, INC., 26 Defendant. 27 28

Class, Collective, and PAGA Complaint for Violations of FLSA, Cal. Lab. Code, and UCL

Plaintiffs Mandela Byam, Sebastian Cifuentes, Andy Free, Matthew Harmon, Min Soo Kim, Jamine Nyamekye, Daniel Ortiz, Nathan Pegram, MaryAnne Pirrello, Jesus Ramos, and Cody Wilson (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, by and through their attorneys, Outten & Golden LLP and Harlan Law, P.C., complaining of the conduct of Flock Freight, Inc. ("Defendant"), upon personal knowledge as to themselves, and upon information and belief as to other matters, allege as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. This lawsuit seeks to recover unpaid overtime compensation and other damages for Plaintiffs and similarly situated co-workers who have worked for Defendant and/or AuptiX, Inc. (together, "Flock Freight") as sales representatives in the exempt-classified job titles listed in Exhibit A hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference (collectively, "Sales Representatives").
- 2. Flock Freight is a transportation logistics company with its headquarters office located in Encinitas, California.
- 3. Flock Freight sells its third-party logistics services to manufacturers, retailers, and freight carriers. Flock Freight employs Sales Representatives, such as Plaintiffs, to make sales to current and prospective clients.
- 4. While employed by Flock Freight, Plaintiffs and other Sales Representatives consistently worked more than eight hours per day and more than 40 hours per workweek without receiving overtime compensation for all the hours they worked. Throughout the relevant period, it was Flock Freight's policy to deprive Plaintiffs of their earned overtime wages in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. §§ 201, et seq., the California Labor Code ("Cal. Lab. Code") and applicable Wage Orders and regulations, and the California Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. (collectively, the "California Wage Laws").
- 5. During the relevant period, it has been Flock Freight's policy to uniformly classify Sales Representatives, including Plaintiffs, as exempt from federal and state overtime provisions and not to pay Sales Representatives any overtime wages.

- 6. The primary duties of Sales Representatives are non-exempt. These primary duties did not vary significantly from one Sales Representative to another.
- 7. The primary duties of Sales Representatives do not fall under any of the exemptions under federal or state overtime laws.
- 8. Plaintiffs and Sales Representatives have worked overtime hours, as defined by applicable federal and state laws, and are entitled to premium compensation at the appropriate rate for all overtime hours worked.
- 9. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and all similarly situated current and former Sales Representatives of Flock Freight pursuant to the FLSA.
- 10. Plaintiffs seek permission to give notice of this action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) to all persons who have worked for Flock Freight nationwide as Sales Representatives.
- 11. Plaintiffs also bring this action to recover unpaid overtime compensation and other damages for themselves and similarly situated current and former employees who worked for Flock Freight in California as a Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382 class action under the California Wage Laws.
- 12. Plaintiff Nathan Pegram also brings this action under the California Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA"), Cal. Lab. Code. §§ 2698, *et seq.*, on behalf of the State of California and all Sales Representatives who worked for Flock Freight in California from June 11, 2020 through the date of final disposition of this action ("Aggrieved Employees").

JURISDICTION & VENUE

- 13. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' claims under the California Labor Code, the California Unfair Competition Law, and 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
- 14. The Court has personal jurisdiction over this matter because Flock Freight maintains its headquarters in Encinitas, California, conducts substantial business activity in this state, and engaged in the unlawful acts described herein in this state.
- 15. Venue is proper in this county under Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 395.5 and § 393 because Defendant's liability, as alleged herein, arose in this county and the cause, or some part of the cause of this action, as alleged herein, occurred in this county.

Defendant employs Aggrieved Employees in various counties in California,

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Plaintiff Andy Free

- 28. Plaintiff Andy Free is a resident of San Diego County, California.
- 29. Plaintiff Free was employed by Flock Freight as a Sales Representative in California from approximately June 2019 to approximately January 2020.
- 30. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff Free was an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
- 31. Plaintiff Free regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek and/or more than eight hours in a day, but was not paid for all hours he worked over 40 in a week or eight in a day.
 - 32. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Free is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

Plaintiff Matthew Harmon

- 33. Plaintiff Matthew Harmon is a resident of San Diego County, California.
- 34. Plaintiff Harmon was employed by Flock Freight as a Sales Representative in California from approximately May 2017 to approximately August 2018.
- 35. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff Harmon was an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
- 36. Plaintiff Harmon regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek and/or more than eight hours in a day, but was not paid for all hours he worked over 40 in a week or eight in a day.
- 37. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Harmon is attached hereto as **Exhibit E.***Plaintiff Min Soo Kim
 - 38. Plaintiff Min Soo Kim is a resident of San Diego County, California.
- 39. Plaintiff Kim was employed by Flock Freight as a Sales Representative in California from approximately October 2018 to approximately July 2019.
- 40. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff Kim was an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
- 41. Plaintiff Kim regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek and/or more than eight hours in a day, but was not paid for all hours he worked over 40 in a week or eight in a day.
 - 42. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Kim is attached hereto as **Exhibit F.**

Plaintiff Jamine Nyamekye

- 43. Plaintiff Jamine Nyamekye is a resident of San Diego County, California.
- 44. Plaintiff Nyamekye was employed by Flock Freight as a Sales Representative in California from approximately June 2017 to approximately March 2019.
- 45. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff Nyamekye was an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
- 46. Plaintiff Nyamekye regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek and/or more than eight hours in a day, but was not paid for all hours he worked over 40 in a week or eight in a day.
 - 47. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Nyamekye is attached hereto as **Exhibit**

Plaintiff Daniel Ortiz

- 48. Plaintiff Daniel Ortiz is a resident of San Diego County, California.
- 49. Plaintiff Ortiz was employed by Flock Freight as a Sales Representative in California from approximately July 2016 to approximately June 2020.
- 50. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff Ortiz was an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
- 51. Plaintiff Ortiz regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek and/or more than eight hours in a day, but was not paid for all hours he worked over 40 in a week or eight in a day.
 - 52. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Ortiz is attached hereto as **Exhibit H**.

Plaintiff Nathan Pegram

- 53. Plaintiff Nathan Pegram is a resident of San Diego County, California.
- 54. Plaintiff Pegram was employed by Flock Freight as a Sales Representative in California from approximately July 2020 to approximately March 2021.
- 55. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff Pegram was an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.

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- 57. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Pegram is attached hereto as **Exhibit I.***Plaintiff MaryAnne Pirrello*
 - 58. Plaintiff MaryAnne Pirrello is a resident of San Diego County, California.
- 59. Plaintiff Pirrello was employed by Flock Freight as a Sales Representative in California from approximately March 2019 to approximately November 2019.
- 60. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff Pirrello was an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
- 61. Plaintiff Pirrello regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek and/or more than eight hours in a day, but was not paid for all hours she worked over 40 in a week or eight in a day.
- 62. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Pirrello is attached hereto as **Exhibit J.***Plaintiff Jesus Ramos*
 - 63. Plaintiff Jesus Ramos is a resident of San Diego County, California.
- 64. Plaintiff Ramos was employed by Flock Freight as a Sales Representative in California from approximately March 2018 to approximately March 2019.
- 65. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff Ramos was an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
- 66. Plaintiff Ramos regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek and/or more than eight hours in a day, but was not paid for all hours he worked over 40 in a week or eight in a day.
- 67. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Ramos is attached hereto as **Exhibit K**. *Plaintiff Cody Wilson*
 - 68. Plaintiff Cody Wilson is a resident of San Diego County, California.
- 69. Plaintiff Wilson was employed by Flock Freight as a Sales Representative in California from approximately July 2018 to approximately July 2019.

- 70. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Plaintiff Wilson was an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
- 71. Plaintiff Wilson regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek and/or more than eight hours in a day, but was not paid for all hours he worked over 40 in a week or eight in a day.
- 72. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Wilson is attached hereto as **Exhibit L.***Defendant Flock Freight, Inc.
- 73. Upon information and belief, Defendant is a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Delaware with a principal place of business in Encinitas, California.
- 74. Upon information and belief, Defendant was known as AuptiX, Inc. until on or around August 2019, at which time Defendant rebranded itself as Flock Freight, Inc.
- 75. Upon information and belief, Flock Freight has maintained control, oversight, and direction over its operations and employment practices.
- 76. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Flock Freight was Plaintiffs' "employer" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
- 77. At all relevant times, Flock Freight maintained control, oversight, and direction over Plaintiffs and other Sales Representatives, including timekeeping, payroll, and other employment practices that applied to them.
- 78. Flock Freight has applied the same employment policies, practices, and procedures to all Sales Representatives, including policies, practices, and procedures with respect to payment of overtime compensation.
- 79. Flock Freight's annual gross volume of business is not less than \$500,000 within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(A)(ii).

FLSA COLLECTIVE ACTION CLAIMS

- 80. Plaintiffs bring the First Cause of Action pursuant to the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), on behalf of themselves and all similarly situated persons who work or have worked for Flock Freight as an exempt-classified Sales Representative ("FLSA Collective").
- 81. Flock Freight unlawfully required Plaintiffs and other individuals employed as Sales Representatives to work in excess of 40 hours per week without paying them overtime compensation at a rate of at least one and one-half times their regular hourly rate for all overtime hours worked.
- 82. Upon information and belief, Flock Freight applied the same unlawful policies and practices to all Sales Representatives.
- 83. The FLSA Collective members are readily identifiable and can be located through the use of Flock Freight's records. The FLSA Collective should be notified of and allowed to optin to this action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

CALIFORNIA CLASS ALLEGATIONS

84. Plaintiffs bring the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Causes of Action on their own behalf and as a class action, pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, on behalf of the following class of persons:

All current and former employees who work or have worked for Flock Freight as an exempt-classified Sales Representative in the State of California from June 11, 2017 through the entry of judgment in this case (hereinafter referred to as the "California Class" and the "California Class Period," respectively).

85. Excluded from the California Class are Flock Freight's legal representatives, officers, directors, assigns, and successors, or any individual who has, or who at any time during the class period has had, a controlling interest in Flock Freight; the Judge(s) to whom this case is assigned and any member of the Judge(s)' immediate family; and all persons who will submit timely and otherwise proper requests for exclusion from the California Class.

wages due during employment and upon separation in violation of Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201, 202, 203, and 204;

- d. Whether Flock Freight has unlawfully failed to keep and provide the California Class members with timely, accurate, and itemized records of hours worked in violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 226(a);
- e. Whether Flock Freight has unlawfully failed to reimburse employees for all required business expenses in accordance with Cal. Lab. Code § 2802;
- f. Whether Flock Freight has unlawfully failed to maintain accurate payroll records in accordance with Cal. Lab. Code § 1174;
- g. Whether Flock Freight has engaged in unlawful business practices within the meaning of the California Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.; and
- h. The nature and extent of the California Class members' injuries and the appropriate measure of their damages.
- 90. <u>Superiority.</u> Class treatment would benefit the courts and California Class members. Certification of the class would provide substantial benefits to the courts and California Class members. The damages suffered by individual California Class members are relatively small compared to the significant expense and burden of individual prosecution of this litigation. In addition, class certification will obviate the need for unduly duplicative litigation which might result in inconsistent judgments about Flock Freight's practices.

COMMON FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

91. Plaintiffs and the members of the FLSA Collective and the California Class (collectively, "Class Members") have been victims of Flock Freight's common policy and plan that has violated their rights under the FLSA and California Wage Laws by improperly classifying Sales Representatives as overtime exempt, requiring them to work in excess of 40 hours per week

and in excess of eight hours per day, and denying them overtime compensation. At all times relevant, Flock Freight's unlawful policy and pattern or practice has been willful.

- 92. Sales Representatives' primary duties were non-exempt duties, specifically, identifying business opportunities and making sales of Flock Freight's logistics services through researching, prospecting, emailing, and calling new and existing clients.
- 93. Although Sales Representatives were eligible to earn commissions based on various performance indicators, these commissions did not constitute the majority of their earnings.
- 94. Throughout their employment, Plaintiffs and Class Members consistently worked more than 40 hours per week and eight hours per day.
- 95. Flock Freight was aware that Plaintiffs and the Class Members worked more than 40 hours per workweek and eight hours per day, yet Flock Freight failed to pay them any overtime compensation.
- 96. Flock Freight did not keep accurate records of hours worked by Plaintiffs. That is, Plaintiffs' hours were not accurately recorded on pay stubs, and Plaintiffs were never required to clock in or out, or otherwise record their time.
- 97. All of the work performed by Plaintiffs and Class Members was assigned by Flock Freight and Flock Freight was aware that Plaintiffs and Class Members regularly worked overtime hours.
- 98. Flock Freight failed to pay Plaintiffs and Collective Members time and one-half for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek in violation of the FLSA.
- 99. Flock Freight failed to pay Plaintiffs and California Class members overtime compensation for all of their overtime hours worked, including for any of the overtime hours they worked over eight in a workday and over 40 in a workweek.
- 100. Flock Freight failed to furnish Plaintiffs and the California Class members with an accurate itemized statement showing, *inter alia*, wages, hours worked, and rates paid as required by the California Wage Laws.
- 101. Flock Freight failed to timely pay Plaintiffs and the California Class members all wages earned and unpaid at the time of separation from employment.

- 102. Plaintiffs and all California Class members who ceased employment with Flock Freight are entitled to unpaid compensation, but to date have not received such compensation.
- 103. Flock Freight failed to timely pay Plaintiffs and the California Class members all wages due and payable twice during each calendar month, on days designated in advance by the employer as regular pay days.
- 104. Flock Freight failed to provide Plaintiffs and California Class members with at least a half-hour meal break in which they were relieved of all duty for shifts of more than five hours, and, for shifts of more than ten hours, a second half-hour meal break in which they were relieved of all duty, as required by the California Wage Laws.
- 105. Flock Freight failed to authorize and permit Plaintiffs and California Class members to take at least one ten-minute rest break, in which they were relieved of all duty, for every four hours of work or major fraction thereof that they performed, as required by the California Wage Laws.
- 106. Flock Freight failed to reimburse Plaintiffs and California Class members for reasonable and necessary business expenses related to work performed outside of the office and from home, including but not limited to internet and cellular telephone expenses, that Plaintiffs and California Class members incurred in direct consequence of their duties.
- 107. As part of its regular business practice, Flock Freight intentionally, willfully, and repeatedly engaged in a pattern, practice, and/or policy that violates the FLSA and California Wage Laws.
 - 108. Flock Freight's policy and pattern or practice includes but is not limited to:
 - a. willfully misclassifying Plaintiffs and Class Members as exempt from the protections of federal and state overtime laws;
 - b. willfully failing to record the time that its employees, including Plaintiffs and Class Members, worked for the benefit of Flock Freight;
 - c. willfully failing to keep payroll records as required by the FLSA and California Wage Laws;

- 119. Flock Freight failed to pay Plaintiffs and other similarly situated current and former employees the overtime wages to which they were entitled under the FLSA.
- 120. Flock Freight's violations of the FLSA, as described in this Complaint, were willful and intentional.
- 121. Flock Freight failed to make a good faith effort to comply with the FLSA with respect to its compensation of Plaintiffs and other similarly situated current and former employees.
- 122. Because Flock Freight's violations of the FLSA were willful, a three-year statute of limitations applies, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 255.
- 123. As a result of Flock Freight's willful violations of the FLSA, Plaintiffs and all other similarly situated employees suffered damages by being denied overtime wages in accordance with 29 U.S.C. §§ 201, *et seq*.
- 124. As a result of the unlawful acts of Flock Freight, Plaintiffs and other similarly situated current and former employees were deprived of overtime compensation and other wages in amounts to be determined at trial, and are entitled to recovery of such amounts, liquidated damages, prejudgment interest, attorneys' fees, costs, and other compensation pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

California Wage Laws – Overtime Wages

California Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 & 9-2001; Cal. Lab. Code §§ 510, 1198 (Brought by Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of the California Class)

- 125. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 126. California law requires employers, such as Flock Freight, to pay overtime compensation to all non-exempt employees for all hours worked over 40 per workweek and over eight per day.
- 127. Plaintiffs and the California Class members are non-exempt employees entitled to be paid overtime compensation for all overtime hours worked.

- 128. At all relevant times, Plaintiffs and the California Class members worked in excess of 40 hours in a workweek and eight hours in a workday.
- 129. At all relevant times, Flock Freight failed and refused to pay Plaintiffs and the California Class members overtime compensation.
- 130. As a direct and proximate result of Flock Freight's unlawful conduct, as set forth herein, Plaintiffs and the California Class members have sustained damages, including loss of earnings for hours of overtime worked for the benefit of Flock Freight in an amount to be established at trial, prejudgment interest, and costs and attorneys' fees, pursuant to statutory and other applicable law.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

California Wage Laws – Meal and Rest Period Provisions

Cal. Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 & 9-2001; Cal. Lab. Code §§ 218.5, 226.7, & 512

(Brought by Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of the California Class)

- 131. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the preceding paragraphs as if they were set forth again herein.
- 132. Plaintiffs and the California Class members regularly work and have worked in excess of five-hour shifts without being provided at least a half-hour meal break in which they were relieved of all duty, and more than ten-hour shifts without being afforded a second half-hour meal break in which they were relieved of all duty, as required by Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 and 512 and Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 and 9-2001, § 11.
- 133. In addition, Plaintiffs and the California Class members regularly work and have worked without being authorized and permitted to take at least one ten-minute rest break, in which they were relieved of all duty, per every four hours of work or major fraction thereof that they performed, as required by Cal. Lab. Code § 226.7 and Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 and 9-2001, § 12.
- 134. As a result of Flock Freight's failure to provide proper meal periods compliant with California law, Defendant is liable to Plaintiffs and the California Class members for one hour of additional pay at the regular rate of compensation for each workday that the compliant meal periods were not provided, pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 226.7 and Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 and

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- 142. Under Cal. Lab. Code § 204, labor performed between the 1st and 15th days of a calendar month must be paid for between the 16th and the 26th of that month, and labor performed between the 16th and the last day of a calendar month must be paid for between the 1st and the 10th day of the following month. Other payroll periods such as weekly, biweekly (every two weeks) or semimonthly (twice per month), when the earning period is something other than between the 1st and 15th, and 16th and last day of the month, must be paid within seven calendar days of the end of the payroll period within which the wages were earned.
- 143. Cal. Lab. Code § 210(a) provides that persons who fail to pay wages as provided in § 204 are subject to statutory penalties of: (1) one hundred dollars (\$100) for each failure to pay each employee for any initial violation; and (2) two hundred dollars (\$200) for each failure to pay each employee, plus 25 percent of the amount unlawfully withheld, for each subsequent violation, or any willful or intentional violation.
- 144. Flock Freight failed to pay Plaintiffs and California Class members all of their wages earned in a timely manner, in violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 204.
- 145. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the California Class members, seek waiting time penalties pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 210, attorneys' fees and costs, and such other legal and equitable relief as the Court deems just and proper.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

California Wage Laws - Wage Statement Violations

California Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 & 9-2001; Cal. Lab. Code § 226

(Brought by Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of the California Class)

- 146. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 147. Flock Freight knowingly and intentionally failed to provide timely, accurate, itemized wage statements including, *inter alia*, all hours worked, to Plaintiffs and the California Class members in accordance with California Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 and 9-2001 and Cal. Lab.

Code § 226(a). Such failure caused injury to Plaintiffs and the California Class members, by, among other things, impeding them from knowing the amount of wages to which they are and were entitled.

148. Plaintiffs and the California Class members are entitled to and seek injunctive relief requiring Defendant to comply with Cal. Lab. Code § 226(a), and further seek the amount provided under Cal. Lab. Code § 226(e), including the greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial pay period in which a violation occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100) per employee for each violation in a subsequent pay period.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

California Wage Laws – Expense Reimbursement

Cal. Lab. Code § 2802

(Brought by Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of the California Class)

- 149. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 150. The foregoing conduct, as alleged, constitutes a violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 2802, which provides for the reimbursement of employee expenses incurred while carrying out their employment or to comply with employer requirements.
- 151. California Class members, including Plaintiffs, have incurred and continue to incur expenses related to work performed outside of the office and from home, including but not limited to internet and cellular telephone expenses.
- 152. Flock Freight had a policy and practice of failing and refusing to reimburse Plaintiffs and California Class members for reasonable and necessary business expenses and thus violated and continues to violate Cal. Lab. Code § 2802.
- 153. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the California Class members, seek the amount of the respective unpaid expenses owed them, interest, attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 2802(b) and (c), and such other legal and equitable relief as the Court deems just and proper.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

1	separate violation of the UCL:					
2	a. FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201, et seq.;					
3	b. Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201-204;					
4	c. Cal. Lab. Code § 1198 & 510;					
5	d. Cal. Lab. Code § 2802;					
6	e. Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 & 512;					
7	f. Cal. Lab. Code § 226; and					
8	g. Cal. Lab. Code § 1174.					
9	161. Flock Freight's course of conduct, acts, and practices in violation of the California					
10	laws mentioned in the above paragraph constitute a separate and independent violation of the UCL					
11	Flock Freight's conduct described herein violates the policy or spirit of such laws or otherwis					
12	significantly threatens or harms competition.					
13	162. The unlawful and unfair business practices and acts of Flock Freight, described					
14	above, have injured Plaintiffs and the California Class members in that they were wrongfully					
15	denied the payment of earned overtime wages.					
16	163. Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the California Class, seek recovery o					
17	attorneys' fees and costs of this action to be paid by Defendant, as provided by the UCL and Ca					
18	Lab. Code §§ 218, 218.5, and 1194.					
19	164. Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the California Class, seek restitution in the					
20	amount of the respective unpaid wages earned and due, including for unpaid overtime at a rate no					
21	less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for work performed in excess of 40 hours					
22	in a workweek, or eight hours in a day, and double the regular rate of pay for work performed in					
23	excess of 12 hours per day.					
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25	TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION					
26	Private Attorneys General Act					
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f.	Failure to reimburse employees for all required business expenses,
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Lab. Code §	2802 and the applicable Wage Order.

- Employees, is entitled to civil penalties to be paid by Defendant and allocated as PAGA requires, pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 2699(a), for Flock Freight's violations of the Cal. Lab. Code and IWC Wage Orders for which violations a civil penalty is already specifically provided by law. Further, Plaintiff Pegram, on behalf of the State of California and the Aggrieved Employees, is entitled to civil penalties, to be paid by Defendant and allocated as PAGA requires, pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 2699(f) for Flock Freight's violations of the Cal. Lab. Code and IWC Wage Orders for which violations a civil penalty is not already specifically provided.
- 170. Under PAGA, Plaintiff Pegram is entitled to recover the maximum civil penalties permitted by law for the violations of the Cal. Lab. Code that are alleged in this Complaint, including but not limited to penalties pursuant to Labor Code §§ 210, 218.5, 226.3, 226.6, 558, 1174.5, and 2699, and the applicable Wage Order.
- 171. Plaintiff Pegram, on behalf of the State of California and the Aggrieved Employees, also requests further relief as set forth herein.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the FLSA Collective, request the following relief:

- A. Designation of this action as a collective action and prompt issuance of notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) to all similarly situated members of the FLSA Collective, apprising them of the pendency of this action, and permitting them to file Consent to Join forms pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b);
- B. An award of damages, according to proof, including liquidated damages, to be paid by Defendant;
- C. Appropriate equitable and injunctive relief to remedy violations, including but not

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Exhibit A

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Account Coordinator
Account Executive
Account Manager
Activation Specialist
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Business Development Associate
Business Development Executive
Business Development Manager
Carrier Engagement Specialist
Carrier Sales
Carrier Sales Lead
Carrier Sales- Regional Lead
Carrier Sales Rep
Carrier Sales Representative
Client Sales Representative
Customer Acquisition Specialist
Customer Activation Specialist
Customer Growth Specialist
Customer Retention Specialist
Customer Success Manager
Enterprise Account Manager
Fulfillment Rep
Fulfillment Representative
Growth Specialist
Growth Specialst
Lead Account Manager
Lead Activation Specialist
Lead Customer Acquisition Specialist
Loyalty Specialist
LTL Fulfillment Lead
LTL Operations Lead
Manager of Customer Activation
National Account Manager
Operations Associate
Operations Associate, Carrier Development and Truckload
Fulfillment
Pooling Enablement Lead

Pooling Enablement Rep
Retention Specialist
Retention Specialst
Sales Development Representative
Senior Account Exec
Senior Account Executive
Senior Account Manager
Senior Carrier Sales Rep
Senior Truckload Fulfillment Associate
Strategic Account Manager
Strategic Partnerships Manager
Strategic Solutions Operations Associate
Strategic Solutions Representative
TL Fulfillment Associate
TL Fulfillment Lead
Truckload Fulfillment Assiciate
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