Harris, (collectively the "Arizona Class Representatives"), on behalf of themselves and all

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others similarly situated, and Arlison Six, individually (collectively the "Plaintiffs") by and through their attorneys Martin & Bonnett, P.L.L.C. and Shulman Kessler LLP, complaining of the Defendants Michigan Logistics Inc. d/b/a Diligent Delivery Systems, Arizona Logistics LLC d/b/a Diligent Delivery Systems, Parts Authority Arizona LLC d/b/a Parts Authority, and XYZ Corp. (collectively referred to as, "Defendants"), allege as follows as for their Class Action Complaint:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. This lawsuit seeks to recover wages owed to Plaintiffs and their similarly situated co-workers, who have worked for Defendants in the State of Arizona as delivery drivers (collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs," "Class Members" and/or "Drivers") under the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.; the Arizona wage statute, A.R.S. § 23-350 et seq., and the Arizona Minimum wage law, A.R.S. § 23-363 et seq.
- 2. This action is brought as a class action under the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), to recover minimum wages, overtime wages, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees and other statutory penalties from Defendants' violations of the FLSA.
- 3. Plaintiffs also seek permission to give notice of this action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) to all persons who are presently working or have worked at any time during the 3 years immediately preceding the filing of this action for Defendants as a delivery driver.
- 4. This action is also brought as a class action under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to recover all unpaid wages including minimum wages and applicable overtime wages, unlawful deductions from wages, compensatory damages, treble damages, attorneys' fees and other statutory penalties resulting from Defendants' violations of the Arizona wage statutes.
- 5. For at least the three year period prior to the filing of this action, Defendants have knowingly misclassified Plaintiffs and Class Members, as defined below, as independent contractors and failed to pay them their statutorily required minimum wages,

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27 28 applicable overtime wages, and made unlawful deductions from their earned compensation.

- 6. Even though Defendants in combination act as Plaintiffs' employers, Defendants benefit greatly by misclassifying their Drivers as independent contractors. Defendants operate a scheme to treat the Drivers as independent contractors and shift Defendants' business expenses to their employees. Defendants require Plaintiffs to pay for insurance, gas, repairs, and maintenance of their own vehicles in order to receive work from Defendants.
- 7. By treating the Drivers as independent contractors instead of employees, Defendants have engaged and continue to engage in a scheme to avoid workers' compensation and unemployment payments, social security, other payroll taxes owed by employers, and other benefits otherwise owed to employees. Defendants have attempted and continue to attempt to avoid liability under wage protection statutes, federal labor By classifying their Driver workforce as independent laws, and other statutes. contractors, Defendants are able to obtain a vast competitive advantage over similar companies that operate within the confines of the law by shifting a significant portion of the cost of their business expenses to their employees. As a result, Defendants' practices drive down wages, stifle competition and undercut fair labor practices across the industry.
- 8. Defendants require their Drivers to deliver parts to their stores located throughout the State of Arizona as well as to other mechanics, including but not limited to gas stations and auto body shops, and require Plaintiffs to work in excess of 40 hours per workweek.
- 9. Defendants Michigan Logistics Inc. and Arizona Logistics LLC operate a business that's primary purpose is to hire Drivers to businesses.
- 10. Defendant Parts Authority Arizona LLC operates a business enterprise consisting of eleven auto parts stores throughout the State of Arizona. Defendant Parts Authority Arizona LLC shares its Drivers throughout its Arizona stores. Defendant Parts Authority Arizona LLC's Drivers were all hired by Defendants Michigan Logistics Inc.

1	and Arizona Logistics LLC; however, the Drivers day to day employment was and is	
2	controlled by Defendant Parts Authority Arizona LLC, who required and continues to	
3	require the Drivers to report to various Parts Authority Arizona LLC stores each workday	
4	in order to delivery necessary supplies.	
5	11. Defendants have failed to track their Drivers' hours worked.	
6	JURISDICTION & VENUE	
7	12. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because	
8	this is a civil action arising under the laws of the United States. Specifically, this action is	
9	brought under the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).	
10	13. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant	
11	to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) because the state law claims are sufficiently related and/or part of	
12	the same case or controversy as the federal FLSA claims.	
13	14. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because they regularly	
14	transact business in the State of Arizona and have significant and continuous contacts with	
15	Arizona.	
16	15. Defendant Arizona Logistics LLC is a domestic limited liability corporation.	
17	16. Defendant Parts Authority Arizona LLC is a domestic limited liability	
18	corporation.	
19	17. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial portion of	
20	the acts or omissions giving rise to the claims in this action occurred in this district	
21	including many of the wrongs herein alleged.	
22	18. Accordingly, this action properly lies in the Eastern District of Arizona,	
23	pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.	
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25	Plaintiffs	
26	19. Plaintiff Xavier Bonner ("Bonner") is a resident of Maricopa County,	

Plaintiff Bonner was an "employee" of Defendants within the meaning of

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- Case 2:16-cv-03662-BSB Document 1 Filed 10/24/16 Page 5 of 28 1 A.R.S. § 23-350 and 29 U.S.C. § 203(e)(1). 2 21. Plaintiff Bonner became familiar with Defendants' operations as they relate 3 to this action during his tenure of employment with Defendants. 4 22. At all times Plaintiff Bonner was employed by and performed work for 5 Defendants, Defendants unlawfully classified him as an independent contractor. 6 23. Plaintiff Bonner has agreed to act as a class representative and his consent to 7 sue is attached as Exhibit "A" to this action. 8 24. Plaintiff Pahkalijae Ross ("Ross") is a resident of Maricopa County, 9 Arizona. 10 25. Plaintiff Ross was an "employee" of Defendants within the meaning of 11 A.R.S. § 23-350 and 29 U.S.C. § 203(e)(1). 12 26. Plaintiff Ross became familiar with Defendants' operations as they relate to 13 this action during his tenure of employment with Defendants. 14 27. 15
 - At all times Plaintiff Ross was employed by and performed work for Defendants, Defendants unlawfully classified him as an independent contractor.

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- 28. Plaintiff Ross has agreed to act as a class representative and his consent to sue is attached as Exhibit "A" to this action.
- 29. Plaintiff Dewoyne Williams ("Williams") is a resident of Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 30. Plaintiff Williams has been an "employee" of Defendants within the meaning of A.R.S. § 23-350 and 29 U.S.C. § 203(e)(1).
- 31. Plaintiff Williams became familiar with Defendants' operations as they relate to this action during his tenure of employment with Defendants.
- 32. At all times Plaintiff Williams has been employed by and performed work for Defendants, Defendants unlawfully classified him as an independent contractor.
- 33. Plaintiff Williams has agreed to act as a class representative and his consent to sue is attached as Exhibit "A" to this action.
 - 34. Plaintiff Jonathan Harris ("Harris") is a resident of Maricopa County,

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2	35.	Plaintiff Harris has been an "employee" of Defendants within the meaning
3	of A.R.S. §	23-350 and 29 U.S.C. § 203(e)(1).
4	36.	Plaintiff Harris became familiar with Defendants' operations as they relate
5	to this action	n during his tenure of employment with Defendants.
6	37.	At all times Plaintiff Harris has been employed by and performed work for
7	Defendants,	Defendants unlawfully classified him as an independent contractor.
8	38.	Plaintiff Harris has agreed to act as a class representative and his consent to
9	sue is attach	ed as Exhibit "A" to this action.
10	39.	Plaintiff Arlison Six ("Six") is a resident of Apache County, Arizona.
11	40.	Plaintiff Six was an "employee" of Defendants within the meaning of
12	A.R.S. § 23	-350 and 29 U.S.C. § 203(e)(1).
13	41.	Plaintiff Six became familiar with Defendants' operations as they relate to
14	this action d	luring his tenure of employment with Defendants.
15	42.	At all times Plaintiff Six was employed by and performed work for
16	Defendants,	Defendants unlawfully classified him as an independent contractor.
17	43.	Plaintiff Six's consent to sue is attached as Exhibit "A" to this action.
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19	44.	Upon information and belief, Defendant Michigan Logistics Inc. was and
20	still is a foreign corporation organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State or	
21	Texas, and	is headquartered at 333 N. Sam Houston Parkway East, #1000, Houston,
22	Texas.	

Upon information and belief, Defendant Michigan Logistics Inc. maintains 45. control, oversight, and direction over its operations and employment practices.

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- Upon information and belief, Defendant Michigan Logistics Inc. does 46. business as Diligent Delivery Systems.
- 47. Defendant Michigan Logistics Inc. lists on its website that it is engaged in the business of shipping and delivery.

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- Upon information and belief, Defendant Arizona Logistics LLC transacts
- 54. At all material times, Defendant Arizona Logistics LLC has been an "employer" within the meaning of the FLSA and Arizona law. 29 U.S.C. § 203(d) and Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 23-350(3).
- 55. At all material times, Defendant Arizona Logistics LLC has been and remains an "enterprise" within the meaning of the FLSA by virtue of the business it conducts as described herein. 29 U.S.C. § 203(r) & (s).
- 56. Upon information and belief, Defendant Parts Authority Arizona LLC ("Parts Authority") was and still is a domestic corporation organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Arizona.
- 57. The Arizona Corporation Commission lists Parts Authority's registered statutory agent as Randy Buller, 2550 N. Scottsdale Road, Tempe, Arizona 85281.
 - 58. Upon information and belief, Defendant Arizona Logistics LLC maintains

control, oversight, and direction over its operations and employment practices.

- 59. Upon information and belief, Defendant Parts Authority does business as Parts Authority.
- 60. Upon information and belief, Defendant Parts Authority transacts business as Parts Authority, Inc.
- 61. At all material times, Defendant Parts Authority has been an "employer" within the meaning of the FLSA and Arizona law. 29 U.S.C. § 203(d) and Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 23-350(3).
- 62. At all material times, Defendant Parts Authority has been and remains an "enterprise" within the meaning of the FLSA by virtue of the business it conducts as described herein. 29 U.S.C. § 203(r) & (s).
- 63. Upon information and belief, Defendant XYZ Corporations are one or more fictitious name of the corporations, partnerships, or other business entities, the precise identity of which are not presently known but who Plaintiffs will seek to add by name to this action as the precise identity of each is determined. Upon information and belief, this may include, but is not necessary limited to, PAI HoldCo, Inc. Upon further information, Defendant XYZ Corporations operate, the business entity doing business as Parts Authority.
- 64. Upon information and belief, Defendant XYZ Corporations maintain control, oversight, and direction over their operations and employment practices as it relates to the matters alleged herein.
- 65. Upon information and belief, Defendant XYZ Corporations maintain the requisite amount of control, oversight, and direction over Defendant Parts Authority's operations and employment practices to be considered an employer or employers within the meaning of the FLSA and Arizona law.
- 66. At all material times, each of the Defendant XYZ Corporations have been an "employer" within the meaning of the FLSA and Arizona law. 29 U.S.C. § 203(d) and Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 23-350(3).

- At all material times, each Defendant XYZ Corporation has been and remains an "enterprise" within the meaning of the FLSA by virtue of the business each
- During the relevant time period, Michigan Logistics Inc. has operated and continues to operate a business principally consisting of logistic management, namely furnishing drivers for delivery companies around the country.
- During the relevant time period, Arizona Logistics LLC has operated and continues to operate a business principally consisting of logistic management, namely furnishing drivers for delivery companies in the State of Arizona.
- During the relevant time period, Defendant Parts Authority has operated and continues to operate a business primarily consisting of retail sales and distribution of
- Michigan Logistics Inc., Arizona Logistics LLC, and Parts Authority formed a joint employment relationship with respect to Plaintiffs and the Class Members in furtherance of their respective business purposes including, but not necessarily limited to, delivery of auto parts to customers of Parts Authority by work performed by Plaintiffs
 - Defendants constitute a unified operation.
 - Defendants constitute a common enterprise.
 - 74. Defendants have interrelated operations.

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- 75. Defendants have common management.
- 76. Defendants have a centralized control of labor relations.
- 77. Defendants have common ownership.
- 78. Defendants Michigan Logistics Inc. and Arizona Logistics LLC hire employees who are supervised by Defendant Parts Authority.
- 79. Defendant Parts Authority directs the day to day work of the Drivers who are hired by Defendants Michigan Logistics Inc. and Arizona Logistics LLC.
 - 80. Defendants Michigan Logistics Inc., Arizona Logistics LLC, and Parts

Authority share employees. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87.

- 81. Defendants commingled funds with each other.
- 82. Defendants share the same physical addresses in the State of Arizona.
- 83. Defendants constitute a single employer.
- 84. Defendants constitute an integrated enterprise.
- 85. As described herein, at all material times, Defendants have jointly provided direction to Plaintiffs and Class Members and have jointly maintained communication with, and shared control of Plaintiffs and Class Members with regard to the assignment, method, manner and monitoring the progress of their work and deliveries.
- 86. As such, Defendants are each directly, jointly, and severally liable for violations in this case perpetrated against Plaintiffs and Class Members.
- 87. All of Defendant Parts Authority's store locations are advertised as a single integrated enterprise on Defendant's website at: http://www.partsauthority.com/index.php/locations.
- 88. Defendant Michigan Logistics Inc. employed employees, including Plaintiffs herein, who regularly engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce or in handling, selling or otherwise working on goods and materials which have moved in or been produced for commerce within the meaning of Section 3(b), (g), (i) and (j) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(b), (g), (i), (j), (r) & (s)(A)(i).
- 89. Defendant Arizona Logistics LLC employed employees, including Plaintiffs herein, who regularly engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce or in handling, selling or otherwise working on goods and materials which have moved in or been produced for commerce within the meaning of Section 3(b), (g), (i) and (j) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(b), (g), (i), (j), (r) & (s)(A)(i).
- 90. Defendant Parts Authority employed employees, including Plaintiffs herein, who regularly engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce or in handling, selling or otherwise working on goods and materials which have moved in or been produced for commerce within the meaning of Section 3(b), (g), (i) and (j) of the

FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(b), (g), (i), (j), (r) & (s)(A)(i).

- 91. Defendant XYZ Corp. employed employees, including Plaintiffs herein, who regularly engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce or in handling, selling or otherwise working on goods and materials which have moved in or been produced for commerce within the meaning of Section 3(b), (g), (i) and (j) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(b), (g), (i), (j), (r) & (s)(A)(i).
- 92. Defendant Michigan Logistics Inc.'s annual gross volume of sales made or business done is not less than \$500,000 within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(A)(ii).
- 93. Defendant Arizona Logistics LLC's annual gross volume of sales made or business done is not less than \$500,000 within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(A)(ii).
- 94. Defendant Parts Authority's annual gross volume of sales made or business done is not less than \$500,000 within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(A)(ii).
- 95. Defendant XYZ Corp.'s annual gross volume of sales made or business done is not less than \$500,000 within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(A)(ii).
- 96. Defendants' annual gross volume of sales made or business done is not less than \$500,000 within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(A)(ii)
- 97. At all times hereinafter mentioned, the activities of the Defendants constituted an "enterprise" within the meaning of Section 3(r) & (s) of the FLSA. 29 U.S.C. § 203(r) & (s).
- 98. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendants employed employees, including Plaintiffs herein, who regularly engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce or in handling, selling or otherwise working on goods and materials which have moved in or been produced for commerce within the meaning of Section 3(b), (g), (i) and (j) of the FLSA. 29 U.S.C. § 203(b), (g), (i), (j), (r) & (s).
- 99. At all relevant times, Defendants maintained control, oversight, and direction over Plaintiffs and similarly situated employees, including timekeeping, payroll and other employment practices that applied to them.
 - 100. Defendants applied the same employment policies, practices, and

procedures to all Drivers throughout the State of Arizona, including policies, practices, and procedures with respect to payment of overtime compensation.

FLSA AND RULE 23 CLASS ACTION CLAIMS

- 101. 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 Defendants as Drivers within the last 3 years and who elect to opt-in to this action.
 - 102. The proposed FLSA Class includes:

All current and former drivers who performed delivery services for Parts Authority in the State of Arizona and were or are classified as independent contractors and/or not classified as employees at any time during the three (3) years prior to the filing of their respective consent forms ("FLSA Class").

- 103. The Second and Third Causes of Action are properly maintainable as a class action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.
 - 104. The proposed Rule 23 Class includes:

All current and former drivers who performed delivery services for Parts Authority in the State of Arizona and were or are classified as independent contractors and/or not classified as employees at any time during the one (1) year prior to the filing of their respective consent forms ("Rule 23 Class").

- 105. The proposed FLSA Class and Rule 23 Class (collectively referred to as "Class Members") are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Upon information and belief, there are more than 100 members of the proposed Class throughout the State of Arizona.
- 106. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class that predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the Class, including but not limited to:
 - a. Whether one or all of Defendants are or were Plaintiffs' employers;
 - b. Whether one or all of Defendants are required to and failed to pay Plaintiffs

and Class Members' statuary minimum wages;

- c. Whether one or all of Defendants are required to and failed to pay Plaintiffs' overtime for all hours worked in excess of forty hours per week;
- d. Whether one or all of Defendants failure to pay wages violates state and common law;
- e. Whether Plaintiffs and Class Members were improperly classified as independent contractors;
- f. Whether one or all of Defendants were unjustly enriched by the acts and omissions complained of herein;
- g. Whether one or all of Defendants made or make unlawful deductions to Plaintiffs' wages or unlawfully required the Drivers to bear Defendants' business expenses for vehicles, equipment, gas, insurance, and other costs and expenses of the employers' business;
- h. Whether one or all of Defendants wrongfully required Plaintiffs to expend money on Defendants' behalf;
- i. The number of hours for which Plaintiffs and Class Members' alary was intended to compensate;
- j. The nature and extent of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' injury and the appropriate measure of damages for the Classes.
- 107. The claims of the Arizona Class Representatives are typical of the claims of the Class they seek to represent. The Arizona Class Representatives and Class Members work or have worked for Defendants and have been subjected to common practices, policies, programs, procedures, protocols, and plans of failing to pay all wages and overtime owed, and making unlawful and excessive deductions from their wages. The Arizona Class Representatives' job duties are also typical of those of the Class Members.
- 108. Defendants acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class Members as a whole by engaging the same violations of law with respect to the Class Members, thereby making any final relief appropriate with respect to the Class as a

whole.

- 109. The Arizona Class Representatives will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class and have no interests antagonistic to the Class.
- 110. The Arizona Class Representatives have retained counsel competent and experienced in complex wage and hour litigation and class action litigation.
- 111. The Class Members have been damaged and are entitled to recovery as a result of Defendants' common and uniform policies, practices, and procedures.
- 112. A Class Action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation, particularly in the context of wage litigation such as the instant case where individual workers lack the financial resources to vigorously prosecute the lawsuit in federal court against a large delivery conglomerate. Although the relative damages suffered by individual members of the Class are not de minimis, such damages are small compared to the expense and burden of individual prosecution of this litigation.
- 113. Furthermore, class treatment is superior because it will obviate the need for unduly duplicative litigation that might result in inconsistent judgments about Defendants' policies.
- 114. The Arizona Class Representatives and the Class Members have been equally affected by Defendants' failure to pay proper wages. Moreover, Class Members still employed by Defendants may be reluctant to raise individual claims for fear of retaliation.

CLASS-WIDE FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 115. The Class Members have been victims of Defendants' common policy and plan that has violated their rights under the FLSA by requiring Drivers to work in excess of 40 hours per week and denying them overtime compensation for all overtime hours worked. At all times relevant, Defendants' unlawful policy and pattern or practice has been willful.
 - 116. All of the work performed by Class Members was assigned by Defendants

1	and/or Defendants were aware of all the overtime work that Plaintiffs and Class Members	
2	performed.	
3	117. Upon information and belief, Defendants have a policy and pattern of	
4	practice to require Plaintiffs and Class Members to work in excess of 40 hours per week.	
5	118. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs and Class Members time and one half for	
6	all hours worked over 40 in a workweek in violation of the FLSA.	
7	119. Defendants unlawfully deducted money from Plaintiffs and Class Members	
8	wages.	
9	120. Defendants have not allotted any time to Plaintiffs and the Class Members	
10	for lunch or breaks. If Plaintiffs or Class Members want to eat lunch, they have been and	
11	continue to be required to do so behind-the-wheel while on the move between deliverie	
12	and while still performing work for Defendants.	
13	121. Plaintiffs and Class Members are not allowed and do not exercise	
14	independent judgement or discretion regarding their work for Defendants. All	
15	independent judgment and discretion is subsumed by adherence to Defendants' scheduling	
16	requirements and route micromanagement.	
17	122. As part of its regular business practice, Defendants intentionally, willfully	
18	and repeatedly engaged in a pattern, practice, and/or policy that violates the FLSA	
19	Defendants' policy and pattern or practice includes but is not limited to:	
20	a. Willfully failing to record all of the time that its employees, including Plaintiffs and Class Members, worked for the benefit of Defendants;	
21	b. Willfully failing to keep payroll records as required by the FLSA	
22	and	
23	c. Willfully failing to pay its employees, including Plaintiffs and Class Members, overtime wages for all of the hours that they worked in	
24	excess of 40 per workweek.	
25	123. Defendants were or should have been aware that the FLSA required it to pay	
26	their Drivers premium overtime pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 per week.	
27	124. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiffs and Class Members overtime wages for	
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their work in excess of 40 hours per week was willful, intentional, and in bad faith.

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2 Defendants' unlawful conduct has been widespread, repeated, and 3 consistent. 4 PLAINTIFFS WERE DEFENDANTS' EMPLOYEES -FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS 5 Although Plaintiffs and the similarly situated drivers were classified as 6 independent contractors of Defendants, Defendants retained the right to control and did 7 control nearly every aspect of the Plaintiffs' work. Such control included, but was not 8 limited to, the following: 9 Plaintiffs and similarly situated drivers were required to report to a a. 10 specific Parts Authority store by 8:00 a.m. each work day, at which time, Defendants provided Plaintiffs and other similarly situated 11 drivers with their initial round of deliveries that needed to be immediately completed; 12 b. Plaintiffs and similarly situated drivers were required to remain at 13 their assigned Parts Authority stores until a minimum of approximately 6:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays of each workweek and until approximately 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays of each 14 workweek; 15 c. Plaintiffs and similarly situated drivers were not permitted to engage 16 in other employment during their regularly scheduled hours with Defendants: 17 d. Defendants controlled the method, manner, and time that Plaintiffs 18 and Class Members deliver automobile parts to Defendants' customers through a dispatcher that was focated at each Parts 19 Authority store. Each workday, Defendants assigned to Plaintiffs and the Class Members: the number of stops that Plaintiffs and other 20 similarly situated drivers make, the number of locations parts must be delivered to, how many parts must be delivered to each location, and 21 the time of day each part must be delivered; 22 Plaintiffs and similarly situated drivers did not negotiate regarding e. the rates charged for their services; 23 f. Plaintiffs and similarly situated drivers were disciplined by all 24 Defendants, with termination recommendations typically originating with Defendant Parts Authority and executed by Defendants 25 Michigan Logistics Inc. and Arizona Logistics LLC; 26 Plaintiffs and similarly situated drivers deliveries were monitored by g. Defendants. Plaintiffs and similarly situated drivers were required to 27 be in contact with Defendants' dispatchers regarding the status of deliveries throughout the day. For each delivery stop, Plaintiffs and 28 similarly situated drivers were required to confirm with Defendants'

- 136. Plaintiffs and Class Members could not engage in an independent business given the full-time nature of their work for Defendants.
- 137. Plaintiffs and similarly situated drivers are dependent upon Defendants for their work and are unable to offer delivery services to other companies during their workday.
- 138. Defendants work together to determine delivery needs and make assignments to drivers. Defendants Michigan Logistics Inc. and Arizona Logistics LLC assign their Drivers to a set schedule as described above while Defendant Parts Authority's dispatchers communicate with the Drivers in order to issue specific delivery instructions that Plaintiffs and Class Members are required to follow.

INDIVIDUAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

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- 139. Plaintiff Bonner was employed by Defendants from in or about August 2014 until in or about January 2016 as a delivery driver.
- 140. Plaintiff Bonner was an employee of Defendants, working under their direct supervision.
- 141. Plaintiff Bonner reported to various stores for Defendants, including but not limited to: Defendants' Peoria store, located at 9700 North 91st Avenue, Peoria, Arizona 85345 and Defendants' Phoenix North store, located at 15230 North 32nd Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032.
- 142. Throughout Plaintiff Bonner's employment with Defendants, he was to report to work from approximately 7:30 a.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m. every Monday through Friday, and from approximately 8:00 a.m. until approximately 2:30 p.m. every Saturday.
- 143. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff Bonner was required to be paid overtime pay at the statutory rate of 1 and ½ his regular rate of pay after he worked 40 hours in a workweek.
 - 144. During most workweeks between August 2014 and January 2016, Plaintiff

Bonner worked more than 55 hours per week for Defendants.

- 157. Defendants failed to furnish Plaintiff Ross with an accurate statement of wages listing hours worked, rates paid, gross wages, allowances and deductions taken, and
- 158. Upon information and belief, Defendants did not keep accurate records of hours worked by Plaintiff Ross.

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- Plaintiff Williams has been employed by Defendants from in or about 159. January 2016 through present as a delivery driver.
- 160. Plaintiff Williams has been an employee of Defendants, working under their direct supervision.
- Plaintiff Williams has reported to various stores for Defendants, including but not limited to: Defendants' Scottsdale store, located at 2550 North Scottsdale Road, Tempe, Arizona 85281; Defendants' Fillmore store, located at 2215 Fillmore Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85009; and Defendants' Camelback store, located at 5030 North 27th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85017.
 - 162. Throughout Plaintiff Williams' employment for Defendants, he was

required to report to work from approximately 8:30 a.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m. every Monday through Friday, and from approximately 8:00 a.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m. every Saturday.

- 163. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff Williams was required to be paid overtime pay at the statutory rate of 1 and ½ his regular rate of pay after he worked 40 hours in a workweek.
- 164. During most workweeks between approximately January 2016 and the present, Plaintiff Williams worked more than 55 hours per week.
- 165. Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff Williams for all of the time worked in excess of 40 hours per week at a rate of at least 1 and ½ times his regular hourly rate, throughout the entire term of his employment with Defendants.
- 166. Defendants made unlawful deductions from Plaintiff Williams' wages of two dollars per workday for an "administration fee" in order to offset Defendants' "compliance and administration" costs.
- 167. Defendants failed to furnish Plaintiff Williams with an accurate statement of wages listing hours worked, rates paid, gross wages, allowances and deductions taken, and net wages paid.
- 168. Upon information and belief, Defendants did not keep accurate records of hours worked by Plaintiff Williams.

Jonathan Harris

- 169. Plaintiff Harris has been employed by Defendants from in or about November 2015 through present as a delivery driver.
- 170. Plaintiff Harris has been an employee of Defendants, working under their direct supervision.
- 171. Plaintiff Harris has reported to various stores for Defendants, including but not limited to: Defendants' Peoria store, located at, 9700 North 91st Avenue, Peoria, Arizona 85345 and Defendants' Surprise store, located at 13128 West Foxfire Drive, Surprise, Arizona 85374.

1	Arizona 85009; and Defendants' Phoenix North store, located at 15230 North 32nd Street,	
2	Phoenix, Arizona 85032.	
3	182. Throughout Plaintiff Six employment for Defendants, he was required to	
4	report to work from approximately 7:30 a.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m. every Monday	
5	through Friday, and from approximately 7:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. every	
6	Saturday.	
7	183. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff Six was required to be paid	
8	overtime pay at the statutory rate of 1 and ½ his regular rate of pay after he worked 40	
9	hours in a workweek.	
10	184. During most workweeks between November 2011 and November 2013,	
11	Plaintiff Six worked more than 55 hours per week.	
12	185. Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff Six for all of the time worked in	
13	excess of 40 hours per week at a rate of at least 1 and ½ times his regular hourly rate,	
14	throughout the entire term of his employment with Defendants.	
15	186. Defendants made unlawful deductions from Plaintiff Six's wages of two	
16	dollars per workday for "administration fee" in order to offset Defendants' "compliance	
17	and administration" costs.	
18	187. Defendants failed to furnish Plaintiff Six with an accurate statement of	
19	wages listing hours worked, rates paid, gross wages, allowances and deductions taken, and	
20	net wages paid.	
21	188. Upon information and belief, Defendants did not keep accurate records of	
22	hours worked by Plaintiff Six.	
23	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION	
24	Failure to Pay Overtime and Minimum Wages In Violation of the FLSA (Brought on behalf of Plaintiffs and the FLSA Class)	
25	189. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all	
26	preceding paragraphs.	
27	190. Plaintiffs and members of the FLSA Class are non-exempt employees	
28	entitled to be paid overtime compensation for all overtime hours worked	

1	191. Defendants employed Plaintiffs and members of the FLSA Class for	
2	workweeks longer than 40 hours and willfully failed to compensate Plaintiffs for all of the	
3	time worked in excess of 40 hours per week, at a rate of at least 1 and ½ times their	
4	regular hourly rate, in violation of the requirements of Section 7 of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §	
5	207(a) (1).	
6	192. Plaintiffs have expressed their consent to make these claims against the	
7	Defendants by filing a written consent form, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).	
8	193. Defendants failed to make a good faith effort to comply with the FLSA with	
9	respect to its compensation to Plaintiffs and the FLSA Class.	
10	194. Because Defendants' violations of the FLSA were intentional, willful, and	
11	repeated, a 3 year statute of limitations applies, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 255.	
12	195. As a consequence of the willful underpayment of wages, alleged above,	
13	Plaintiffs have incurred damages thereby and Defendants are indebted to them in the	
14	amount of the unpaid overtime compensation, together with interest, liquidated damages,	
15	attorneys' fees, and costs in an amount to be determined at trial.	
1617	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Violation of Arizona's Wage Act - A.R.S. § 23-350, et seq. (Brought on behalf of Plaintiffs and Rule 23 Class)	
18	196. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all	
19	preceding paragraphs.	
20	197. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 23-351 provides in relevant part:	
21	A. Each employer in this State shall designate two or	
22	more days in each month, not more than sixteen days apart, as fixed paydays for payment of wages to the	
23	employees C. Each employer shall, on each of the regular paydays,	
2.4	pay to the employees all wages due the employee	
24	up to such a date	
2425	(3) Overtime or exception pay shall be paid no later than sixteen days after the end of the	
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against an employer or former employer an amount that is treble the amount of the unpaid damages.

199. Ariz. Rev. Stat § 23-352 provides in relevant part:

No employer may withhold or divert any portion of an employee's wages unless one of the following applies:

- 1. The employer is required or empowered to do so by statute or federal law.
- 2. The employer has prior written authorization from the employee. An employer shall not withhold wages under a written authorization from the employee past the date specified by the employee in a written revocation of the authorization, unless the withholding is to resolve a debt or obligation to the employer or a court orders otherwise.
- 3. There is a reasonable good faith dispute as to the amount of wages due, including the amount of any counterclaim or any claim of debt, reimbursement, recoupment or set-off asserted by the employer against the employee.
- 200. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 23-363 provides in relevant part:
 - A. Employers shall pay employees no less than the minimum wage, which shall be six dollars and seventy five cents (\$6.75) an hour beginning January 1, 2007.
 - B. The minimum wage shall be increased on January 1, 2008 on and on January 1 of successive years by the increase of the cost of living . . .
- 201. Effective January 1, 2015, the Arizona minimum wage became \$8.05 per hour.
- 202. By the acts and omissions set forth above, including by failing to pay all wages due to Plaintiffs and Rule 23 Class, including applicable minimum wages under Arizona law and applicable overtime wages and by improperly deducting portions of Plaintiffs' and Rule 23 Class' wage, by inter alia deducting wages due to "administrative charge" violates Arizona's Wage Act.
- 203. As a result of Defendants' violations of Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 23-351, Plaintiffs and Rule 23 Class have been harmed, have suffered substantial losses and have been deprived of compensation to which they were entitled and therefore are entitled to an award of the unpaid wages, with prejudgment interest thereon, and treble the amount of

1	such wages, together with attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to A.R.S. § 23-355.
2	THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
3	Restitution / Unjust Enrichment - A.R.S. § 23-350, et seq. (Brought on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Rule 23 Class)
4	204. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all
5	preceding paragraphs.
6	205. Defendants have been unjustly enriched by shifting a portion of the cost of
7	doing business on to their employees. Such costs include, inter alia, the costs of fuel,
8	vehicle maintenance, and insurance.
9	206. Plaintiffs and the Rule 23 Class are entitled to restitution and/or damages in
10	quantum meruit for the value of the economic benefit they were required to bestow upon
11	Defendants.
12	207. Any contracts Plaintiffs and the Rule 23 Class entered into or were required
13	to enter into as a condition of their employment that govern such payments are
14	unconscionable and unenforceable.
15	208. Plaintiffs and the Rule 23 Class are entitled to restitution for all of
16	Defendants' costs or fees that have been levied upon Plaintiffs and the Rule 23 Class
17	together with prejudgment interest. Plaintiffs are similarly entitled to restitution for all
18	fuel surcharges and other costs charged to Defendants' customers, clients or other third
19	parties that were paid
20	PRAYER FOR RELIEF
21	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,
22	seek for the following relief:
23	A. A declaration that Defendants are joint employers of Plaintiffs and the Class
24	Members;
25	B. A declaration that Plaintiffs and the FLSA Class are non-exempt employees
26	of Defendants for purposes of the FLSA;
27	C. A declaration that Plaintiffs and the Rule 23 Class are employees of
28	Defendants under Arizona law including, but not limited to, for purposes of the Arizona

1	Wage Act;	
2	D.	A declaration that Defendants have violated and are violating the FLSA;
3	E.	A declaration that Defendants have violated and are violation Arizona's
4	Wage Act;	
5	F.	A declaration that Defendants' violations of the FLSA and Arizona Wage
6	Act are willfu	ıl;
7	G.	Awarding Plaintiffs and Class Members wages and overtime payments due
8	to them for th	ne hours worked by them for Defendants without proper compensation;
9	H.	Awarding Plaintiffs and Class Members statutory, compensatory and
10	punitive dam	nages, liquidated damages, appropriate statutory penalties, treble damages,
11	and restitution	n to be paid by Defendants.
12	I.	Requiring Defendants to comply with the FLSA and Arizona Wage Act by
13	promptly paying Plaintiffs and Class Members for all hours worked at the appropriate	
14	rates of pay;	
15	J.	Awarding Plaintiffs and Class Members attorneys' fees and costs of suit;
16	and	
17	K.	Awarding Plaintiffs and Class Members such other and further relief as the
18	Court deems	just and proper, at law and in equity.
19	L.	That, at the earliest possible time, Plaintiffs be allowed to give notice to the
20	FLSA Class,	or that the Court issue such notice, to all persons who are presently, or have
21	at any time d	uring the 3 years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, up through and
22	including the	date of this Court's issuance of court-supervised notice, been employed by
23	Defendants a	s Drivers, or similarly situated positions. Such notice shall inform them that
24	this civil acti	on has been filed, of the nature of the action, and of their right to join this
25	lawsuit if the	y believe they were denied proper wages;
26	M.	Certification of this case as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal
27	Rules of Civi	l Procedure;
28	N.	Designation of Plaintiffs Xavier Bonner, Pahkalijae Ross, Dewoyne

1	Williams, and Jonathan Harris as representatives of the Rule 23 Class, and counsel of
2	record as Class Counsel; and
3	O. Reasonable incentive awards for Plaintiffs to compensate them for the time
4	they spent attempting to recover wages for the Class and for the risks they took in doing
5	so.
6	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24th day of October, 2016.
7	Pyr. /a/ Daniel Ronnett
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EXHIBIT "A"

- 1. I consent to make a claim under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq. against my current/former employer, Michigan Logistics, Inc. d/b/a Diligent Delivery Systems ("Diligent"), to secure any relief that may be awarded, including overtime pay, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees, costs and other relief arising out of my employment with Diligent.
- 2. During the past 3 years, there were occasions when I worked more than 40 hours in a week for Diligent, and I did not receive proper overtime compensation for those hours.
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Date:	DocuSigned by:
	Signature
	Xavier Bonner
	Print Name

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Date:	Pahkalijae Ross
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	Dewoyne Williams
	Print Name

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Michigan Logistics Inc., d/b/a

Parts Authority; XYZ

Corporations

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County Where Claim For Relief Arose: Maricopa

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II. Basis of Jurisdiction:

3. Federal Question (U.S. not a party)

III. Citizenship of Principal Parties (Diversity Cases Only)

Plaintiff:- N/A

Defendant:-N/A

IV. Origin: 1. Original Proceeding

V. Nature of Suit: 710 Fair Labor Standards Act

<u>VI.Cause of Action:</u> 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., A.R.S. § 23-350, et seq.

VII. Requested in Complaint

Class Action: **Yes**Dollar Demand: **TBD**Jury Demand: **No**

VIII. This case is not related to another case.

Signature: s/Daniel L. Bonnett

Date: 10/24/2016

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