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9	on behalf of themselves and others similarly ) situated, COLLECTIVE ACTION
10	) <u>COMPLAINT</u> Plaintiffs, )
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13	Senator Construction Group Inc., and Atiq ) Rehman, <i>jointly and severally</i> , )
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15	Defendants. )
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17	NATURE OF THE ACTION
18	1. Plaintiffs Orlando de la Torre Cepeda and Carlos Plata ("Plaintiffs"), bring this
19	action under the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. §§ 201 et. seq. on behalf or
20	themselves and others similarly situated, in order to remedy Defendants' wrongful withholding
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22	of Plaintiffs' overtime compensation. Plaintiffs also bring these claims under New York Labor
23	Law ("NYLL"), Article 6, §§ 190 et. seq., as well as the supporting New York State
24	Department of Labor Regulations for violations of overtime wages, and failure of the
25	Defendants to comply with notice and record-keeping requirements.
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#### **SUMMARY**

- 2. Plaintiffs were formerly employed by Defendants, Senator Construction Group Inc., and Atiq Rehman (collectively "Defendants") as construction workers.
- 3. Throughout the course of their employment, Plaintiffs worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week. However, Plaintiffs were paid a fixed salary regardless of the hours they were working and were not paid at the overtime rate for work performed exceeding forty (40) hours per week.
- 4. Defendants engaged in their unlawful conduct pursuant to a corporate policy of minimizing labor costs and denying employees compensation by knowingly violating the FLSA and NYLL.
- 5. As a result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs have suffered great hardship and damages.
- 6. Defendants' conduct extended beyond the Plaintiffs to all other similarly situated employees. Plaintiffs seek certification of this action as a collective action on behalf of themselves individually and those other similarly situated employees and former employees of Defendants pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

#### Federal Question Jurisdiction and Supplemental Jurisdiction

7. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the civil action herein arises under the laws of the United States, namely, the Fair Labor Standards Act and 29 U.S.C. §201 *et seq.* Additionally, this Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state law claims under 28 U.S.C. §1367(a).

#### Personal Jurisdiction

8. This Court may properly maintain personal jurisdiction over Defendants under Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure because Defendants' contacts with this state and this judicial district are sufficient for exercise of jurisdiction over Defendants so as to comply with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

#### **Venue**

9. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of New York under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 (b) (1) and (2) because Defendants reside and conduct business in this judicial district and because a substantial part of the acts or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district.

#### THE PARTIES

#### **Plaintiffs**

#### Orlando de la Torre Cepeda

- 10. Plaintiff Orlando de la Torre Cepeda ("Cepeda") is an adult individual residing in the state of New York, County of Queens.
- 11. Cepeda is a covered employee within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(e) and the NYLL § 190.
- 12. Cepeda was employed by Senator Construction Group Inc., owned by Defendant Atiq Rehman, from February 2016 to July 2016 and later on from June 2017 to mid-October 2017. He worked in different locations, depending on the location of his assigned construction site. Most of these construction sites were located in Queens, NY and Brooklyn, NY.
  - 13. Cepeda's duties included carrying bricks and other equipment to and on active

construction sites, cleaning these same sites, corking, demolition work, pouring concrete, and waterproofing.

- 14. Cepeda was not involved in the hiring or firing of employees.
- 15. Cepeda regularly handled goods in interstate commerce throughout the course of his employment with Defendants, such as building materials and equipment typically used in the construction industry, imported from other U.S. states and from all over the world.
- 16. During the period of his employment with Defendants, Cepeda typically worked six (6) days per week, from Monday to Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. However, depending on the amount of work assigned to him, he frequently worked later than that, until 6:30 p.m. *See* **Exhibit A**, sample of Cepeda's time sheets. Cepeda would frequently take a lunch break that would not exceed half an hour.
- 17. Accordingly, Cepeda worked approximately sixty (60) hours, or more, per week, throughout his employment with the Defendants. The exact hours worked by Cepeda each week can be determined from time sheets kept by Defendants on a daily basis. *See* **Exhibit A**.
- 18. During his initial employment period, from February 2016 to July 2016, Cepeda was compensated at an hourly rate of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per hour for all hours worked, payable weekly.
- 19. During his second employment period, from June 2017 to mid-October 2017, Cepeda was compensated at an hourly rate of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per hour for all hours worked, payable weekly.
- 20. Payments would often be delayed and in some instances, Cepeda received checks which bounced because of insufficient funds.

- 21. Defendants repeatedly suffered or permitted Cepeda to work in excess of forty (40) hours per week without paying him the appropriate premium overtime pay of one and one-half times his regular rate of pay.
- 22. Cepeda was never provided with wage statements or other records detailing, *inter alia*, Plaintiff's regular hourly rate of pay; the overtime rate of pay; the number of regular hours worked; and the number of overtime hours worked at any point during the time of his employment with Defendants.
- 23. Cepeda was not provided with a wage notice containing, *inter alia*, the rate and basis of his pay; the designated pay date; and the employer's name, address and telephone number at the time of hiring or at any point thereafter.
- 24. Upon information and belief, while Defendants employed Cepeda, they failed to post notices explaining the minimum and overtime wage rights of employees under the FLSA and NYLL and failed to inform Cepeda of such rights.
- 25. Throughout the duration of his employment, Cepeda did not have any supervisory authority over any of Defendants' employees, nor did he exercise discretion or independent judgment with respect to matters of significance.
- 26. Cepeda consented in writing to be a party to the FLSA claims in this action, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b).
- 27. Cepeda has personal knowledge of other employees of Defendants who are similarly situated and who also worked hours for which they were not paid overtime wages.

#### **Carlos Plata**

28. Plaintiff Carlos Alexander Plata Romero ("Plata") is an adult individual residing in the state of New York, County of Queens.

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- 29. Plata is a covered employee within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(e) and the NYLL § 190.
- 30. Plata was employed by Senator Construction Group Inc., owned by Defendant Atiq Rehman, from July 2017 to mid-October 2017. He worked in different locations, depending on the location of his assigned construction site. Most of these construction sites were located in Queens, NY and Brooklyn, NY.
- 31. Plata's duties included carrying bricks and other equipment to and on active construction sites, cleaning these same sites, corking, demolition work, pouring concrete, and waterproofing.
  - 32. Plata was not involved in the hiring or firing of employees.
- 33. Plata regularly handled goods in interstate commerce throughout the course of his employment with Defendants, such as building materials and equipment typically used in the construction industry, imported from other U.S. states and from all over the world.
- 34. During the period of his employment with Defendants, Plata typically worked six (6) days per week, from Monday to Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. However, depending on the amount of work assigned to him, he frequently worked later than that, until 6:30 p.m. See Exhibit A, sample of Plata's time sheets. Cepeda would frequently take a lunch break that would not exceed half an hour.
- 35. Accordingly, Plata worked approximately sixty (60) hours, or more, per week, throughout his employment with the Defendants. The exact hours worked by Plata each week can be determined from time sheets kept by Defendants on a daily basis. See Exhibit A.
- 36. Throughout his employment with Defendants, Plata was compensated at an hourly rate of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per hour for all hours worked, payable weekly.

- 37. Payments would often be delayed and in some instances, Plata received checks which bounced because of insufficient funds.
- 38. Defendants repeatedly suffered or permitted Plata to work in excess of forty (40) hours per week without paying him the appropriate premium overtime pay of one and one-half times his regular rate of pay.
- 39. Plata was not provided with a wage notice containing the rate and basis of his pay; the designated pay date; and the employer's name, address and telephone number at the time of hiring or at any point thereafter.
- 40. Plata was never provided with wage statements or other records detailing, *inter alia*, Plata's regular hourly rate of pay; the overtime rate of pay; the number of regular hours worked; and/or the number of overtime hours worked at any point during the time of his employment with Defendants.
- 41. Upon information and belief, while Defendants employed Plata, they failed to post notices explaining the minimum wage rights of employees under the FLSA and NYLL and failed to inform Plata of such rights.
- 42. Throughout the duration of his employment, Plata did not have any supervisory authority nor did he exercise discretion or independent judgment with respect to matters of significance.
- 43. Plata consented in writing to be a party to the FLSA claims in this action, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b).
- 44. Plata has personal knowledge of other employees of Defendants who are similarly situated and who also worked hours for which they were not paid overtime wages.

#### **Defendants**

45. At all relevant times, Individual and Corporate Defendants were joint employers of Plaintiffs, acted in the interest of each other with respect to Plaintiffs' and other employees' remuneration, and had common policies and practices as to wages and hours, pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 791.2 and NYLL § 2.

#### **Corporate Defendant**

#### **Senator Construction Group Inc.**

- 46. Senator Construction Group Inc. is a domestic corporation formed on November 21, 2006, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York.
- 47. Senator Construction Group Inc. owns and operates a construction business in New York.
- 48. The central focal point of operations for the Defendants' business was at 11-11 44th Drive, Long Island City, NY 11101, and 1639 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234.
- 49. At all relevant times, Senator Construction Group Inc. was a covered employer within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(d) and the NYLL § 190.
- 50. At all relevant times, Senator Construction Group Inc. maintained control, oversight, and direction over the Plaintiffs, including timekeeping, payroll and other employment practices that applied to them.
- 51. At all relevant times, Senator Construction Group Inc. was "an enterprise engaged in commerce" within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(1)(A) because its employees handled goods and/or materials that have been imported, produced, and/or distributed in interstate commerce. Additionally, Senator Construction Group Inc. conducted business with vendors and other businesses outside the State of New York and engaged in

credit card transactions involving banks and other institutions outside the State of New York.

52. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times, Senator Construction Group Inc.'s annual gross volume of sales made, or business done, was not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) exclusive of separate retail excise taxes, within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(1)(A)(ii).

#### **Individual Defendant**

#### Atiq Rehman

- 53. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times throughout Plaintiffs' employment, Atiq Rehman ("Individual Defendant") was owner, principal, authorized operator, manager, shareholder and/or agent of the Corporate Defendant.
- 54. At all relevant times throughout Plaintiffs' employment, Individual Defendant had the discretionary power to create and enforce personnel decisions on behalf of the Corporate Defendant, including but not limited to: hiring and terminating employees; setting and authorizing issuance of wages; maintaining employee records; setting Plaintiffs' schedule; negotiating Plaintiffs' rate of pay; instructing, supervising and training Plaintiffs; and otherwise controlling the terms and conditions for the Plaintiffs while they were employed by Defendants.
- 55. At all relevant times throughout Plaintiffs' employment, Individual Defendant was actively involved in the day-to-day operations of both Corporate Defendant.
- 56. At all relevant times throughout Plaintiffs' employment, Individual Defendant was a "covered employer" within the meaning of the FLSA and the NYLL, and employed or jointly employed Plaintiffs, and is personally liable for the unpaid wages sought herein, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 203(d) and NYLL § 2.

#### **COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

57. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §§ 203, 207, and 216(b), Plaintiffs bring their First cause of action as a collective action under the FLSA on behalf of themselves and the following collective:

All persons employed by Defendants at any time from February 18, 2015 to the present day (the "Collective Action Period") who worked as construction workers, and other non-exempt employees of the Defendants (the "Collective Action Members").

- 58. A collective action is appropriate in these circumstances because Plaintiffs and the Collective Action Members are similarly situated, in that they were all subject to Defendants' illegal policies of failing to pay overtime wage for all hours worked above 40 hours per week.
- 59. Plaintiffs and the Collective Action Members have substantially similar job duties and are paid pursuant to a similar, if not the same, payment structure.
- 60. The claims of the Plaintiffs stated herein are similar to those of the other employees.

#### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### Fair Labor Standards Act – Unpaid Overtime Wages

- 61. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations made in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 62. At all relevant times, Plaintiffs, and the Collective Action members, were employees of and employed by the Defendants within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(d), (e)(1), and (g).

- 63. At all times relevant, Defendants have been employers of Plaintiffs and the Collective Action members, have engaged in commerce and/or the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§ 203 (s)(1) and 207(a).
- 64. The overtime wage provisions set forth in the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 207(a)(1) and the supporting federal regulations apply to Defendants and protect Plaintiffs and the Collective Action Members.
- 65. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs and the Collective Action Members overtime wages at a rate of one and one-half times the regular rate at which they were employed, but under no instance less than one and one-half times the statutory minimum wage for all hours that they worked in excess of forty (40) hours per workweek.
- 66. Defendants' unlawful conduct, as described in this Complaint, has been willful and intentional. Defendants were aware, or should have been aware, that the practices described in this Complaint were unlawful.
- 67. Defendants failed to post or keep posted conspicuous notices of Plaintiffs' rights as required by the U.S. Department of Labor pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 516.4, further evincing Defendants' lack of good faith.
- 68. Because Defendants' violations of the FLSA have been willful, a three-year statute of limitations applies pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 255(a).
- 69. As a result of the Defendants' violations of the FLSA, Plaintiffs and the Collective Action Members have been deprived of overtime compensation and other wages in amounts to be determined at trial, and are thus entitled to recovery of such amounts, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees, costs, and other compensation pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216 (b).

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

#### New York Labor Law – Unpaid Overtime Wages

- 70. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 71. At all relevant times referenced herein, Plaintiffs were employees of the Defendants, and Defendants were employers of the Plaintiffs within the meaning of the NYLL §§ 190, 651 (5), 652, and other supporting New York State Department of Labor regulations.
- 72. The overtime wage provisions, as set forth in NYLL §§ 190 *et seq.* and the supporting New York State Department of Labor regulations apply to Defendants and protect Plaintiffs.
- 73. Defendants have failed to pay Plaintiffs overtime wages to which they are entitled at the wage rate of one and one-half times their regular rate, but under no instance less than one and one-half times the statutory minimum wage rate, as defined by New York State Department of Labor regulations, 12 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 142-2.2.
- 74. Through their knowing or intentional failure to pay Plaintiffs their duly earned overtime wages for hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per workweek, Defendants have violated the NYLL §§ 190 *et seq.* and supporting New York State Department of Labor regulations.
- 75. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiffs their overtime compensation lacked a good faith basis within meaning of NYLL § 663.
- 76. Defendants also failed to post conspicuous notices of the Plaintiffs' rights under the law, as required by NYLL § 661 and New York State Department of Labor regulations, 12 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 142-2.8, further evidencing Defendants' lack of good faith.

77. Due to Defendants' violations of the NYLL, Plaintiffs are entitled to recovery of their unpaid overtime wages, liquidated damages as provided for by the NYLL, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the action, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, pursuant to NYLL § 198 (1-a).

#### **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### New York Labor Law - Failure to Provide Notice at Time of Hiring

- 78. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 79. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs at the time of hiring or at any point thereafter, a notice containing their rate of pay and basis thereof, whether they were to be paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; the regular pay day designated by the employer; the physical address of the employer's main office or principal place of business; the telephone number of the employer, and any additional information otherwise required by law, in violation of NYLL § 195(1).
- 80. Due to Defendants' violations of the NYLL § 195(1), Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Defendants statutory damages of Fifty dollars (\$50) per workday that the violation occurred, up to a maximum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) pursuant to NYLL § 198 (1-b).

#### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

#### **New York Labor Law - Failure to Provide Wage Statements**

81. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.

- 82. Defendants have failed to provide Plaintiffs with wage statements listing, *inter alia*, their regular rate of pay; basis of pay; and overtime rate of pay, in violation NYLL § 195 (3).
- 83. Due to Defendants' violations of the NYLL, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Defendants statutory damages of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$250) per workday that the violation occurred, up to a maximum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), pursuant to NYLL \$ 198 (1-d).

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

#### **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs seek the following relief:

- A. Designating this action as a collective action and authorizing prompt issuance of notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) to all putative collective action members, apprising them of the pendency of this action, and permitting them promptly to file consents to be Plaintiff in the FLSA claims in this action;
- B. Issuance of a declaratory judgment that the practices complained of in this complaint are unlawful under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201 et seq., New York Labor Law, Article 6, §§ 190 et seq., and supporting New York State Department of Labor regulations;
- C. Unpaid overtime wages under the FLSA and an additional and equal amount as liquidated damages pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) and the supporting United States Department of Labor regulations;
- D. Unpaid overtime wages under the NYLL, and an additional and equal amount as liquidated damages pursuant to NYLL §198(1-a) and § 663(1);

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#### NOTICE OF CONSENT TO JOIN, PURSUANT TO 29 U.S.C. 216(b)

#### FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT CONSENT FORM

I consent to be a party plaintiff in a lawsuit against **Senator Construction Group Incorporated** and/or related entities and individuals in order to seek redress for violations of Fair Labor Standards Act, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 216(b). I hereby designate Pardalis & Nohavicka LLP to represent me in such a lawsuit.

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☐ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment		Pharmaceutical Personal Injury		■ PROPIER M.R.(CHIK)	410 Antitrust  430 Banks and Banking		
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152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans		Asbestos Personal Injury Product	9	☐ 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application	<ul> <li>460 Deportation</li> <li>470 Racketeer Influenced and</li> </ul>		
(Excludes Veterans)	☐ 345 Marine Product	Liability		☐ 840 Trademark	Corrupt Organizations		
☐ 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits			LABOR 710 Fair Labor Standards	■ 861 HIA (1395ff)	480 Consumer Credit  490 Cable/Sat TV		
☐ 160 Stockholders' Suits		Truth in Lending	Act	☐ 862 Black Lung (923)	850 Securities/Commodities/		
☐ 190 Other Contract			720 Labor/Management	☐ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	Exchange		
☐ 195 Contract Product Liability ☐ 196 Franchise		Property Damage Property Damage	Relations 740 Railway Labor Act	☐ 864 SSID Title XVI ☐ 865 RSI (405(g))	☐ 890 Other Statutory Actions ☐ 891 Agricultural Acts		
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☐ 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment☐ 240 Terts to Land☐		Sentence		26 USC 7609	Agency Decision		
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION	ON 29 USC §§ 201 et. seq. Brief description of cause: Unpaid overtime wages						
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#### CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York

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Plaintiff(s		)	
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To: (Defendant's name and address)	Senator Construction G 1639 Hendrickson Stree Brooklyn, NY 11234		
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A lawsuit has been file	ed against you.		
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