UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

LUZ HERNANDEZ, On behalf of herself and all others)	
similarly situated,) CASE NO. 1:17-cv-	283
Plaintiff,)) JUDGE	
V.)	
) PLAINTIFF'S CLA	ASS AND
ERNIE GREEN INDUSTRIES, INC.) COLLECTIVE AC	TION
) <u>COMPLAINT</u>	
Defendant.)	
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Plaintiff, Luz Hernandez, by and through counsel, for her Class and Collective Action Complaint against Defendant, Ernie Green Industries, Inc., states and alleges the following:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. This case challenges policies and practices of Defendant that violated the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. §§ 201-219 and the Ohio Minimum Fair Wage Act (the "Ohio Act"), Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4111.03; 43 *et seq*.
- 2. Plaintiff brings this case as an FLSA "collective action" pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), which provides that "[a]n action to recover the liability" prescribed by the FLSA "may be maintained against any employer ... by any one or more employees for and in behalf of himself or themselves and other employees similarly situated." Plaintiff brings this case on behalf of herself and other "similarly-situated" persons who may join this case pursuant to § 216(b) ("Potential Opt-Ins").

3. Plaintiff also brings this case as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 on behalf of herself and other members of a class of persons, defined herein, who assert factually-related claims under the Ohio Act (the "Ohio Class").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's FLSA claim pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
- 5. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims under the Ohio Act because those claims are so related to the FLSA claims as to form part of the same case or controversy.
- 6. Venue is proper in this judicial district and division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred here.

PARTIES

- 7. At all times relevant, Plaintiff was a citizen of the United States. From approximately November 2012 to November 2016, Plaintiff worked for Defendant as an hourly non-exempt employee in its Brooklyn, Ohio facility. Plaintiff consents in writing to be a party to this collective action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b). **Exhibit A**.
- 8. Defendant is a for-profit Ohio corporation. Defendant's principal place of business is in Columbus, Ohio. Defendant's registered agent is Samuel T. Morgan, 1785 Big Hill Road, Kettering, Ohio 45439.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

Defendant's Status As "Employer"

9. At all times relevant, Defendant was an "employer" within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(d), and corresponding provisions of the Ohio Act.

- 10. Defendant's hourly employees included Plaintiff, the Potential Opt-Ins who may join this case pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), and all members of the Ohio Class.
- 11. At all times relevant, Defendant was an enterprise within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 203(r), and an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(1).

Hourly Employees' Compensation

- 12. Plaintiff, the Potential Opt-Ins who may join this case pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), and the members of the Ohio Class are current or former hourly employees of Defendant. They were paid hourly wages as well as bonuses. The bonuses were non-discretionary.
- 13. They frequently worked more than forty (40) hours in a single workweek, entitling them to overtime compensation under the FLSA and the Ohio Act.

Defendant's Miscalculation of Overtime Compensation

- 14. The FLSA as well as the Ohio Act required Defendant to pay overtime compensation to its hourly employees at one and one-half times their "regular rate," and to include in the calculation of their regular rates "all remunerations for employment paid to, or on behalf of, the employee," including non-discretionary bonuses. 29 U.S.C. § 207(e)(3); 29 C.F.R. 778.117; Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4111.03(A) (incorporating FLSA standards).
- 15. Defendant unlawfully excluded the bonuses it paid to its hourly employees in determining their "regular rates" for purposes of overtime compensation. Defendant thereby miscalculated and underpaid the overtime compensation it paid to its hourly employees, including Plaintiff, the Potential Opt-Ins who may join this case pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), and the members of the Ohio Class.

COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 16. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully rewritten herein.
- 17. Plaintiff brings this case as an FLSA "collective action" pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), which provides that "[a]n action to recover the liability" prescribed by the FLSA "may be maintained against any employer ... by any one or more employees for and in behalf of himself or themselves and other employees similarly situated."
- 18. The Potential Opt-Ins who are "similarly situated" to Plaintiff with respect to Defendant's FLSA violations consist of:

All present and former hourly employees of Defendant during the period three years preceding the commencement of this action to the present who were eligible for non-discretionary bonuses and who worked more than forty hours in one or more workweeks during which they earned such bonuses.

- 19. Such persons are "similarly situated" with respect to Defendant's FLSA violations in that all were hourly employees of Defendant, all were subjected to and injured by Defendant's unlawful practice of excluding bonuses from the calculation of employees' "regular rates" for overtime compensation, and all have the same claims against Defendant for unpaid wages and overtime compensation as well as for liquidated damages, attorneys' fees, and costs.
- 20. Conditional certification of this case as a collective action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) is proper and necessary so that such persons may be sent a Court-authorized notice informing them of the pendency of this action and giving them the opportunity to "opt in."
- 21. Plaintiff cannot yet state the exact number of similarly-situated persons but avers, upon information and belief, that they consist of over 100 persons. Such persons are readily identifiable through the payroll records Defendant has maintained, and was required to maintain,

pursuant to the FLSA and Ohio law. 29 U.S.C. § 211(c) & 29 C.F.R. § 215.2; Ohio Const. art. II, § 34a.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS (Ohio Class)

- 22. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully rewritten herein.
- 23. Plaintiff brings this case as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 on behalf of herself and other members of a class of persons who assert claims under the laws of the State of Ohio (the "Ohio Class"), defined as:

All present and former hourly employees of Defendant in Ohio during the period two years preceding the commencement of this action to the present who were eligible for non-discretionary bonuses and who worked more than forty hours in one or more workweeks during which they earned such bonuses.

- 24. The Ohio Class is so numerous that joinder of all class members is impracticable. Plaintiff cannot yet state the exact number of class members but aver, upon information and belief, that they consist of over 100 persons. The number of class members as well as their identities are ascertainable from the payroll records Defendant has maintained, and was required to maintain, pursuant to the FLSA and Ohio law. 29 U.S.C. § 211(c) & 29 C.F.R. § 215.2; Ohio Const. art. II, § 34a.
- 25. There are questions of law or fact common to the Ohio Class, including but not limited to:
 - a) Whether Defendant miscalculated the overtime compensation it paid to Plaintiff and other class members by excluding bonuses from the calculation of their "regular rates" for purposes of overtime compensation.

- b) Whether Plaintiffs and other class members would have received additional overtime compensation if bonuses had properly been included in their "regular rates" of pay, and, if so, in what amount.
- 26. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of other members of the Ohio Class. Plaintiff's claims arise out of the same uniform course of conduct by Defendant, and are based on the same legal theories, as the claims of other class members.
- 27. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Ohio Class. Plaintiff's interests are not antagonistic to, but rather are in unison with, the interests of other class members. Plaintiff's counsel have broad experience in handling class action litigation, including wage-and-hour litigation, and are fully qualified to prosecute the claims of the Ohio Class in this case.
- 28. The questions of law or fact that are common to the Ohio Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members. The primary questions that will determine Defendant's liability to the class, listed above, are common to the class as a whole, and predominate over any questions affecting only individual class members.
- 29. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Requiring class members to pursue their claims individually would entail a host of separate suits, with concomitant duplication of costs, attorneys' fees, and demands on court resources. Many class members' claims are sufficiently small that they would be reluctant to incur the substantial cost, expense, and risk of pursuing their claims individually. Certification of this case as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 will enable the issues to be adjudicated for all class members with the efficiencies of class litigation.

COUNT ONE (FLSA Overtime Violations)

- 30. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully rewritten herein.
- 31. Plaintiff brings this claim for violation of the FLSA's overtime provisions on behalf of herself and the Potential Opt-Ins who may join this case pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
- 32. The FLSA requires that hourly and other non-exempt employees receive overtime compensation of "not less than one and one-half times" the employees' "regular rate." 29 U.S.C. § 207(a)(1).
- 33. Plaintiff and the Potential Opt-Ins should have been paid overtime compensation at the rate of one and one-half times their "regular rate" for all hours worked in excess of forty hours per workweek.
- 34. Defendant miscalculated and underpaid the overtime compensation it paid to Plaintiff and the Potential Opt-Ins by excluding bonuses from the calculation of their "regular rates."
- 35. By engaging in that practice, Defendant willfully violated the FLSA and regulations thereunder that have the force and effect of law.
- 36. As a result of Defendant's violations of the FLSA, Plaintiff and the Potential Opt-Ins were injured in that they did not receive overtime compensation due to them pursuant to the FLSA. 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) entitles them to an award of "unpaid overtime compensation" as well as "an additional equal amount as liquidated damages." Section 216(b) further provides that "[t]he court ... shall, in addition to any judgment awarded to the plaintiff or plaintiffs, allow a reasonable attorney's fee to be paid by the defendant, and costs of the action."

COUNT TWO (Ohio Overtime Violations)

- 37. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully rewritten herein.
- 38. Plaintiff brings this claim for violation of the Ohio Act, Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4111.03, on behalf of herself, the Potential Opt-Ins who worked for Defendant in Ohio and who may join this case pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), and all members of the Ohio Class for which certification is sought pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23.
- 39. At all times relevant, Defendant was an employer covered by the Ohio Act, Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4111.03.
- 40. Defendant violated the Ohio Act, Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4111.03, by excluding non-discretionary bonuses from the calculation of employees' regular rates for purposes of overtime compensation.
- 41. Defendant's violations of Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4111.03 injured Plaintiff, the Potential Opt-Ins who worked for Defendant in Ohio, and the Ohio Class members in that they did not receive overtime compensation due to them pursuant to that statute.
- 42. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4111.10(A) provides that Defendant, having violated § 4111.03, is "liable to the employee[s] affected for the full amount of the overtime wage rate, less any amount actually paid to the employee[s] by the employer, and for costs and reasonable attorney's fees as may be allowed by the court."

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court:

- A. Conditionally certify this case as an FLSA "collective action" pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) and direct that Court-approved notice be issued to similarly-situated persons informing them of this action and enabling them to opt in;
- B. Certify this case as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 on behalf of Plaintiff and other members of the Ohio Class;
- C. Enter judgment against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff and other members of the FLSA Collective and the Ohio Class;
- D. Award compensatory damages to Plaintiff and other members of the FLSA Collective and the Ohio Class in the amount of their unpaid wages and commissions, as well as liquidated damages in an equal amount; and
- E. Award Plaintiff her costs and attorneys' fees incurred in prosecuting this action and such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Shannon M. Draher

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

/s/ Shannon M. Draher

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CONSENT TO JOIN PURSUANT TO 29 U.S.C. §216(b)

- 1. I, Luz Hernandez, hereby consent and agree and opt-in to become a plaintiff class member in a lawsuit or arbitration brought under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §201, et seq. against my current/former employer, Ernie Green Industries, Inc., and any of its officers, agents, parent corporations, subsidiaries, joint employers and representatives.
- I hereby agree to be bound by any adjudication of this action by the Court or arbitrator, whether it is favorable or unfavorable. I further agree to be bound by any collective action settlement herein approved by my attorneys and approved by the Court or an arbitrator as fair, adequate, and reasonable.

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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Nilges Draher, LLC 7266 Portage Stre Massillon, Ohio		r)	Attorneys (If Known)		
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II.	RELATED OR REFILED CASES. See LR 3.1 which provides in pertinent part: "If an action is filed or removed to this Co and assigned to a District Judge after which it is discontinued, dismissed or remanded to a State court, and subsequently refiled, it shall be assigned to the same Judge who received the initial case assignment without regard the place of holding court in which the case was refiled. Counsel or a party without counsel shall be responsible bringing such cases to the attention of the Court by responding to the questions included on the Civil Cover Sheet."				
	This action is RELATED to another PENDING civil case. This action is REFILED pursuant to LR 3.1.				
If appl	icable, please indicate on page 1 in section VIII, the name of the Judge and case number.				
III.	In accordance with Local Civil Rule 3.8 , actions involving counties in the Eastern Division shall be filed at any of the divisional offices therein. Actions involving counties in the Western Division shall be filed at the Toledo office. For the purpose of determining the proper division, and for statistical reasons, the following information is requested.				
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	(1) Resident defendant. If the defendant resides in a county within this district, please set forth the name of such county COUNTY:				
	<u>Corporation</u> For the purpose of answering the above, a corporation is deemed to be a resident of that county in which it has its principal place of business in that district.				
	(2) <u>Non-Resident defendant</u> . If no defendant is a resident of a county in this district, please set forth the county wherein the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred. COUNTY:				
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V.	The Counties in the Northern District of Ohio are divided into divisions as shown below. After the county is determined in Section III, please check the appropriate division.				
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	WESTERN DIVISION				
	TOLEDO (Counties: Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca VanWert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot)				

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
 - (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
 - (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- **II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)

- **III. Residence** (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- **IV.** Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- **V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

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- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.

 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Northern District of Ohio			
Luz Hernandez Plaintiff v. Ernie Green Industries, Inc. Defendant SUMMONS IN))) Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-283))) NA CIVIL ACTION		
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A lawsuit has been filed against you. Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Nilges Draher 7266 Portage St. NW. Suite D Massillon, Ohio 44646			
If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.			
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