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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
14 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
15 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

16 RONDA AUSTIN, CHRISTOPHER
17 CORDUCK, ERNEST DIAL, BILLY
18 WAYNE GIBSON, and BOBBY G. SMITH,
19 on behalf of themselves and others similarly
20 situated;

21 Plaintiffs,

22 vs.

23 FOODLINER, INC.,

24 Defendant.

Case No. 4:16-cv-07185-HSG

**DECLARATION OF RONDA AUSTIN
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES,
COSTS, AND CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE INCENTIVE
PAYMENTS**

Date: January 24, 2019
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Ctrm.: 2, 4th Floor
Judge: Hon. Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr.

DECLARATION OF RONDA AUSTIN

I, Ronda Austin, declare:

1. I make this statement based on my personal knowledge. I am prepared and competent to testify to the matters set forth in this declaration.

2. I was employed by Foodliner, Inc. (“Foodliner”) as a truck driver.

3. On October 29, 2016, I met with attorney Hunter Pyle to discuss a possible case against Foodliner. On October 30, 2016, I met in person with Mr. Pyle and attorney Chad Saunders. I was asked by the lawyers to be a class representative in the case. I understood the duties of a class representative to be to protect the interests of the other truck drivers as if they were my own interests. I agreed to be named in the case as a class representative.

4. I searched for and provided my paystubs and all my other employment-related documents from Foodliner to my lawyers. I also provided information of about the way truck drivers were paid by Foodliner.

5. I have actively been involved in this class action, including gathering documents; speaking with former co-workers about the case; staying up to date about the progress of the case; and helping my lawyers understand the facts of my employment.

6. When we filed the case I was still employed by Foodliner. As a result of being a plaintiff in the case, I felt like I could no longer work for Foodliner and I resigned on July 6, 2017.

7. My name being on the lawsuit negatively affected my ability to work in my chosen industry. Even in my new employment I feel that I have to battle the image of whistleblower due to the public information available about my case.

8. I have exchanged numerous emails with my lawyers as requested and provided access to personal and professional email and text messages.

9. I have had at least 10 phone calls with my lawyers over the course of the past two years to be advised of the progress of the case. Each call lasted approximately 30 minutes.

