IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

MELISSA KIMBLE, Individually,

and on behalf of herself and other similarly situated current and former employees,

Plaintiff,

No. _____

v.

FLSA Opt-in Collective Action

LOGAN SENIOR CARE, LLC d/b/a ALWAYS BEST CARE SENIOR SERVICES, a Tennessee Limited Liability Corporation, and **STEPHEN LOGAN**, Individually,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL COLLECTIVE ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Melissa Kimble, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, brings this Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") suit against the above-named Defendants and shows as follows:

I. NATURE OF SUIT

1. The FLSA was passed by Congress in 1938 to eliminate low wages and long hours and to correct conditions that were detrimental to the health and well-being of workers. To achieve its humanitarian goals, the FLSA "limits to 40 a week the number of hours that an employer may employ any of his employees subject to the Act, unless the employee receives compensation for his employment in excess of 40 hours at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rate at which he is employed." *Walling v. Helmerich & Payne*, 323 U.S. 37, 40 (1944) (discussing the requirements of 29 U.S.C. § 207 (a)).

2. Defendants violated the FLSA in that it failed to pay Plaintiff for all hours she worked

by not compensating her at the rate of time and one-half her regular rate of pay for all the hours worked over 40 hours in one workweek. Plaintiff brings this action as a collective action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

I. PARTIES

3. Plaintiff Melissa Kimble is an individual who was employed by Defendants as a "home care worker" or "caregiver" within the meaning of the FLSA within the three-year period preceding the filing of this Collective Action Complaint. She hereby consents to be a party in this action and her consent form is attached as "Exhibit A."

4. Plaintiff and "Class Members" are Defendants' current and former home care workers and caregivers who were not paid overtime pay for overtime work as required by the FLSA.

5. Defendant Logan Senior Care, LLC is a limited liability company authorized to do business, and does business, in the State of Tennessee. It can be served through its registered agent and owner, Stephen Logan, at 4332 Kenilwood Drive, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee 37204, or wherever it may be found. Logan Senior Care, LLC owns and operates a "Always Best Care Senior Services" homecare franchise that provides, interalia, homecare and companionship services to elderly and/or disabled customers in Middle Tennessee, including within Davidson and Williamson Counties. Upon information and belief, Stephen Logan is the sole owner of Logan Senior Care, LLC and during the relevant period exercised operational control, including hiring and terminating Plaintiff from employment and setting the day rate Plaintiff was compensated. Upon information and belief, Stephen Logan made the decision to not pay Plaintiff overtime compensation.

6. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and the following similarly situated persons:

All current and former home care workers and caregivers (including but not limited to Certified Nurse Assistants, CNAs, Home Health Aids, and HHAs) employed by Logan Senior Care, LLC who performed job duties on its behalf at any time during the applicable limitation's period covered by this Collective Action Complaint (i.e. two years for FLSA violations and, three years for willful FLSA violations) up to and including the date of final judgment in this matter, and who is the Named Plaintiff and those who elect to opt-in to this action pursuant to the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b). (Collectively, "the class").

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. This Court has jurisdiction over this lawsuit because the suit arises under 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.*

8. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because Defendants reside in this District and because the events that form the basis of this suit occurred in this District.

III. COVERAGE

9. At all material times, Defendants have acted, directly or indirectly, in the interest of an employer or joint employer with respect to Plaintiff and Class Members.

10. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendants have been an employer within the meaning of the Section 3(d) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(d).

11. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendants have been an enterprise within the meaning of Section 3(r) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(r).

12. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendants have been an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of Section 3(s)(1)

of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(1), in that said enterprise has had employees engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, or employees handling, selling, or otherwise working on goods or materials that have been moved in or produced for commerce by any person and in that said enterprise has had and has an annual gross volume of sales made or business done of not less than \$500,000 (exclusive of excise taxes at the retail level which are separately stated).

13. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff and Class Members were individual employees who were engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce as required by 29 U.S.C. §§ 206–207.

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

14. Defendants employ home care workers or caregivers that provide homecare and companionship services to elderly and/or disabled customers in Middle Tennessee. They conduct business throughout the Middle Tennessee and do more than \$500,000.00 per year in business.

15. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants as a home care worker or caregiver from approximately January 2017 to January 2018. She regularly worked 40 or more hours in a workweek at one of Defendants' customers' home during the last three years and period covered by this lawsuit.

16. For example, Plaintiff regularly worked over 40 hours per week. Yet, Defendant did not pay Plaintiff for any of her overtime work. Instead, Defendants paid Plaintiff a day rate or flat rate for all work hours, including hours worked over 40 per week.

17. Defendants knowingly, willfully, or with reckless disregard carried out its illegal pattern or practice of failing to pay overtime compensation with respect to Plaintiff and Class

Members. Defendants received complaints from Plaintiff or Class Members regarding these excessive hours and the failure to compensate for all hours worked but failed to redress these concerns, necessitating this lawsuit.

V. **COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

18. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1–17 as if fully set forth herein.

19. Plaintiff and Class Members were subjected to the same pay provisions and violations in that they were employed as home care workers or caregivers and not compensated for all hours worked and not compensated at time-and-one-half for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a workweek.

20. Defendants' failure to compensate employees for all hours worked and hours worked in excess of 40 in a workweek as required by the FLSA results from a policy or practice of paying only a day rate or flat rate per day. This policy or practice was applicable to Plaintiff and Class Members. Application of this policy or practice does not depend on the personal circumstances of Plaintiff or those joining this lawsuit. Rather, the same policy or practice, which resulted in the non-payment of overtime and all hours worked, that applied to Plaintiff applied to all Class Members.

21. Defendants were aware of their obligation to pay overtime to Plaintiff and Class Members and failed to do so. Defendants knowingly, willfully, or with reckless disregard carried out their illegal pattern or practice of failing to pay overtime compensation with respect to Plaintiff and Class Members.

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: FAILURE TO PAY WAGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

22. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1–21 as if fully set forth herein.

23. During the relevant period, Defendants have violated and is violating the provisions of Sections 6 and/or 7 of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 206, 207, and 215(a)(2), by employing employees in an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of the FLSA as aforesaid, for workweeks longer than 40 hours without compensating such employees for their work in excess of 40 hours per week at rates no less than one-and-a-half times the regular rates for which they were employed. Defendants have acted willfully in failing to pay Plaintiff and Class Members in accordance with the law.

VII. RELIEF SOUGHT

24. WHEREFORE, cause having been shown, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- a. For an order conditionally certifying this action under the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. 201, *et seq*. and thus allowing Plaintiff to send notice of this lawsuit to putative class members inviting them to join:
- b. For an Order pursuant to Section 16(b) of the FLSA finding Defendants liable for unpaid back wages due to Plaintiff (and those who may join this suit) and for liquidated damages equal in amount to the unpaid compensation found due to Plaintiff (and those who may join this suit);
- c. For an Order awarding Plaintiff (and those who may join this suit) the costs of this action;
- d. For an Order awarding Plaintiff (and those who may join this suit) attorneys' fees;
- e. For and Order awarding Plaintiff (and those who may join this suit) pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest rates allowed by law; and
- f. For an Order granting such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/Gordon E. Jackson</u> Gordon E. Jackson (TN BPR #8323) James L. Holt, Jr. (TN BPR #012123) Russ Bryant (TN BPR #33830) Nathan A. Bishop (TN BPR #35944) **JACKSON, SHIELDS, YEISER & HOLT** 262 German Oak Drive Memphis, Tennessee 38018 Tel: (901) 754-8001 Fax: (901) 759-1745 gjackson@jsyc.com jholt@jsyc.com rbryant@jsyc.com

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) JACKSON SHIELDS YEISER & HOLT 262 German Oak Drive, Cordova, TN 38018; 901-754-8001				Attorneys (If Known)						
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

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- **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: <u>Nature of Suit Code Descriptions</u>.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date. Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.

Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statue.

- 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.

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FLSA Opt-In Collective Action JURY DEMANDED

LOGAN SENIOR CARE, LLC d/b/a ALWAYS BEST CARE SENIOR SERVICES and STEPHEN LOGAN, individually,

Defendants.

CONSENT TO JOIN AS CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

- 1. I have been employed by Defendants Logan Senior Care, LLC d/b/a Always Best Care and Stephen Logan within the past three years.
- 2. I hereby consent to join this or any subsequent action against the Defendants as a Named Representative Plaintiff to assert claims for violations of the FLSA 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.*, including the non-payment of wages as specified in the Collective Action Complaint.
- 3. I understand this lawsuit is brought under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), *et seq.* I hereby consent to join and opt-in and authorize the prosecution of the above-styled action to recover unpaid wages in my name and on my behalf as an above Named Representative Plaintiff. I agree to keep counsel for Plaintiffs informed as to my correct mailing address and telephone number.
- 4. If this case does not proceed collectively, I also consent to join any subsequent action to assert claims against Defendants and any other related entities for unpaid wages.
- 5. I understand that the personal information provided on this form will not be used for purposes other than these legal claims. Please fill this form out completely.

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