UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

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CHARA WINSTON) CASE NO.
13905 Royal Blvd.)
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125) JUDGE
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on behalf of herself and all others similarly)
situated,)
) PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT
Plaintiff,)
) (Jury Demand Endorsed Herein)
VS.)
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NORTHEAST HOME HEALTH)
SERVICES LLC)
c/o Statutory Agent Faisal Ali	
20600 Chagrin Blvd. Ste 415)
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122)
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Defendant.)

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Now comes Plaintiff Chara Winston, by and through counsel, and for her Complaint against Northeast Home Health Services LLC ("Northeast"), states and alleges the following:

INTRODUCTION

1. This is a "collective action" instituted by Plaintiff as a result of Defendant's practices and policies of not paying its non-exempt home health aides, including Plaintiff, overtime compensation at the rate of one and one-half times their regular rates of pay for the hours they worked over 40 each workweek, in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.SC. 201-219, as well as a "class action" pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 to remedy violations of the Ohio Minimum Fair Wage Standards Act ("OMFWSA"), R.C. 4111.03.

- 2. On October 1, 2013, the U.S. Department of Labor issued the Home Care Final Rule¹ ("Final Rule") to extend minimum wage and overtime protections to almost 2 million home care workers. The Final Rule was challenged in federal court, but on August 21, 2015, the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals in *Home Care Association of America v. Weil*, 78 F.Supp. 3d 123 (D.C.Cir. 2015), issued a unanimous opinion affirming the validity of the Final Rule. This opinion upholding the Home Care Final Rule became effective on October 13, 2015, when the Court of Appeals issued its mandate. The Home Care Final Rule had an effective date of January 1, 2015.²
- 3. Under the Final Rule, companies that provide home health care services to customers are required to pay employees overtime compensation at the rate of one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for the hours they worked over 40 each workweek. Despite these requirements, Defendant has failed to pay its home health aides overtime compensation since January 1, 2015.
- 4. Also since January 1, 2015, Defendant has failed to pay Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides for all of the hours they worked during their workday, including work performed between client appointments. Such work includes but is not limited to driving to and from client homes.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's FLSA claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1331 and 29 U.S.C. 216(b).

¹ Application of the Fair Labor Standards Act to Domestic Service, Fed. Reg. 60453, 60557 (Oct. 1, 2013) (amending 29 C.F.R. Part 552).

² http://www.dol.gov/whd/homecare/litigation.htm

- 6. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's OMFWSA claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1367 because the claims are so related to the FLSA claims as to form part of the same case or controversy.
- 7. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b) because Defendant's principle place of business is in Cleveland, Ohio, Defendant conducts business throughout this District and Division, and a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this District and Division.

PARTIES

- 8. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff was a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.
- 9. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff was an employee within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. 203(e) and R.C. 4111.03(D)(3).
- 10. At times relevant herein, Defendant maintained its principal place of business in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.
- 11. At all times relevant herein, Defendant was an employer within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. 203(d) and R.C. 4111.03(D)(2).
- 12. At all times relevant herein, Defendant was an enterprise within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. 203(r).
- 13. At all times relevant herein, Defendant was an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. 203(s)(1).
- 14. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff was an employee engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. 206-207.

15. Written consents to join this action as to Count One, as and when executed by other individual plaintiffs, will be filed pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 216(b).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 16. Defendant is a home health care business.
- 17. Plaintiff Chara Winston has been employed by Defendant since August 2016.
- 18. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff has been employed by Defendant as a home health aide.
- 19. Other similarly-situated employees were employed by Defendant as home health aides.
- 20. Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides were employed by Defendant as non-exempt employees under the FLSA.
 - 21. Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides were paid an hourly wage.

 (Failure to Pay Overtime Compensation)
- 22. Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides worked more than 40 hours per week, but Defendant failed to pay them overtime compensation for the hours they worked over 40 each workweek.
- 23. Rather than paying overtime compensation, Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides were only paid straight time for the hours they worked over 40 each workweek.

(Failure to Pay For All Hours Worked)

24. Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides were paid by Defendant for time spent at client appointments.

- 25. Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides performed work between client appointments, including but not limited to driving to and from client homes and taking clients to appointments.
- 26. However, Defendant did not pay Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides for all of the hours they worked between client appointments.
- 27. All of these activities occurred between the commencement of their first principal activity and the completion of their last principal activity during the workday, and thus, are compensable under the continuous workday rule.
- 28. As a result of Defendant's practice and policy of not paying Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides for all of the work they performed between client appointments, Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides were denied significant amounts of overtime compensation.

(Failure to Keep Accurate Records)

29. Defendant failed to make, keep and preserve accurate records of the unpaid work performed by Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides, including time worked between client appointments.

(Defendant Willfully Violated the FLSA)

30. Defendant knowingly and willfully engaged in the above-mentioned violations of the FLSA.

COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS

31. Plaintiff brings Count One of this action on her own behalf pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 216(b),³ and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated who have been, are being, or will be

³ Plaintiff's Consent Form is attached hereto.

adversely affected by Defendant's unlawful conduct.

32. The class which Plaintiff seeks to represent and for whom Plaintiff seeks the right to send "opt-in" notices for purposes of the collective action, and of which Plaintiff is herself a member, is composed of and defined as follows:

All current and former home health aides employed by Northeast Home Health Services, LLC at any time between January 1, 2015 and the present.

- 33. The amount of overtime hours Plaintiff and other similarly situated home health aides worked are reflected on their time sheets and pay stubs.
- 34. Plaintiff estimates, that on average she worked between thirty (30) to forty (40) overtime hours per week.
- 35. Plaintiff is unable to state at this time the exact size of the potential class, by upon information and belief, avers that is consists of at least 100 persons.
- 36. This action is maintainable as an "opt-in" collective action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 216(b) as to claims for unpaid overtime compensation, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees and costs under the FLSA. In addition to Plaintiff, numerous current and former employees are similarly situated with regard to their wages and claims for unpaid wages and damages. Plaintiff is representative of those other employees and is acting on behalf of their interests as well as her own in bringing this action.
- 37. These similarly-situated employees are known to Defendant and are readily identifiable through Defendant's payroll records. These individuals may readily be notified of this action, and allowed to opt in pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 216(b), for the purpose of collectively adjudicating their claims for unpaid overtime compensation, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees and costs under the FLSA.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

38. Plaintiff brings Count Two of this action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of herself and all other members of the class ("the Ohio Class") defined as:

All current and former home health aides employed by Northeast Home Health Services LLC at any time between January 1, 2015 and the present.

- 39. The Ohio Class is so numerous that joinder of all class members is impracticable. Plaintiff is unable to state at this time the exact size of the potential Ohio Class, but upon information and belief, avers that it consists of at least 100 persons.
- 40. There are questions of law or fact common to the Ohio Class, including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) whether Defendant failed to pay overtime compensation to its home health aides for hours worked in excess of 40 each workweek; and
 - (b) what amount of monetary relief will compensate Plaintiff Chara Winston and other members of the class for Defendant's violation of R.C. 4111.03 and 4111.10.
- 41. The claims of the named Plaintiff Chara Winston are typical of the claims of other members of the Ohio Class. Named 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 the other Ohio Class members.
- 42. Named Plaintiff Chara Winston will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Ohio Class. Her interests are not antagonistic to, but rather are in unison with, the interests of the other Ohio Class members. The named Plaintiff's counsel has broad experience in handling class action wage-and-hour litigation, and is fully qualified to prosecute the claims of the Ohio Class in this case.

- 43. 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 Ohio Class, listed above, are common to the class as a whole, and predominate over any questions affecting only individual class members.
- 44. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Requiring Ohio 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 Ohio 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 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 will enable the issues to be adjudicated for all class members with the efficiencies of class litigation.

<u>COUNT ONE</u> (Fair Labor Standards Act Violations)

- 45. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully rewritten herein.
- 46. Defendant's practice and policy of not paying Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides overtime compensation at the rate of one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for the hours they worked over 40 each workweek violated the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. 207.
- 47. Defendant's practice and policy of not paying Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides for work performed between client appointments violated the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 207.
- 48. By engaging in the above-described practices and policies, Defendant willfully, knowingly and/or recklessly violated the provisions of the FLSA.

49. As a result of Defendant's practices and policies, Plaintiff and other similarly-situated employees have been damaged in that they have not received wages due to them pursuant to the FLSA.

COUNT TWO(Violations of Ohio Revised Code 4111.03)

- 50. Plaintiff in corporates by reference the foregoing allegations as if fully rewritten herein.
- 51. Defendant's practice and policy of not paying Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides overtime compensation at the rate of one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for the hours they worked over 40 each workweek violated the OMFWSA, R.C. 4111.03.
- 52. Defendant's practice and policy of not paying Plaintiff and other similarly-situated home health aides for work performed between client appointments violated the OMFWSA, R.C. 4111.03.
- 53. By failing to pay Plaintiff and other similarly-situated employees overtime compensation, Defendant willfully, knowingly and/or recklessly violated the provisions of the OMFWSA, R.C. 4111.03.
- 54. As a result of Defendant's practices and policies, Plaintiff and other similarly-situated employees have been damaged in that they have not received wages due to them pursuant to the OMFWSA.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, and all those similarly situated, collectively pray that this Honorable Court:

A. Issue an order permitting this litigation to proceed as a collective action, and certifying the class pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. R. 23(a) and (b)(3);

B. Order prompt notice, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 216(b), to all class members that this litigation is pending and that they have the right to "opt in" to this litigation; Award Plaintiff and the class he represents actual damages for unpaid wages;

D. Award Plaintiff and the class she represents liquidated damages equal in amount to the unpaid wages found due to Plaintiff and the class;

E. Award Plaintiff and the class she represents pre- and post-judgment interest at the statutory rate;

F. Award Plaintiff and the class she represents attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements; and

G. Award Plaintiff and the class she represents further and additional relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lori M. Griffin

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all eligible claims and issues.

/s/ Lori M. Griffin
One of the Attorneys for Plaintiff

CONSENT FORM

- 1. I consent and agree to pursue my claims for unpaid overtime and/or minimum wages through the action filed against Northeast Home Care.
- 2. I understand that this action is brought under the Fair Labor Standards Act and/or state wage and hour laws. I hereby consent, agree and opt-in to become a plaintiff herein and be bound by any judgment by the Court or any settlement of this action.
- 3. I intend to pursue my claim individually, unless and until the court or parties certify this case as a collective or class action. If someone else serves as the class representative(s), then I designate the class representative(s) as my agent(s) to make decisions on my behalf concerning the litigation, the method and manner of conducting the litigation, the entering of an agreement with Plaintiff's counsel concerning fees and costs, the entering into a settlement agreement with my employer, and all other matters pertaining to this action.
- 4. In the event the case is certified and then decertified, I authorize Plaintiff's counsel to use this Consent Form to re-file my claims in a separate or related action against my employer.

Signature:

Chara winston (Mar 24, 2017)

Date: Mar 24, 2017

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Chara winston

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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.

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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

Chara Winston ———————————————————————————————————))) Civil Action No.		
NORTHEAST HOME HEALTH SERVICES LLC Defendant)))		
SUMMONS I	N A 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: Lazzaro Law Firm, LLC 920 Rockefeller Bldg 614 W. Superior Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113			
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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