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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

## UNEMPLOYMENT LAW PROJECT, et al.

Petitioners,

v.

# SUZAN LEVINE, COMMISSIONER FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT,

Respondent.			
DECLARATION OF ALVIN DEVEAUX HILL			

THE SHERIDAN LAW FIRM, P.S.

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**Attorneys for Petitioners** 

- I, Alvin DeVeaux Hill, make the following statement based on personal knowledge.
- 1. I own the Beer Star tap room. I have two locations and both of my businesses were affected by closures due to COVID-19.
- 2. One of my businesses is located at 9801 16th Ave SW,
  Seattle, WA 98106 and the other is located at 4328 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA
  98406.
- 3. On March 15, 2020, I was forced to close my business temporarily and on March 16, 2020 I laid-off seven employees. In late March, I applied for standby with ESD.
- 4. The aforementioned employees thus applied to receive unemployment benefits the same week.
- 5. One employee didn't qualify because of lack of hours, one employee was initially denied benefits after filing on March 16, 2020, but eventually began to collect benefits on April 28, 2020.
- 6. Another employee filed for unemployment and it was granted it with no issues.
- 7. One of my full-time employees, Marianne White, who has worked for me since October 2018, was initially denied benefits, but was eventually approved and she began receiving unemployment benefits on

April 22, 2020. On May 26, 2020, she was asked to upload copies of her driver's license and social security card to prove her identity.

- 8. She did not receive any benefits during the adjudication process and has since been denied benefits and is now being asked to pay back ALL received benefits due to ineligibility, which is FALSE.
- 9. I have paid into unemployment security and payroll taxes and I expect unemployment security to be working.
- 10. My staff is suffering and so am I. My businesses are unable to reopen because the state has not moved into the phase of reopening status appropriate for my business.
- 11. I intend to hire back all of my staff after my business is reopened.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 in Seattle, Washington.

<u>/s/</u>	
Alvin DeVeaux Hill	

DATED this 5th day of June, 2020 in Seattle, Washington.

Alvin DeVeaux Hill

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Tony Dondero, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington and the United States that, on June 05, 2020, I served the document to which this Certificate is attached to the party listed below in the manner shown.

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Dated this 5th day of June 2020.

s/ Tony Dondero Tony Dondero, Legal Assistant

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