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### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MDC RESTAURANTS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; LAGUNA RESTAURANTS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; INKA, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Petitioners,

VS.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA in and for the County of Clark and THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY C. WILLIAMS, District Court Judge, Respondents,

VS.

PAULETTE DIAZ, an individual; LAWANDA GAIL WILBANKS, an individual; SHANNON OLSZYNSKI, an individual; and CHARITY FITZLAFF, an individual, on behalf of themselves and all similarly-situated individuals,

Real Parties in Interest.

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	6	THE COURT: All right. Let's move on to next
	7	up will be page 2, Diaz versus MDC Restaurants, LLC.
	8	MR. PAEK: Good morning, your Honor.
	9	Montgomery Paek on behalf of the defendant.
09:28:32 1	. 0	MS. BLAKEY: Kathryn Blakey on behalf of
1	.1	defendants.
1	.2	MR. SCHRAGER: Your Honor, Bradley Schrager
1	. 3	for plaintiffs.
1	.4	MR. BUTLER: Good morning, your Honor. Jordan
09:28:40 1	. 5	Butler for plaintiffs.
1	.6	MR. BRAVO: Daniel Bravo on behalf of
1	. 7	plaintiffs.
1	. 8	THE COURT: Good morning.
1	. 9	Let's see. This is plaintiff's Motion for
09:28:57 2	0	Partial Summary Judgment on liability as to the first
2	1	claim for relief. That's my understanding.
2	2	Is that correct?
2	3	MR. SCHRAGER: That's correct, your Honor.
2	4	THE COURT: All right.
09:29:04 2	5	Sir.

Thank you, your Honor. MR. SCHRAGER: 09:29:05 1 We haven't been in on this case before, your 2 Honor, and I think if there's one thing you can 3 seriously say about this case, we bring you very interesting questions for your consideration. 09:29:17 Oh, yeah. They are clearly --THE COURT: 6 clearly questions of first impressions. I will say that. MR. SCHRAGER: Yes. Just to recap, there are -- in Nevada 10 09:29:22 Constitution under the Minimum Wage Amendment, there 11 are two tiers of minimum wage. There's is the 12 baseline, which is 8.25, and then there is 7.25 if you 13 qualify as an employer to pay less than 8.25. 14 question here is what does an employer have to do in 15 09:29:36 order to qualify for the privilege of paying less than 16 The constitutional command is the employer must 8.25? 17 provide health benefits in the form of health insurance 18 at a particular cost. 19 The question is what does that mean? 20 09:29:50 does it mean to provide? And defendants, I think, 21 agree that that's the sort of smallest circle of 22 interpretation. What does it mean to provide those 23 benefits to one's employees? 24 Well, there's several ways we can approach 25 09:30:03

that as sort of layers our way through it. The first 09:30:04 one is what does that word mean? And that is why you get into, as you saw in our briefing, is a dictionary battle, right? Everyone has got their definition of what "provide" means, and we obviously differ as to 09:30:18 what the important aspects of that definition are for your Honor's determination. We say it means supply, furnish, you have to 8 give over the insurance. They contend no, no, no. All it means is we have to offer some form of insurance. 10 09:30:31 Why does that matter? And the way 11 THE COURT: I'm looking at it from perspective -- and I don't 12 remember this coming up because I am in trial right 13 now -- but I was thinking about it. Is there any 14 They talk about offer, and that's the evidence? 15 09:30:44 defense perspective. But I would think -- are they 16 saying that it was offered and she somehow rejected 17 insurance coverage? 18 19 MR. SCHRAGER: That's correct. 20 THE COURT: Okay. 09:30:56 MR. SCHRAGER: That's correct. In fact, from 21 discovery the vast majority of defendant's employees do 22 reject it for reasons we can talk about later on. 23 24 THE COURT: All right. So you have this vast group of 25 MR. SCHRAGER: 09:31:08

employees who are being paid 7.25 but don't have the 09:31:10 insurance, right? Well, I know --3 Here -- and, well, here's the next THE COURT: 4 question I have then: If that was okay, why would they 09:31:18 have two tiers? That's exactly right. MR. SCHRAGER: second tier --THE COURT: Do you understand what I'm saying? It's like, okay. Why would you have two tiers if there 10 09:31:27 wasn't some meaning to the lower tier, i.e., hourly 11 wages plus health insurance? If you understand? 12 You see where I'm kind of going? 13 I do. I do. And that's --14 MR. SCHRAGER: THE COURT: Because if that was the case, then 15 09:31:44 it would be okay -- there would be one minimum wage and 16 everyone has to be offered health insurance 17 potentially. 18 I think the point that 19 MR. SCHRAGER: Yes. your Honor is making is that the lower tier has to have 20 09:31:54 substance. There has to be something in exchange for 21 losing that dollar. 22 23 THE COURT: Right. MR. SCHRAGER: Right. Okay. I mean, I can --24 I can go through the layers. You sort of skipped to 09:32:02 25

the last layer, which I think is the meaning of the 09:32:04 amendment at large. THE COURT: I mean, ultimately I have to look 3 at that, don't I? MR. SCHRAGER: Absolutely. 09:32:11 THE COURT: Because -- I will give you an 6 example. Because they are -- our US Supreme Court from the King versus Burwell case. You know, as it dealt with the Affordable Care Act. It's my -- I mean, I haven't read the entire decision, but I had great 10 09:32:24 interest this morning as I was getting up reading on my 11 iPad about the decision, and it appears that's one of 12 the thrust of our Supreme Court's decision that was 13 authored by Justice Roberts. He looked at the whole 14 act as part of this analysis. Because that also dealt 15 09:32:37 with --16 17 MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah. THE COURT: -- a few -- the meaning of a few 18 words. 19 20 MR. SCHRAGER: Three words. Exactly. 09:32:44 21 THE COURT: Exactly. MR. SCHRAGER: I had a chance this morning as 22 well, following it with interest. Also, and one of the 23 things Justice Roberts says is to the appellate -- to 24 the appellants in that matter, "It's simply implausible 25 09:32:55

that Congress intentioned the law to function the way 09:32:59 you're saying." THE COURT: Right. 3 MR. SCHRAGER: That's essentially the same 4 thing they're saying here. It's not plausible that the 09:33:04 voters of Nevada who approved this twice by an overwhelming version meant that the lower tier to mean essentially nothing. I think that's exactly right. Well, going back to the dictionary battles, which I know courts love, I actually turned it into a 10 09:33:17 thesaurus battle as well because -- to counter 11 defendant's definitions of what "provide" means. 12 looked up in the thesaurus what the synonyms of provide 13 would be. "Offer" doesn't appear, but there are dozens 14 of words that do appear. Words like administer, 15 09:33:34 bestow, impart, give over, maintain, render, sustain, 16 transfer, yield. 17 Your Honor, I even looked at the Latin. 18 Provide comes from the Latin *providere*, which means to 19 In other words, to anticipate a need and to 20 foresee. 09:33:51 meet it. There is substance to this. So I think that 21 just on the plain language, they're already behind the 22 eight ball with their -- you know, with their 23 definition, because provide has to mean something, and 24 the weight of that word is to give over some thing. 25 09:34:04

Right? Not really to offer something. 09:34:08 It doesn't even really work. You know, their 2 version of it doesn't even work in plain English. you were going to ask someone, "Sir, do you have health linsurance?" 09:34:17 "Yes, my offer -- my employee provides it." 6 "Ma'am, do you have health insurance?" 7 My offer -- my employer just provides 8 it." 10 That doesn't even make sense. You'd have to 09:34:25 ask, "What does that even mean? Do they provide it or 11 do they not?" 12 Now, a dictionary battle oftentimes will 13 indicate to the Court that there is ambiguity within 14 the text, but before we even get to full-blown 15 09:34:39 ambiguity, which allows the Court to look a matter of 16 things --17 THE COURT: Well, I mean, ultimately I have to 18 decide whether "provide" is ambiguous or not. 19 Absolutely. But before 20 MR. SCHRAGER: True. 09:34:48 you even get to that, I think courts need to still 21 struggle with trying to work it out from the language 22 itself. So what you do is you look at the surrounding 23 concepts, the way "provide" is situated in its 24 paragraph, the sentences that come before and after. 25 09:35:01

And I think that defendants would be forced to agree 09:35:02 with that, because even to get to the interpretation that "provide" means offer, it's an act of interpretation. Because flatly, your Honor, it doesn't say "offer." 09:35:12 The authors of the amendment could have simply 6 said, "You get 8.25 if your employer doesn't offer these benefits. You get 7.25 if your provider does offer those benefits." That's not the command; the command is provide. 10 09:35:27 But looking at it within its context just in 11 the language, provide within the language of the 12 amendment, there's the first sentences that say -- you 13 know, that contain the command. If you provide, you 14 pay this. If you don't provide, you pay that. 15 09:35:43 The next sentence reads, "Offering health 16 benefits within the meaning of this section shall 17 consist of making health insurance available to the 18 employee for the employee and the employee's dependents 19 at a total cost to the employee of premiums of not more 20 09:35:57 than 10 percent of employee's gross taxable income from 21 the employer." 22 Now, in defendant's interpretation, they're 23 saying that's what makes "offer" and "provide" 24 synonymous. It doesn't do that. In fact, it does 25 09:36:11

quite the opposite. If you read those two sentences, 09:36:15 1 or those three sentences really, the two provides and the offer together, what it's saying is you can offer one or three or a dozen different plans. In fact, it would be terrific if you did because that would give 09:36:28 the employees some choice among the range of options. That doesn't comply with the command. The command is to provide. Offering is a -- is precursory conduct to providing. But you must provide to meet the command of 10 the statute. 09:36:46 And, in fact, the use of offering in that 11 sentence precludes, under the rules of statutory 12 construction, that provide in the previous sentences 13 means to offer. Obviously the drafters of the 14 amendment knew what the word "offer" meant. They knew 15 09:36:59 how to use it. They didn't employee it. But if you 16 use two different words, statutory construction tells 17 us you mean two different concepts. 18 So right off the bat again, within just the 19 linguistic construct of that particular paragraph, 20 09:37:14 offering, which isn't even used as an -- it's an gerund 21 there. It's an act of offering -- is subsumed under 22 what you must actually do, which is provide the health 23 24 insurance. So that's sort of strike two. That's the 25 09:37:29

plain language, the meaning of provide. And number 09:37:32 two, the meaning of it linguistically within this particular paragraph. Now, if your Honor does find provide to be 4 ambiquous, then your Honor can go to sort of the 09:37:41 reason, the public policy, the sort of meaning and public understanding of the amendment itself. Now, the amendment was a remedial act of the people enacted for the benefit of Nevada's lowest paid workers. There's no question about that. We can argue over whether they 10 09:37:58 have its merits or must have a liberal construction. 11 Ι don't think it really matters here. What the thing is 12 is fairly clear. It was meant to raise the wages of 13 the lowest paid worker. Right now the federal minimum 14 wage is 7.25. In the absence of the minimum wage 15 09:38:13 16 amendment, every worker in Nevada would still be paid \$7.25. 17 Under the defendant's interpretation, merely 18 the act of offering reduces all those employees, 19 including Ms. Diaz, the plaintiff, their salaries down 20 09:38:28 They didn't get a raise. to the federal level. 21 got no benefits from the amendment. 22 23 Now, when you look at what the people 24 understood this thing to do when they enacted it, the way we read the amendment, it involves a set of 25 09:38:44

choices, a kind of a bargain. The employer gets the 09:38:49 choice of providing health insurance and paying a dollar less. The employee can give up that money, which is 4 12 percent of a minimum wage workers' wages from 8.25 09:39:02 It actually winds up being more because down to 7.25. if you accept the insurance, you have to pay for that So it's 20 percent. too. So that's the bargain. I think both sides agree that there's some sort of bargain involved here. 10 09:39:18 The employees get something out of this bargain. 11 What we disagree on is what that employee is supposed to 12 get. We know what the employer gets. The employer 13 gets to cut its wage bill. 14 What we disagree on is what is the thing the 15 09:39:34 employee gets? We say it's the health insurance. 16 You've given up a dollar a hour for every hour you 17 work, up to 20 percent of your wages for the thing --18 the thing you get is at least you have health 19 insurance. What they're saying is no, no. What you 20 09:39:47 get is the offer. The offer of insurance, and we 21 choose that may have no relation to your needs as an --22 as an employee, as a -- as a person, as a -- as a 23 father, as a wife, any of those things for your entire 24 family. All you get is the offer. 25 09:40:06

THE COURT: Well, I understand that. 09:40:08 1 this -- I keep coming back to -- I look at the overall constitutional scheme. And I say to myself, "All right. If the offer was the only critical issue, if I was to determine that 'provide' equals 'offer,' then 09:40:20 why have the two tiers? Just say every employee in the state of Nevada shall be offered health insurance." That's certainly would be much MR. SCHRAGER: 8 cleaner, and we wouldn't be here before you today. 10 THE COURT: But you see what I mean? 09:40:40 11 MR. SCHRAGER: No. Exactly. Right. THE COURT: And so -- and so -- I mean, that's 12 what I'm going to ask counsel. That's kind of how I 13 look at, the minimum wage is X amount. And every --14 every Nevada employer shall offer health insurance. 15 09:40:49 16 You know, why -- and so they can decide whether they want to take it or not, you know. And that's kind of 17 what I'm -- I'm kind of looking at because --18 19 MR. SCHRAGER: But they still get the wage. They still, yeah. But it would 20 THE COURT: 09:41:01 still be minimum wage. 21 MR. SCHRAGER: Right. But in this instance, 22 the interpretation from the other side is if we offer 23 it, we get the benefit no matter what. We get the 24 thing we bargained for, which is paying less wages. 25 09:41:11

You get the chance to enroll in a thing we call 09:41:14 insurance, regardless of the level of benefits or its quality or any of those things. And so, finally, your Honor --4 THE COURT: So upon what circumstance would 09:41:23 the 8.25 even apply? 7 Some employers do not bother to MR. SCHRAGER: offer or provide health insurance at all. THE COURT: I understand. MR. SCHRAGER: They just pay the 8.25. 10 09:41:36 think that's because -- the proper understanding of the 11 minimum wage amendment was the employer was exposed to 12 do an economical calculus. 13 There's a 10 percent cap on the premiums, right? Insurance for my employees may 14 cost more than that. If so, I, as the employer, have 15 09:41:51 16 to pay that because I'm providing it. Right? So they would do the math and say it's worth it to me to just 17 pay the extra dollar because I come out ahead as 18 opposed to paying the 7.25, getting that dollar back, 19 but I have to pay the insurance premiums that overrun 20 09:42:06 10 percent. That was the calculation that was embedded 21 in the minimum wage amendment. Right? 22 What happened, and I think what leads us to 23 the absurd result the Court needs to avoid is that by 24 saying all you merely to do is offer this insurance. 25 09:42:20

09:42:24	1	Right? Employers are offering really substandard
	2	benefits. And, you know, minimum wage employees are
	3	poor, your Honor. They're not stupid. They know a bad
	4	deal. When they see lousy insurance, they don't take
09:42:36	5	it because frankly in the ACA anyway, we have to go by
	6	insurance anyway or you have to pay the taxes on them.
	7	Even before the ACA, you still wanted good insurance
	8	for your family.
	9	THE COURT: Well, I think I think the ACA
09:42:49	10	redefined what is health insurance.
	11	MR. SCHRAGER: It did.
	12	THE COURT: You know, because it specifically
	13	focused on the quality of the coverage offered. And
	14	prior to the ACA, there was no regulations as to what
09:43:02	15	was specifically contained in health insurance.
	16	MR. SCHRAGER: Well, there is, your Honor.
	17	In in NRS 689(a)
	18	THE COURT: Yeah.
	19	MR. SCHRAGER: Sorry.
09:43:10	20	THE COURT: I understand. But, I mean, that
	21	would vary from state to state.
	22	MR. SCHRAGER: Sure. Absolutely.
	23	THE COURT: Yeah. I get that.
	24	MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah. Yeah. So the absurd
09:43:17	25	result is the loophole that is opened up offers

employers the benefit of paying less, and employees 09:43:20 like Ms. Diaz frankly get nothing. They're offered insurance that they reject, if it's even insurance. And now they have less money in their pocket to go and insure their families that they still need to do, 09:43:33 whether it's under the ACA or because they care about themselves or their family. Right? People need health insurance. You know, to paraphrase Justice Roberts again, that can't be what was intended. Right? This was a 10 09:43:44 remedial measure for the benefit of these people, and 11 there's no benefit inuring to these people in this 12 particular context. 13 So in the ways that we've looked at the 14 language and the meaning and the policy of the 15 09:43:57 amendment, there's not much that inures to the benefit 16 of defendant's argument. I think what they have are 17 the administrative regulations. 18 So we can talk about those for a moment if 19 you'd like. 20 09:44:09 21 THE COURT: Yeah, we can. MR. SCHRAGER: We filed suit a year ago 22 against the labor commissioner seeking to invalidate a 23 number of these regulations. That's still pending. 24 There's a hearing in August in front of Judge Wilson up 25 09:44:20

09:44:22	1	in Carson City, so we know a little bit about how these
	2	regulations came to be and what they're supposed to
	3	mean. And it's interesting to watch the developments
	4	back in '06 and '07 when the amendment was enacted
09:44:34	5	THE COURT: Sir, I can tell you this, that if
	6	the regulation is contrary to the to the grant of
	7	authority or the Constitution, it's problematic.
	8	MR. SCHRAGER: Okay.
	9	THE COURT: I get that.
09:44:44	10	MR. SCHRAGER: I can submit on that then if
	11	you like, your Honor.
	12	THE COURT: I mean, I understand that.
	13	MR. SCHRAGER: Sure.
	14	THE COURT: I mean, this is an administrative
09:44:50	15	agency, and whatever authority it has is granted to it
	16	from the law.
	17	MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah.
	18	THE COURT: And it can't whatever
	19	whatever regulations it puts into place can't be
09:44:59	20	contrary to the Constitution or the statutory scheme.
	21	That's pretty much easy stuff there.
	22	MR. SCHRAGER: I'll submit on that, your
	23	Honor.
	24	Thank you.
09:45:06	25	THE COURT: Sir.

I think your Honor has already MR. PAEK: 09:45:10 1 touched on some of the problems with plaintiff's arguments. As your Honor said, you have to look at the overall constitutional scheme. And your Honor posed a question that plaintiffs can't really answer is, Well, 09:45:23 under the way the scheme is written, how does the 8.25 upper rate work then if it works the way you're saying? How would an employer be able to comply with that? why doesn't the constitutional amendment, the minimum wage amendment, just write something to the effect of 10 09:45:38 all employees get 8.25? 11 12 THE COURT: No, no. That's not what I said. What I said was this: If you take a look at the way, I 13 guess, you're requesting me to interpret the 14 constitutional amendment, why is it -- why would there 15 09:45:51 be two tiers? Because if I interpreted it that way, 16 all the -- all that would be required is this: 17 minimum wage of 7.25. However, you must offer health 18 insurance. So, in essence, why would there be a second 19 What's the incentive? What's the motivation? tier? 20 09:46:10 Why was that even placed there? 21 And, I quess, furthermore, upon what 22 circumstances would someone ever get paid the 8.25 per 23 24 hour. 25 MR. PAEK: Yes. 09:46:22

THE COURT: The mandate. 09:46:23 1 And I think what is being sort of 2 MR. PAEK: glossed over here is that second sentence in the 3 minimum wage amendment, your Honor. I mean, really we're talking about two sentences in the minimum wage 09:46:34 amendment, the second sentence and the third sentence. 7 And in the dictionary battles we've had in our briefing, your Honor, what we've submitted to the Court is that an offer means simply to make available. And that is exactly in line with that second sentence. 10 09:46:48 says "offering health benefits within the meaning of 11 this section shall consistent of, quote, making health 12 insurance available." That's what that means. 13 What they want is that first sentence to be 14 read in a vacuum. And that can't be done, your Honor. 15 09:47:08 16 It has to be read together. If we want to read that first sentence about "provide" without that second 17 sentence about "offering," then we wouldn't even be 18 The defendants could argue, "Well, in that first 19 here. sentence, it clearly says that the upper tier rate is 20 09:47:21 6.15 an hour. And we know from discovery that all the 21 defendants paid above \$7 an hour, so there is no 22 liability." 23 24 That's, of course, not the case, your Honor. THE COURT: I understand that, but no one has 25 09:47:34

answered me this question: Why is the upper tier rate 09:47:35 in the constitutional amendment if it wasn't meant to have some force and effect? Because if I -- if you're telling me, "All it has to do is be an offer," then under what circumstances would an employer be forced to 09:47:47 pay 8.25 a hour? When they -- the -- the upper tier 7 MR. PAEK: rate, your Honor? THE COURT: Upper tier right. The upper tier --MR. PAEK: 10 09:47:57 Because if I follow -- I'm 11 THE COURT: listening to your logic. If all it is is an offer 12 then, I guess, it would be this simple: You pay the 13 lower tier rate and all you have to do is offer health 14 And then if they reject it or whatever, I insurance. 09:48:08 15 quess, the factual scenario would be, there would never 16 be an 8.25 a hour upper tier rate. 17 18 MR. PAEK: Because some of the employers doesn't offer health insurance, your Honor. 19 employers have an entirely -- very minimal part-time 20 09:48:22 hourly work force, and they just don't offer health 21 insurance in any form. And that's where it is. 22 23 mean --24 THE COURT: So they're treated differently, the smaller guy than the bigger guy under the 25 09:48:32

Constitution. So if you have a small business and 09:48:36 can't afford to have -- to offer health insurance, you get treated differently than a larger business that can afford to offer health insurance, because as long as they offer, they get 7.25 an hour under that analysis. 09:48:49 The little guy who can't afford to offer, he's stuck with paying 8.25 a hour under all circumstances. Well, I'm not sure if the little MR. PAEK: 8 quy always doesn't offer, your Honor. THE COURT: But you just said that. 10 09:49:03 people, small businesses don't offer health insurance. 11 And so if you're --12 13 MR. PAEK: But --THE COURT: If you have a small law firm, and 14 you can't afford to offer health insurance or you have 15 09:49:09 a small mom-and-pop shop, you can't afford to offer 16 health insurance because its prices are just too high, 17 then you're forever stuck with 8.25 an hour; whereas 18 you got a bigger business that can afford to offer 19 health insurance however, and -- and whether -- they 20 09:49:25 just offer it and the employee doesn't accept, then 21 they can get by and pay 7.25. 22 23 MR. PAEK: And, your Honor, we don't have the benefit of legislative history to know whether or not 24 that was the analysis done by the legislature, but 25 09:49:42

that's how -- that's how the minimum wage amendment was 09:49:45 written. I mean, that's the care that they put out there was the offer of health insurance. And that's what we get back to is that --THE COURT: But doesn't your analysis --09:49:55 doesn't your position create two tiers of employers. Some that -- if you can't afford to offer health insurance, you're forever stuck at 8.25? Right? missing something here? 10 MR. SCHRAGER: No. That's right. 09:50:07 MR. PAEK: You can -- you can always decide to 11 offer health insurance. 12 THE COURT: But what if you can't afford? You 13 know, you have a small landscaping company. I mean, 14 that's probably a really good example, you know, that 15 09:50:15 just can't afford. You have low skill labor. And you 16 just, you know, you have small margins, putting in 17 landscape, not doing hardship. Nothing really 18 sophisticated. 19 Convenience store, same thing. 20 MR. SCHRAGER: 09:50:30 Well, sometimes convenience stores 21 THE COURT: make pretty good money. 22 23 MR. SCHRAGER: True. THE COURT: But I'm using a landscaping 24 company because I think that's probably a good analogy 25 09:50:36

there. And so, you know, the -- the guy with the small 09:50:39 landscaping company, he's stuck at 8.25 a hour. Right? MR. PAEK: The reality of the minimum wage 3 amendment, your Honor, is that if you offer health insurance, that is possible under that scenario, yes. 09:50:55 But like I said, I mean, that is what the legislature set out in its minimum wage amendment. And what plaintiff can't get around, your Honor --THE COURT: But this was actually voted on by the people, right? 10 09:51:10 And what they can't get 11 MR. PAEK: Yes. around is even that first sentence -- I mean that 12 second sentence which starts out "The rate shall be 13 \$5.50 an hour, " it says after the comma, "if the 14 employer provides health insurance as described 15 09:51:22 herein." So that sentence right there, "as described 16 herein, " that can only mean --17 THE COURT: So here is my question for you, 18 Counsel. When you started working at your law firm and 19 they said, "Look, we're going to provide health 20 09:51:34 insurance, " did you look at that as an offer or that as 21 a benefit when you work at a law firm? Really. I 22 mean, that's kind of -- I mean, we can talk about 23 offering. But, I mean, if I go -- I'm seeking 24 employment, and I said, okay, I'm looking at the 25 09:51:48

employee manual, right? And it says "provide." 09:51:50 don't look at that as being an offer of health insurance. I said -- I'm going to look at that as saying, "Look, this company that I potentially can work for is going to provide me health coverage." 09:52:02 Wouldn't that be the simple plain meaning, 6 "provide"? Well, your Honor, that's what we're MR. PAEK: 8 getting into when we've got into the deposition of the plaintiffs, as to whether or not someone actually 10 09:52:13 enrolls in health insurance depends on a lot of 11 factors. That depends on a lot of factors that has 12 nothing to do with the -- with the making available of 13 health insurance. That has to do with whether or not 14 you're still covered by your parents' insurance, 15 09:52:25 16 whether or not your spouse has better health insurance. I mean, the factors that go into that decision is 17 individualized to be from what we've seen in the 18 deposition thus far. 19 So what that gets back to, your Honor, as I 20 09:52:40 was saying, in the minimum wage amendment, it says, "If 21 the employer provides health benefits as described 22 herein." So as described --23 THE COURT: But see my question is this. 24 Okay. I understand that might be an individualized 25 09:52:52

choice. Say hypothetically the ACA was in -- in effect 09:52:54 at the time. You had a college student working. The college student is 23 years old. Under the ACA -- and their parent has a good job, and their parents have health insurance. And so they're on their parents' 09:53:10 So under those -- under those circumstances, if plan. the employer didn't provide health insurance, then I would think the proper analysis would be the minimum wage for that 22-, 23-, 24-year-old college student 10 would be 8.25 an hour. 09:53:27 MR. PAEK: Well, if you're looking at whether 11 or not -- that's under the ACA, your Honor, which was 12 not enacted at the time. 13 THE COURT: No, but -- didn't I say 14 hypothetically? Didn't I say hypothetically? 15 09:53:38 16 MR. PAEK: Yes, your Honor. I think that was just a real good THE COURT: 17 example I wanted to use because, I mean, we all know --18 and I realize that probably -- I don't know if it was 19 in effect at the time this -- and that's really not an 20 09:53:47 issue I'm focusing on. But I think I was using that to 21 illustrate a point. That's all. 22 23 MR. PAEK: I --24 THE COURT: Because you indicated that it was an individual choice, and I get that. Sometimes you 25 09:53:58

can have someone who is working and they're -- and we 09:54:00 don't have to talk about the ACA. But say they're a government employee and they have health insurance with the government, and we can use the county as an And the main bread winner is -- has a great example. 09:54:11 package. It's my understanding the county has a great package. I'm not with the county. I'm with the state. Mine isn't as good, you know. But they have their spouse or significant other on their health insurance and they're working 10 09:54:27 part-time. Right? And so the question might be -- or 11 they're working, I guess, a minimum wage job. 12 probably a better way to say it. Are they -- are you 13 saying that if under your scenario they shouldn't be 14 paid 8.25 an hour as long as health insurance was 15 09:54:44 offered? Does that make sense? 16 Yes. And the answer is yes. 17 MR. SCHRAGER: That's what you said, but I'll let him say it. 18 MR. PAEK: So if I understand your Honor 19 correctly, you're saying --20 09:55:02 I just wanted to change it where 21 THE COURT: we didn't get confused with the ACA. That's all. 22 I mean, the ACA is not an 23 MR. PAEK: Yeah. issue with the minimum wage amendment. That's the key 24 for that scenario, your Honor. 25 09:55:15

THE COURT: Well, that's why I went with 1 09:55:16 one -- a scenario without the ACA. I mean, I understand what your MR. PAEK: 3 Honor is saying, and the thing is under the minimum wage amendment, we don't have an explanation as to what 09:55:23 happened to this scenario or that scenario. have is the plain language of the minimum wage amendment and the regulations that were promulgated afterwards. And everything supports what the plain language of the minimum wage amendment holds, which is 10 09:55:35 an offer of insurance to make available. 11 That is in the language of it minimum wage amendment. That's in 12 the language of all the labor commissioners' 13 regulations, starting with NAC 608.100. 14 It talks about a minimum wage is one rate, 15 09:55:49 5.15 if it's -- if an employee is offered qualified 16 health insurance, and it's 6.15 if an employee is not 17 offered qualified health insurance. And that's 18 reinforced by NAC 608.102, which actually restates that 19 a health insurance plan must be, quote, made available 20 09:56:10 to the employee. And it says that compliance is when 21 an employer contracts for or otherwise maintains the 22 health insurance plan for a class of employees. 23 24 Furthermore, NAC 608.106, the labor commissioner's regulation on declination of insurance, 25 09:56:33

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contemplates an employee who is actually offered health
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            insurance and doesn't enroll and just simply declines
            it. All of that --
                     THE COURT: So when he declines, he doesn't
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                     MR. PAEK: Yes.
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                     THE COURT: Okay.
                     MR. PAEK: He's still at the lower tier
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           because he was offered the health insurance, and that's
            how the employer is in compliance by -- so that's the
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            distinction right there.
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                     THE COURT: So why have the two tiers then?
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                     MR. PAEK: It's for employers who don't offer
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           health insurance at all. That's the difference, your
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                     THE COURT: And we're going to treat them
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commissioner or any reason to show why the labor 09:57:23 commissioner's regulations contradict the offer language in the minimum wage amendment. What's really going on here, your Honor, is 4 that -- and this Court has looked back to plaintiff's 09:57:37 complaint in a previous hearing. If you look back to their complaint, what really happened is that the main plaintiff who is bringing this motion for partial summary judgment, Diaz, she was -- she alleged in her complaint that she was never offered insurance. 10 09:57:53 what happened was during depositions and discovery, 11 that was discovered to be not true. 12 Plaintiff Diaz was indeed offered insurance, 13 and she couldn't -- she couldn't explain away her 14 execution of a declination form. So what happened is 09:58:10 15 plaintiff modified their theory, your Honor. And they 16 modified their theory, and they want this Court to 17 ignore the plain language that's in those two 18 19 sentences. They want this Court to ignore the regulation 20 09:58:21 promulgated by the labor commissioner, which is really 21 interesting, your Honor, because if you look at 22 plaintiff's complaints, the first cause of action is 23 for a violation of Nevada Constitution Article 15, 24 Section 16. But that very second cause of action, your 25 09:58:36

Honor, is violation of Article 15, Section 16 and 09:58:39 NAC 608.102. They have built in the labor commissioner's 3 regulation into their cause of action. And now they're saying that the labor commissioner regulation doesn't 09:58:50 matter. Plaintiff's offer no explanation for that, for that contradictory position of how they can ask this Court to not consider the labor commissioner's regulations regarding offer while simultaneously 10 09:59:08 ignoring that same language that's built into the face 11 of their complaint. 12 THE COURT: So what's the bottom line as far 13 as that is concerned, sir? What am I -- what's your 14 position? 15 09:59:24 MR. PAEK: Our position is, your Honor, that 16 the plain language under the minimum wage amendment 17 sets forth exactly what we say it sets forth, that 18 offering of health benefits means just making health 19 insurance available, as it says in the minimum wage 20 09:59:35 amendment. And that's also supported by all the 21 regulations of the labor commissioner. And really what 22 that leads us to, your Honor, is we've touched on some 23 policy considerations, but we've already -- we've also 24 brought this up in our moving papers or our opposition 25 09:59:49

papers that there is a due process issue here for 09:59:52 employers, your Honor. The labor commissioner promulgated those regulations after the passage of the minimum wage amendment, and interpreted those regulations and interpreted what it meant for an 10:00:03 employer to offer insurance, what it meant when an employee declined insurance. Employers in this state have been relying on 8 those regulations for nine years, your Honor. For nine years. And now what they want is they want to go 10 10:00:17 retroactively and say you should have never listened to 11 the Nevada labor commissioner. And that's problematic, 12 your Honor, for employers. For employers trying to get 13 some guidance. 14 I mean, we've been sitting here scouring these 15 10:00:29 two sentences trying to develop what they -- what their 16 I mean, if employers can't rely on the meaning is. 17 regulations of the labor commissioner, which tells them 18 what they need to do, how they need to offer it? 19 What they need to make available, then what are the 20 10:00:47 employers to do, your Honor? That's a problem we have 21 here. And that's why they're really -- what they're --22 what they want this Court to adopt will have 23 far-reaching consequences to all those employers who 24 have be relying on them. 25 10:01:00

Again, your Honor, it's been nine years. 1 10:01:01 years that they've -- that they've thought if we offer health insurance, we get to pay the lower tier. that's it in a nutshell, your Honor. THE COURT: I understand. I do. 10:01:13 And I'll be happy to address any MR. PAEK: 6 questions your Honor has or any points that you'd like me to bring up, counterpoints to what plaintiffs have argued here today as well. THE COURT: I understand. 10 10:01:24 11 Sir. MR. SCHRAGER: Your Honor, I don't know how 12 much more I could add. I think that the discussion has 13 been frank and your Honor's questions have been on 14 point. Basic question, what is the mandate of the 15 10:01:32 Constitution? What do you have to do? You have to 16 provide --17 What do I do with the -- and I 18 THE COURT: don't recall in great detail this. But it appears to 19 me that the regulations -- normally when I look at the 20 10:01:45 impact of a statute or constitutional amendment that 21 specifically deals with the substantive right, they 22 are, you know -- I don't really have to conduct a 23 prospective versus retroactive application because, you 24 know, we're talking about a substantive right. 25 And 10:02:11

sometimes I do have to go into the procedural versus 10:02:13 substantive right analysis. I look at this, the amendment was nine years ago. So a substantive right was created with the employees potentially. Now, the next question is this. And this is 10:02:24 where it gets a little murky. What do you do when there's been regulations promulgated and say hypothetically we -- and this is just for sake of argument. This doesn't mean this is how I'm going to rule. I just want to tell you that. 10 10:02:38 What do you do if the -- if potentially --11 because I know the regulations are being attacked, I 12 quess, in Carson City. 13 14 Is that correct? 15 MR. SCHRAGER: Correct. 10:02:45 THE COURT: Now, what happens under those 16 circumstances? Because that's that different analysis. 17 Because normally I wouldn't be concerned about it if it 18 was a substantive right. Whenever the law goes into 19 effect, that's -- it moves forward from that standpoint 20 10:02:57 But what do you do when you have regulations that 21 are -- that murky it up? And you can respond to that. 22 MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah. I will -- I will -- I 23 think -- it's instructed for me to get very briefly --24 THE COURT: Very fascinating issue. 25 10:03:11

Absolutely. 1 MR. SCHRAGER: 10:03:13 But the story of the development of the 2 regulations. The minimum wage amendment came into 3 effect late November 2006. THE COURT: Right. 10:03:22 MR. SCHRAGER: It had already passed the one 6 in 2004 by a very wide margin. It was quite clear that it was going to pass again and become law in November There were attorney general's opinions issue. of 2006. There were questions from the labor commissioner. 10 10:03:33 There was preparation for this. 11 Immediately after the amendment was enacted, 12 the labor commissioner at the time enacted emergency 13 regulations because there wasn't time to go through the 14 whole process of public comment and all the things you 15 10:03:46 have to do to enact a rule. What the emergency 16 regulation said and sort of first blush of we have to 17 give people guidance what to do under this said 18 "provide." There was no mention of offering. Provide 19 health insurance. And if you go through all the labor 20 10:04:02 alerts the law firms put out and all the things they 21 say to tell people what to do, it's "Bud, you better go 22 get insurance for these people or you got to pay them 23 8.25, or until you figure out what to do with it. 24 give them 8.25." 25 10:04:17

I understand. 1 THE COURT: 10:04:18 2 MR. SCHRAGER: Right? Over the process of the next year -- and I can 3 only call it subject to lobbying because minimum wage workers don't have lobbyists, your Honor. 10:04:25 temporary regulations morphed into more employer friendly -- the permanent regulations are the ones before you. They've never been amended. They say, "Yeah. All you got to do is offer." That's the story of how we got here. Right? 10 10:04:38 11 The labor commissioner is not a lawmaker. And the one case that I -- that I remember that sort of 12 touches on this point, if you remember back in 2008, 13 the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority was 14 trying to put a measure on the ballot. And they went 15 10:04:48 to the Secretary of State to get all their materials, 16 and you have the petition, the data, all those things. 17 The Secretary of State said, "There you go. Off you 18 go. Go get your signatures." Comes back. 19 challenged because the form didn't fit the statute. 20 Ιt 10:05:04 didn't have all the language you needed under the 21 22 statute. THE COURT: I understand. 23 24 MR. SCHRAGER: What the Supreme Court said was, "You don't get to rely on that. Your first duty 25 10:05:14

is the law. You come before me. You don't get to 10:05:17 rely -- the Secretary of State is not the lawmaker. Now, if you came to the Secretary of State on an administrative complaint, maybe it will go one way. We're here to enforce the law. And you have that 10:05:28 responsibility. So the fact that you relied on that isn't going to do you any good" and all those signatures were thrown out. Here we're not even talking about the statute. We're talking about the Constitution. 10 10:05:38 I understand. 11 THE COURT: MR. SCHRAGER: 12 Right? The first duty not only of any employer, but 13 of the Court, is to enforce the words that are on that 14 Given also the fact that there is, you know, 15 10:05:46 this sort of murky development over time where the end 16 product is particularly employer friendly as opposed to 17 the language of the actual Constitution, I don't think 18 we are talking about much deference. I mean, I think 19 the only question you're talking about now is 20 10:06:01 prospective versus retroactive. 21 22 THE COURT: Exactly. MR. SCHRAGER: Okay. In this context of this 23 particular case, there are many reasons why defendants 24 are liable to these employees. The first one is the 25 10:06:10

thing they offered wasn't even insurance. It doesn't 10:06:13 meet any basic standards under law to be offered. Right? It doesn't matter if anybody accepted it, if anybody declined it. It wasn't offered, it doesn't 10:06:22 The thing itself is inadequate under law. matter. That will exist after your ruling no matter what it is. If your ruling is, prospectively, pay everybody 8.25, I'll live with that. That's a good day's work, because we've done that and we still have 10 10:06:39 the underlying claim, which is it doesn't matter 11 whether you offered or provided this junk insurance to 12 everybody for the past four years, you're still liable 13 to them. 14 So frankly in a practical sense, it doesn't 15 10:06:52 really matter to me. In a legal sense, I think there 16 is something in complying first with the Constitution 17 that is your responsibility. If you're going to take 18 advantage of the privilege under the Constitution there 19 is something to that that should interest your Honor. 20 10:07:06 21 That's my answer. 22 THE COURT: I understand. Sir, you get to comment on this. 23 MR. PAEK: Yes. 24 And I think -- I think, your Honor, what we're 25 10:07:14

missing here is that the Constitution said "offering" 10:07:17 means "make available." And after that whether or not there was as back-and-forth, that's how all laws are Whether -- I mean, but at the end of the day made. there's nothing in the labor commissioner of regulation 10:07:31 that it's out of place with the Constitution, your Honor. It expands on top of what the offer is. And it just repeats it. It just repeats it throughout the regulation, that offering means makes available. That's directly from the minimum wage amendment. 10 10:07:46 I believe there's one, two, three, four -- at 11 least four different areas in the NAC regulation which 12 just talks about offer or makes available, and that is 13 taken directly from the minimum wage amendment. So I 14 guess I'm a little lost on what counsel's point is, 10:08:06 15 other than maybe employers should have ignored the 16 labor commissioner's regulation, should have ignored 17 the language of the Constitution, and should have 18 somehow read in more to, well, this can't be -- this 19 can't be what it is. I mean, that's -- that's 10:08:22 20 plaintiff's counsel's theory of the case that came 21 about after they discovered one of their plaintiffs was 22 never -- was indeed offered insurance when she claimed 23 she wasn't. And now they've developed this theory 24 further. And that's fine. 25 10:08:37

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But that -- that doesn't -- if you go back to when the employers first saw this law pass and first relied on those regulations, that does nothing for those employers. How are they supposed to know? And that's the question they can't answer.

Because they're -- because until this lawsuit happened, and until -- this is the first time these theories have been thrown out there, your Honor, is through our moving papers and our briefing. This was never in front of the labor commissioner's regulations or how "provide" can't mean "to make available." It's got to be something more than that. Where is that cited, your Honor? There's nothing in their moving papers that cites that from any source, including all the extrinsic sources that they cited.

So that's the problem we have herein. We can't get around the plain language of the minimum wage amendment. They can't get around that third sentence in the minimum wage amendment. And they can't get around the regulations that have been promulgated, and they have no contrary authority, your Honor. So that's where we're at.

And that's the issue before this Court as to whether or not all these employers should be punished for -- for complying with what they thought was correct

at the time. 10:09:45 THE COURT: I -- I just want to make sure. mean, my ultimate decision will not -- I'm not looking upon it as to whether the employers are going to be punished or not. It's going to focus solely on the 10:09:54 application of the constitutional amendment. And I'm going to take a look at the regulations. And as far as the application of regulations 8 or not, understand, whatever grant of authority the labor commission has, it's limited to the 10 10:10:16 constitutional amendment. That's basically what it 11 comes down to. So I'm going to make a decision based 12 upon that. 13 The thrust of my question was this -- before 14 that, was, What about retroactive versus prospective 15 10:10:28 16 application? Because you brought up a somewhat important point. What happens under this scenario 17 where you have employers in the state of Nevada that 18 have relied upon the regulations of the labor 19 commissioner. And that's what I was thinking about. 20 10:10:44 And counsel even said, "Well, if it was 21 prospective, he can live with that, " you know. Because 22 I was concerned about what about the retroactive 23 24 application. This is a complex issue, sir. It's one of 25 10:10:55

10:10:57	1	first impression. I'm going to sit down and really
	2	think about it.
	3	MR. PAEK: Understood, your Honor.
	4	THE COURT: Yeah. Last word. Anything you
10:11:02	5	want to add?
	6	MR. SCHRAGER: No, your Honor. I mean, there
	7	are you know, there are factual assertions here that
	8	obviously we don't agree with. I don't think they've
	9	been part of your Honor's considerations, so we'll
10:11:12	10	submit on that.
	11	THE COURT: All right. Is there anything
	12	pressing that I need to know about as far as this case
	13	is concerned right now, from a time constant?
	14	MR. SCHRAGER: We have we filed a motion
10:11:20	15	for class certification last month. I believe the
	16	opposition is due today even.
	17	MR. PAEK: Yes. That will be filed today.
	18	THE COURT: Okay. So there's nothing pending?
	19	MR. SCHRAGER: July 9th, two weeks from now
10:11:30	20	we'll be back before you.
	21	THE COURT: All right. I understand. I'll
	22	try to get something done before the 9th.
	23	MR. PAEK: Thank you, your Honor.
	24	MR. SCHRAGER: Thank you, your Honor.
10:11:36	25	THE COURT: Have a nice day, everyone.

10:11:38	1	MR. SCHRAGER: Thank you.
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#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- After review and consideration of the record, the points and authorities on file herein, and oral argument of counsel, COURT ORDERED, Plaintiffs' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Liability as to Plaintiff Paulette Diaz's First Claim for Relief GRANTED as follows:

The language of the Nevada Minimum Wage Amendment is unambiguous: An employer must actually provide, supply, or furnish qualifying health insurance to an employee as a precondition to paying that employee the lower-tier hourly minimum wage in the sum of \$7.25 per hour. Merely offering health insurance coverage is insufficient. As a result, COURT ORDERED, Plaintiffs' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Liability as to Plaintiff Paulette Diaz's First Claim for Relief GRANTED; Counsel for the prevailing party shall prepare the appropriate Order in accordance with this Minute Order and the record on file herein. This is to be submitted to adverse counsel for review and approval and/or submission of a competing Order or objections, prior to submitting to the Court for review and signature.

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was placed in the attorney folder(s) of: Kathryn Blakey, Esq. (Littler Mendelson) and Daniel Bravo, Esq. (Wolf, R,S,S & R LLP)./ls 7-1-15

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## NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR PARTIAL 3 SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON LIABILITY AS TO PLAINTIFF PAULETTE DIAZ'S FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF was entered in the above-captioned matter on the 17th day of July, 2015. A copy of the ORDER is attached hereto.

DATED this 17th day of July, 2015.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 17th day of July, 2015, a true and correct copy of NOTICE OF 3 ENTRY OF ORDER was served by electronically filing with the Clerk of the Court using the Wiznet Electronic Service system and serving all parties with an email-address on record, pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and Rule 9 of the N.E.F.C.R.

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themselves and all similarly-situated individuals.

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ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON LIABILITY AS TO PLAINTIFF PAULETTE DIAZ'S FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Hearing Date: June 25, 2015 Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

On April 24, 2015, Plaintiff Paulette Diaz filed her Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Liability as to her First Claim for Relief. On May 22, 2015, Defendants filed their Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion. On June 5, 2015, Plaintiffs filed their Reply in Support of their Motion. On

June 25, 2015, the Court held a hearing on Plaintiffs' Motion, Bradley S. Schrager, Esq., Jordan J.

Butler, Esq., and Daniel Bravo, Esq. appearing for Plaintiffs, and Montgomery Y. Paek, Esq. and

26 Kathryn B. Blakey, Esq. appearing for Defendants.

After review and consideration of the record, the points and authorities on file herein, and oral argument of counsel, the Court finds the following facts and states the following conclusions

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 The language of the Minimum Wage Amendment, Nev. Const. art. XV, § 16, is unambiguous: An employer must actually provide, supply, or furnish qualifying health insurance to an employee as a precondition to paying that employee the lower-tier hourly minimum wage in the sum of \$7.25 per hour. Merely offering health insurance coverage is insufficient.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

 This Court finds under the Minimum Wage Amendment, Nev. Const. art. XV, § 16, that for an employer to "provide" health benefits, an employee must actually enroll in health insurance that is offered by the employer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff Paulette Diaz's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Liability as to her First Claim for Relief is GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 15th day of July , 2015.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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# LAS VEGAS, NEVADA; THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015 1 2 9:36 A.M. 3 PROCEEDINGS 4 5 THE COURT: Diaz v MDC. 6 MR. PAEK: Good morning. Montgomery Paek of 7 Littler Mendelson for the defendant. MR. BLAKEY: Kathryn Blakey, Littler Mendelson on behalf of the defendants. 10 09:36:31 MR. SCHRAGER: Good morning, your Honor. 11 Bradley Schrager for plaintiffs. 12 MR. SPRINGMEYER: Don Springmeyer for 13 14 plaintiff. Good morning. MR. BRAVO: Daniel Bravo for plaintiffs. Good 15 09:36:39 morning. 16 THE COURT: All right. Good morning to 17 everyone. And this is plaintiffs' motion for class 18 certification pursuant to Rule 23. 19 Thank you, your Honor. 20 MR. SCHRAGER: 09:36:51 THE COURT: 21 Is that correct, sir? 22 MR. SCHRAGER: Yes, your Honor. By way of introduction we find this to be among the range of 23 possible class certification decisions that would come 24 before you a fairly straightforward one, and we tried 25 09:37:06

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to demonstrate that in our pleadings that from A to B is a fairly short trip.

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So your Honor is familiar with the basic allegations in the complaint. We've been here before in front of you for a number of hearings. It has to do with the payment of the minimum wage under the minimum wage amendment.

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Now we've asked for certification of a class action of all current and former employees of defendants and at all Nevada locations at any time during the applicable period of limitation who were compensated at less than the upper tier hourly minimum wage set forth in the minimum wage amendment.

Now reading that now that sort of perfectly

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captures in a lawyerly way exactly who we're trying to focus the class upon. All those people that defendants 16 paid less than 8.25 going back four years from the, from the filing of the complaint. I certainly, you know, reading that now in thinking about a potential 19 notice to the class understand that there's maybe a

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20 more simple way to put that as far as due process 21 concerns so that individuals will know very easily 22 whether they're in or out of the class and whether they 23

wish to opt out of the class and exercise those rights.

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So we certainly wouldn't be opposed to putting

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in the actual amount, for example, so that someone can 09:38:23 look at it and say, hey, I wasn't paid 8.25. I must be part of that. I think now that we have a statute of limitations determination, it's -- we wouldn't object to putting in the actual date --09:38:36 I'm not really as concerned. 6 THE COURT: mean, as far as statute of limitations are concerned, I mean, there's a tolling provision when you file a class action. I get that --10 MR. SCHRAGER: Okay. 09:38:46 THE COURT: -- as far as putative class 11 members are concerned and its impact on the -- the 12 impact on the statute of limitations. 13 Here's my real concern, and it was addressed 14 by the defense in this matter: 15 09:38:56 One of the primary focuses I have to really 16 look at when it comes to class action litigation, and I 17 think it's really often overlooked, and it's probably 18 one of the most important components that is the class 19 definition, you know. And so the defense is taking a 20 09:39:14 position, they're saying, Look, Judge, No. 1 -- and, I 21 guess, this is going to their adequacy argument based 22 upon another motion that's currently pending. 23 One of the things I -- that always served me 24 very well when it comes to class action cases from a 25 09:39:31

decision-making standpoint is this, and understand I 09:39:34 think I've only had two successful class action certification in construction defect litigation which is extremely difficult to do. MR. SCHRAGER: Yes. It's a slightly different 09:39:45 situation. 7 THE COURT: It's a much more difficult burden --MR. SCHRAGER: Right. THE COURT: -- because of Chapter 40 and 10 09:39:52 specifically what Chapter 40 relates to and the lack of 11 generalized proof and the like because of the, you 12 know, they're single family homes and homes are unique 13 and so on and so, so it's very tough to class certify 14 those. 15 09:40:10 16 MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah. THE COURT: However, I've done two, and they 17 both withstood scrutiny of our Nevada Supreme Court. 18 But one of them that settled. I can kind of 19 talk about it in certain respects. One of the big 20 09:40:20 concerns I had in the beginning was class definition. 21 I made them go back and work on it. Lo and behold, 22 they tweaked it some, and ultimately I certified it, 23 but when it certified, it withstood scrutiny of the 24 Nevada Supreme Court. Does everybody understand that? 25 09:40:37

Because they sent it back to me and the case resolved. 09:40:38 So when I look at this definition, I think we 2 have to be really more specific. So like I said before, the class members know specifically in looking at this whether they meet the requirement or not. 09:40:50 Secondly, and this is the challenge it appears 6 to be from the defense, they're saying Look, apparently -- and understand I have not delved into this at all from a decision-make standpoint, but it's their position, Look, I think this is probably the 10 09:41:07 bottom line, there's -- the current class member 11 doesn't meet the adequacy requirement. 12 basically what it is. You know. 13 And so I'm looking at it. And before we go 14 down this road, I think the most important component --15 09:41:19 because I look at commonality, typicality, and all 16 those different components and in general terms I don't 17 see much of a problem. However, I do see a problem 18 with the class definition. 19 MR. SCHRAGER: Okay. Well, let me sort of 20 09:41:41 describe sort of how and why we're focusing on the 21 people described in our class definition, and then we 22 can talk about what, you know, in what ways we may 23 improve for the benefit of certification. 24 Because what I do, I just tell you 25 THE COURT: 09:41:57

this. I don't necessarily get involved in crafting the 09:41:58 class definition. MR. SHRAGER: 3 Sure. THE COURT: I just, you know, if you propose 4 one, and you want to amend it and be more specific, I 09:42:04 review it and say this is fine. Right. 7 MR. SHRAGER: THE COURT: So I don't really get involved in 8 that. 10 MR. SHRAGER: Right. 09:42:13 THE COURT: If you understand what I'm trying 11 to say. 12 Absolutely. Absolutely. 13 MR. SCHRAGER: THE COURT: Because I don't -- because you 14 know what I think, everybody forgets when it comes to 15 09:42:15 class action litigation. Once I certify the class, the 16 role of the trial judge changes. Everyone forgets 17 that. It does. So it's still adversarial, but I have 18 to make sure that the class is being adequately 19 represented. 20 09:42:32 21 MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah. THE COURT: Right. 22 MR. SCHRAGER: Absolutely. 23 THE COURT: When I approve it -- when we have 24 a pre -- I don't know if this case will ever settle, 25 09:42:36

09:42:40	1	but even going through that process we have the first
	2	level of the where we approve the preliminarily
	3	approval of the settlement. We have a big hearing.
	4	Everybody comes in. Homeowners can come in and those
09:42:54	5	types of things. Maybe it gets tweaked. Then we have
	6	the final approval hearing sometime later after the opt
	7	out notices and all those things are submitted.
	8	And so the trial judge takes a different role.
	9	MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah.
09:43:03	10	THE COURT: Just
	11	MR. SCHRAGER: And, frankly, even if we were
	12	to stipulate or to come up with a settlement class,
	13	your Honor would still have to make the same
	14	THE COURT: Absolutely.
09:43:14	15	MR. SCHRAGER: requisite findings. And
	16	they would have to withstand scrutiny and all those
	17	things.
	18	THE COURT: Yeah. In Re Kitec has been going
	19	on for nine years. It's still ongoing.
09:43:21	20	MR. SCHRAGER: Well, we crafted the class
	21	definition going after this particular circle.
	22	THE COURT: Right.
	23	MR. SCHRAGER: All those that were paid under
	24	8.25 since four years prior to the filing of the
09:43:33	25	complaint which has been, what, May 30, 2010. The

reason we did that is that the only reason, the only 09:43:36 way that defendants could pay anyone less than 8.25 during that period, is if they provided qualifying health benefits. That's indisputable. So that anyone paid less than an upper tier necessarily would be part 09:43:51 of the class seeking to determine whether or not they were provided qualifying benefits. That's just sort of the basic gravamen of the 8 entire class. THE COURT: But what about members -- what 10 09:44:07 about -- are there individuals that were paid 7.25 an 11 hour who also had health insurance benefits? 12 13 MR. SCHRAGER: Yes. Yes, there were. THE COURT: So they wouldn't be part of the 14 class. 15 09:44:18 16 MR. SCHRAGER: They would, your Honor. Here's the reason for that. 17 THE COURT: Why would they be part of the 18 class? 19 MR. SHRAGER: Because you can't just provide 20 09:44:22 any old thing and call it insurance. The thing you are 21 offering, whether you accepted it, whether you 22 enrolled, whether you declined it, whether you rejected 23 it, whether you were offered, whether you were 24 provided, the thing itself has to meet a certain 25 09:44:33

standard. 09:44:36 Our allegations, and what we'll be showing to this Court, is that the thing that was offered, provided, accepted, rejected, enrolled in, not enrolled in was junk. It doesn't meet any standard of what 09:44:44 health insurance is under the administrative regulations, under state law for insurance, under federal law. There is -- what we're saying basically is the thing you're offering can in no circumstances qualify you to pay less than 8.25. So that the entire 10 09:45:00 class which sort of they've -- they've told us that 11 they've paid 2500 people in those four and a half years 12 less than 8.25. 13 The gravamen of the complaint is you had no 14 right to pay them less than 8.25 under any 15 09:45:15 circumstances whether they took it or they didn't take 16 it, whether you didn't offer it to them and just paid 17 them 7.25, or whether you said -- you sat down with 18 them and went over it for three hours and talked about 19 it, if the thing itself doesn't qualify, you can't pay 20 09:45:28 less than 8.25. There are standards to the insurance. 21 Right. It has to be health insurance which means it 22 has to meet group health insurance statutes in this 23 24 state. All right. There are administrative 25 09:45:43

regulations saying what group health insurance has to 09:45:44 If you don't do those things, then, your Honor, do. the loophole that is opened is akin to something we talked about a couple weeks ago. You can offer me any old thing. You call it health benefits. And if I take 09:45:56 it, you get to pay me 7.25. That's not how the constitution operates. You can't offer any old thing. That's the 8 entire question facing the class. We're not even interesting at the moment, we're concerned about the 10 09:46:14 10 percent rule. There are two ways in which health 11 insurance has to qualify in order to pay someone less 12 than 8.25 currently in the state. It has to meet the 13 standards for health insurance, and it has to cost the 14 employee less than 10 percent of their take home pay, 15 09:46:27 of their wage from the employer. 16 We're not really even contesting the 17 10 percent rule. The problem with their health 18 insurance is it's not health insurance. 19 20 And so that no matter whether someone accepted 09:46:39 it or didn't, the thing they had to be offered had to 21 qualify under applicable law, and theirs doesn't. 22 That's our allegation. 23 24 THE COURT: Okay. How does that fit in the class definition? 25 09:46:52

MR. SHRAGER: Well, you know, this class 09:46:54 1 definition points to anybody paid less than 8.25, right. Defendants only offered one plan at any one time. None of their plans qualify. Therefore, every 09:47:05 single person who was offered or provided health insurance and paid 7.25 has a claim against defendants. I mean, I don't know how to be -- you know, how -- at the risk of repeating myself, you can't simply offer junk. And so --10 09:47:27 11 THE COURT: I mean, I understand that. But I'm sitting here. I mean, I understand that we have as 12 it relates to insurance and how it's regulated by the 13 states and how there's specific requirements for a plan 14to even qualify as insurance. I get that. 15 09:47:42 16 MR. SCHRAGER: Sure. But I'm looking at it from this THE COURT: 17 perspective: What does that -- what impact does that 18 have on the class definition? Because in this case, 19 for example, I mean, you're telling me that there's 20 09:47:54 2500 potential -- the class could be as high as or as 21 large as 2500 members, right. 22 MR. SCHRAGER: 23 Correct. 24 THE COURT: I get that. I mean, numerosity under federal law 40 or more. 25 09:48:06

MR. SCHRAGER: Right. 09:48:08 1 2 THE COURT: I mean, so what I'm trying to say is this: I understand the application of Rule 23(a) 3 and (b). I get that. To me it appears that the real issue as far as this request is concerned, because I 09:48:17 can say right now, 2500 meets the numerosity requirement. MR. SCHRAGER: Sure. 8 9 THE COURT: You know, so, but I'm focusing on this class definition. Shouldn't there be something in 10 09:48:28 here regarding qualified insurance plans? Or, I mean, 11 I don't know. I'm just thinking of potential issues 12 here from a class definition standpoint because that's 13 my big concern. Because if we have a class, I want to 14 make sure the class is adequately identified. 15 09:48:45 the real issue for me. 16 17 MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah. THE COURT: And then, if we have a class 18 that's very clear, then I don't have to worry about 19 Supreme Court scrutiny because I feel fairly 20 09:48:57 comfortable or confident because there will be a writ 21 that the writ will withstand the challenge. 22 Sure. Well, let me approach 23 MR. SCHRAGER: that this way. The way in which it's written 24 identifies every person who would have a claim because 25 09:49:12

they were paid less than 8.25, right. It may not do so 09:49:14 perfectly artfully, but it does do that. Anyone paid less than 8.25 must have been 3 provided health insurance. We claim in the complaint they weren't provided qualifying health insurance. 09:49:28 Those are the allegations of the complaint that, you know, much like a motion to dismiss at this particular stage your Honor accepts more or less as true. If your Honor is saying there are more artful and more specific ways to say that, we can do that. 10 09:49:41 But the circle we've drawn necessarily includes 11 everyone they've underpaid and everyone who would have 12 the exact same claim as the named plaintiffs. 13 what covers typicality, for example. That's what 14 covers commonality. At one stroke the question of does 15 09:50:00 your health insurance qualify as insurance to pay 16 anyone less than 8.25 answers everybody's claim, all 17 four of the named plaintiffs and all 2500 of the 18 putative class members. 19 So is there a way to write the class 20 09:50:18 definition to discuss qualifying health insurance? 21 We certainly can do that. I don't know that it's 22 necessary given the fact that it's inherent in the 23 24 actual definition. Now there are also ways --25 09:50:34

THE COURT: But don't -- but one thing -- I 1 09:50:35 mean, how much discovery has been done on this specific issue to date? 3 The specific issue of being... MR. SCHRAGER: 4 THE COURT: Qualified health insurance. 09:50:43 MR. SCHRAGER: We have all the plans. We've 6 analyzed them. You know, at this point we've been doing class discovery. We have admissions from them that they at least offered year by year, the same plan to everybody in the class. 10 09:50:57 There was no one who would be in the class who 11 was offered something different. They were all offered 12 the same thing. All right. If I paid you -- or if 13 they paid you less than 8.25, they offered you plan X. 14 If plan X fails, they owe you a dollar an hour. 15 09:51:09 16 have --THE COURT: But don't we -- but we don't know 17 for sure, do we, whether there are some employees that 18 were paid less than the 8.25 who were given a 19 "qualified plan". We don't know that with absolute 20 09:51:27 certainty, do we? 21 22 There are no -- the way to MR. SCHRAGER: frame that is there are no employees who were paid less 23 than 8.25 who were offered some other plan than the 24 plans they've given us, and the plans they've given us 25 09:51:42

do not qualify. 1 09:51:44 THE COURT: Well, see, I mean, here's the thing, and this is kind of how I'm looking at it. That's why I'm wondering whether or not there should be some language regarding a qualified insurance plan in 09:51:55 the class definition because, I mean, ultimately, I'm going to have to make, I would think, a determination as a matter of law as to whether or not these plans qualify. 10 MR. SCHRAGER: Absolutely. 09:52:07 11 MR. SPRINGMEYER: Right. So it seems to me then if that's a 12 THE COURT: condition to being a class member, that has to be in 13 the class definition some way some how. Because 14 regardless of -- say hypothetically, there's six plans 15 09:52:20 that were given over a certain time period or offered, 16 right. And I've reviewed all six plans, and say 17 potentially, I might decide five don't qualify, one 18 does. So if we have qualifications regarding the 19 insurance in the class definition, it wouldn't have to 20 09:52:39 be changed as far as who --21 MR. SCHRAGER: Understood. 22 THE COURT: You see what I'm saying? 23 MR. SCHRAGER: I do. I do. And you know, one 24 of the things we could talk about here is that under 25 09:52:49

Rule 23(c)(4) the Court has the authority, either on 09:52:55 motion of the parties or sua sponte, to create subclasses. THE COURT: Yeah, I've done that. 4 That may, in fact, speak to MR. SCHRAGER: 09:53:05 some of the issues you're talking about. In fact --THE COURT: But, see, what I'm saying is this: 7 I don't even know -- I mean, when I look at it from this perspective I don't know if a subclass is absolutely necessary in this regard: If we have the 10 09:53:15 qualification language in the class definition it 11 doesn't matter whether you have plan type A, plan type 12 B, plan type C, if the Court makes a decision as a 13 matter of law the plan does qualify then you're part of 14 the class. 15 09:53:33 16 MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah. THE COURT: Right. 17 No. I think that's right. 18 MR. SHRAGER: think that's right. 19 Am I -- I even think the defense 20 THE COURT: 09:53:37 even agrees with that. Because what you don't want to 21 do is if this case goes up, I think -- I can tell you 22 this, every time I look at a motion for class 23 certification, the first thing I look at is class 24 definition and how specifically and narrowly drawn. 25 09:53:51

Because that gives -- I think the more specific the 09:53:54 class definition is I think the better it is because there's no ambiguity there. There really isn't. MR. SCHRAGER: No. I think that's well taken, 4 your Honor. 09:54:06 THE COURT: Yeah. 6 7 MR. SCHRAGER: Now, would you like to at this point go through the other factors? Or ... THE COURT: Yeah, we can. 10 MR. SCHRAGER: Okay. 09:54:12 11 THE COURT: Numerosity. Well, we talked about that. 12 MR. SCHRAGER: Commonality I think inheres in what we're talking about 13 even if the class definition at the moment doesn't meet 14 your Honor's peculiar satisfaction is that there's 15 09:54:23 still going to be one question: Could you pay anyone 16 less than 8.25, right. That's -- all we need, frankly, 17 is one question that is common to the class. There's 18 the question. 19 You paid all these people less than 8.25. 20 09:54:37 Could you do it? Were you qualified to do so. 21 think we've met -- that is answered in one stroke, and 22 I think it easily meets the commonality requirement. 23 As far as typicality goes, plaintiffs' claims 24 need only be reasonably coextensive with those of the 25 09:54:54

09:54:57	1	class. In fact they were identical in this instance
	2	with those of the class. You can pluck any one of
	3	those 2500 people who were paid less than 8.25, put
	4	them in the named plaintiffs' position, and the
09:55:08	5	question would be exact the claim would be exactly
	6	the same. You didn't have the right to pay me less
	7	than 8.25 per hour.
	8	So let's talk about adequacy because your
	9	Honor raised that earlier. They have you know, they
09:55:21	10	have filed, you know, not only in their opposition did
	11	they speak at length regarding adequacy, they filed a
	12	250-page extrapolation of that particular argument that
	13	your Honor will review later this month.
	14	I mean, as I understand it, adequacy is a very
09:55:38	15	simple analysis.
	16	THE COURT: It is.
	17	MR. SCHRAGER: Right. Is there a conflict
	18	between the named plaintiff and the class members? Is
	19	there a conflict between the named plaintiff and his or
09:55:47	20	her attorneys?
	21	THE COURT: And if there is that can be
	22	MR. SCHRAGER: Dealt with.
	23	THE COURT: Yeah dealt with and remedied.
	24	MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah.
09:55:52	25	THE COURT: I mean, that's not a real big

MR. SCHRAGER: Right. 1 09:55:55 2 THE COURT: -- issue. I mean, it's not uncommon in class action lawsuits from time to time to 3 substitute in a new class representative. MR. SCHRAGER: Sure. 09:56:06 THE COURT: That's not --6 7 MR. SCHRAGER: Yeah. THE COURT: Yeah. 8 MR. SHRAGER: If it even becomes necessary. 10 THE COURT: If it becomes necessary, it 09:56:11 11 happens. I mean, these plaintiffs have MR. SCHRAGER: 12 shown their willingness to exercise their duties on 13 behalf of the class. They have answered discovery 14 timely. They didn't have to get dragged in front of 15 09:56:18 the discovery commissioner on motions to compel. They 16 sat for depositions. They've been in contact with 17 their counsel. And, I mean, they are -- they have met 18 what the rule requires absolutely. 19 So I think that the four aspects of 23(a) are 20 09:56:31 Of course, under 23(b)(3) we have to move on 21 met here. to predominance and superiority. Now predominance, is 22 does -- does the common question that plaintiffs and 23 your Honor identify, does it basically swallow the 24 Is it the question? Does it drown out all whole? 25 09:56:56

those individualized inquiries that could possibly 09:56:59 theoretically be made? Once again, I will go back to what we said 3 under commonality which is the predominant question is could you pay me less than 8.25? There are no other 09:57:09 functional questions that need be answered with one stroke to answer the entirety of the suit. So I think that the predominance factor is met. As far as superiority, I can go back to we can pluck any one of the 2500, put them in the named 10 09:57:27 plaintiffs' situation, and have the same case. 11 12 THE COURT: I mean --MR. SCHRAGER: We have 2500 times. 13 THE COURT: I mean, from a superiority 14 standpoint, assuming I determine there's a common 15 09:57:38 questions of law or fact, there's adequacy and 16 typicality of the claims and the like, clearly handling 17 a case like this in a class action manner would be 18 superior to 2500 joinder claims filed in district court 19 in the state of Nevada. 20 09:57:55 That seems clear, your Honor. 21 MR. SCHRAGER: THE COURT: Yeah, I understand. 22 MR. SCHRAGER: 23 So I -- apart from the class definition issue, it seems to me that the elements of 24 Rule 23 have been satisfied by plaintiffs. 25 09:58:04

I do want to talk for one second about the 09:58:07 1 impact of your Honor's ruling of last week regarding provide versus offer because it's something you raised earlier on and it's something we've been thinking about as well. 09:58:20 Now when we had to move for class 6 certification because our deadline has arrived, we had not yet received the benefit of your Honor's thinking regarding the provide versus offer issue. Now we do. We know that unambiguously the requirement is to 10 09:58:31 provide not merely to offer. 11 To us, that now argues for the potentiality of 12 a subclass creation because in documents given to us by 13 the defendants, out of the 2500 more than 80 percent of 14 them were merely offered, not provided. So it seems to 15 09:58:52 us that a subclass of the 2500 whole that would take in 16 that 80 percent that were not provided health insurance 17 at all, according to your Honor's ruling last week, is 18 not just legitimate, it's actually necessary for the 19 efficient and quick resolution of the actions. 20 09:59:15 So, you know, your Honor has the ability to do 21 that sua sponte. We are happy to brief it, especially 22 as part of a -- if your Honor should order this -- a 23 renewed motion for class certification. We would -- we 24

would include that because we now have the benefits of

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your Honor's ruling, and we would be asking for a 09:59:33 subclass of the whole. The 2500 would still be the whole. 3 80 percent of that which we'll identify for the Court would be a subclass who, frankly based on your Honor's 09:59:43 ruling of last week, are more or less assumed to be entitled to recompense. So, I mean, if your Honor has any questions about that, we can do that any way your Honor would like. We are happy to do that as part of a motion 10 10:00:02 later on or for the court to consider it on its own. 11 12 THE COURT: I understand, sir. 13 MR. SCHRAGER: Okay. Thank you. MR. PAEK: Good morning, your Honor. 14 THE COURT: Good morning, sir. 15 10:00:17 16 MR. PAEK: As a preliminary matter, what counsel just said about moving for certification is not 17 entirely accurate. Certification deadline in this case 18 actually has not even passed yet. It's July 28th 19 according to the last extended discovery order we 20 10:00:31 stipulated to. 21 So there was no pressure or anything like, of 22 that sort for them to move for a certification at the 23 stage they did other than their own strategical 24 decision to do that. 25 10:00:45

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As the Court has already hit on under the US 1 Supreme Court case of WalMart versus Dukes, the Court must conduct a rigorous analysis as to these factors for certification and make sure that all of them have

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And it's plaintiffs' motion, so it's their burden to show by a preponderance of the evidence that all those factors have been met. And plaintiff can't do that under any of these factors. And what the Court has already hit on, the first key issue I'll address is the adequacy because the court already noted that to begin with. But as the Court noted, there is a plaintiff -- of the four named plaintiffs, there is a plaintiff Charity Fitzlaff who actually enrolled in the health insurance that was offered by defendants.

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Just through that act alone, that takes her 16 17 18

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out of the class definition that has been proposed by plaintiffs which is for all employees who were paid under 8.25. Now the arguments that plaintiffs' counsel has just made about qualified health insurance and that all the plans didn't qualify, well, that hasn't been briefed in front of this Court, your Honor. been briefed in other cases that involve the minimum wage action, but this Court has not issued a ruling on that as a matter of law. And that is a threshold issue

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So it would make sense that that issue needs to 10:02:13 be decided first as to whether or not -- as to what qualified health insurance is under the minimum wage amendment so that we can determine who is or is not in that class. 10:02:25 So as far as defendants go, we agree that the 6 definition as it is stands right now can't even beat that one requirement and fails because of that one named plaintiff that's already in that class. THE COURT: Well, I don't know the one named 10 10:02:43 claimant will cause the failure of all -- I should say 11 the one named class representative, just because one 12 class representative fails doesn't mean the class fails 13 as a whole. And I don't think there's any case law 14 that stands for that. What you do is you peel them 15 10:03:01 off. 16 I understand that, your Honor. MR. PAEK: 17 There's been -- no, there's been no discovery done as 18 to -- there's been no offering in their motion as to 19 the numbers of enrolled parties versus non-enrolled 20 10:03:11 parties. If that's what's -- if that's what we're 21 going to do, then there still has to be a determination 22 to what qualified health insurance is for them to 23 argue, well, none of our plans qualify. That hasn't 24 been determined. 25 10:03:28

But, sir, I'm not disagreeing with THE COURT: 10:03:30 1 you on that. Here's the thing when it comes to -- and class action is different from other forms of litigation. You can start out with your initial complaint, and you can have a very much carefully 10:03:38 crafted class definition, right. And the class definition is really straight to the point, it's narrowly construed and so on. And you know what, discovery can determine whether 5,000 people meet that class or 500,000 people 10 10:03:56 meet that class based upon what is ferreted out during 11 discovery. All the plaintiff has to establish is 12 essentially this: That the numerosity standard is met 13 when it comes to the number of class members. That's 14 And so it's not -- you don't have -- you don't all. 15 10:04:13 16 have to have discovery on what a qualified plan is in order for the class definition to make a statement 17 that, you know what, that the class includes those that 18 were offered a plan that did not meet the 19 qualifications as mandated by the State of Nevada 20 10:04:32 Insurance Commission. Something like that. I'm just 21 making it up, you know, as I go along. But if that's 22 in there, then you go through discovery. 23 I might make a decision where three meet the 24 requirement, two don't. Then that will knock the class 25 10:04:44

down, hypothetically, from 2500 to 1700 depending on 10:04:46 how the numbers play. So what I'm saying is: don't do -- the class definition does not impact what my ultimate findings of fact and conclusions of law will be based upon the definition of a qualified plan. 10:05:03 I could make a determination that all five are qualified, right. If there's five plans, and then there's no class. I don't know. You know. MR. PAEK: And --THE COURT: Where the class is not -- you 10 10:05:16 know, so that to me is not necessarily critical at this 11 level because it's been asserting there's 2500 class 12 members out there. 13 So what I want to do is this, I mean, because 14 understand, the Court is given fairly broad discretion 15 10:05:28 if the facts and circumstances change after class 16 definition -- I mean, after class certification is 17 granted, the Court can do things, motions can be 18 brought, "de-certify, Judge". It happens from time to 19 time. 20 10:05:44 So I'm just telling you -- because what you 21 want to do is this: You want to get the class 22 certificate -- the class certification issues out of 23 the way so discovery can continue. You don't want to 24 do all the discovery and then have the class certified 25 10:05:56

at the end. That's just not how it's done. It's done 10:05:59 early on in the litigation. I just want to tell you that. And so you've challenged the class definition. I understand that, and I see there's some issues there. MR. PAEK: Thank you, your Honor. 5 10:06:15 I do. THE COURT: 6 MR. PAEK: And on that point, we understand 7 the Court's position. THE COURT: I don't have a position. I never have a position. 10:06:23 10 11 MR. PAEK: We understand. THE COURT: Lawyers say that. I never have a 12 position. I just point issues out, right. That's all 13 I'm doing. I never have a position. I'm not an 14advocate. Trust me. I just see issues that jump out 15 10:06:32 16 at me. MR. PAEK: Well, your Honor, this issue of 17 qualified health insurance, it hasn't been briefed 18 before the Court. It was brought up for the first time 19 in their reply and not in their underlying motion, the 20 10:06:44 theory that none of the plans were in compliance. 21 THE COURT: I'm not making a decision on that 22 today. 23 24 MR. PAEK: So --THE COURT: So you feel very comfortable about 25 10:06:53

that. 10:06:55 MR. PAEK: Well, without that component, your Honor, their class definition doesn't work. would like to go since counsel did go through the other factors. 10:07:03 THE COURT: Yeah, go ahead. 6 MR. PAEK: I would like to go through the 7 other factors as well. As stated in our briefs ascertainability is a threshold issue before weighing the Rule 23 10 10:07:12 requirements. And the problem here goes back to the 11 fact that plaintiffs' class definition right now as it 12 stands is too speculative because it would include 13 unharmed persons. 14 A class definition that includes all persons 15 10:07:25 paid under 8.25 does not take into account the 16 employer's right to properly pay persons the lower tier 17 rate under the minimum wage amendment or the MWA should 18 qualified health insurance have been enrolled in by 19 some of the plaintiffs as we have in our case. 20 10:07:43 In relation to what counsel touched on about 21 the recent ruling in provide versus offer, that order 22 just came out less than a week ago, and we're still 23 digesting that. In fact, we are setting up a call 24 later today regarding the order in that with counsel. 25 10:08:00

But we understand that this Court found that provide 10:08:04 does not mean offer, that it means an employee must enroll or accept the health insurance and, you know, that position was, of course, articulated by plaintiff in their underlying motion in that case. 10:08:21 But that being said, it comes back to the 6 second component which they brought up in their reply that what is qualified health insurance under the minimum wage claim. What is under the supporting labor commission regulations under NAC608? Those issues have 10 10:08:39 to be built in because it's not really a defense 11 portion of the MWA. What it really is, is it's part of 12 their claim because you can pay a lower tier under the 13 MWA if you have qualified health insurance. 14 That's what the minimum wage amendment says. So it doesn't 10:08:57 15 even get to the individualized defenses stage. 16 THE COURT: Well, here's my question for you: 17 I mean, who would determine whether or not health 18 insurance is qualified? Would it be based upon 19 insurance regulations? You know, I mean, I don't know 20 10:09:09 if the Department of Labor --21 22 MR. PAEK: We --THE COURT: -- would make that ultimate 23 24 determination because they're not -- I would think from a delegation of authority as to what qualifies as 25 10:09:18

insurance in the state of Nevada, that would come under 10:09:23 the insurance commissioner. MR. PAEK: Well --3 THE COURT: And the insurance commission 4 regulation. I would think. I'm not saying -- I'm not 10:09:30 accepting that 100 percent but common sense dictates that. That's where it comes from. Because whether it's auto insurance, health insurance, property and casualty insurance, and all the insurances typically that comes under the penumbra of the insurance 10 10:09:43 commissioner, right, and their regulations. And they 11 regulate that in their statutes out there for health 12 insurance, right. 13 MR. PAEK: And we haven't fully delved into 14 that issue, your Honor. 15 10:09:55 THE COURT: That's what my gut tells me. 16 MR. PAEK: And --17 THE COURT: I just want to tell you that. 18 MR. PAEK: And I understand what you're 19 It's something that would have to be briefed I saying. 20 10:10:01 would say. 21 22 THE COURT: Yeah. It would have to be briefed, and we 23 MR. PAEK: would have to look at our respective positions as to 24 whether or not, for example, the insurance commissioner 25 10:10:10

or the labor commissioner as to whether or not those 10:10:13 regulations have any impact as to how that should be interpreted. 3 THE COURT: Right. But I don't think the 4 labor commissioner has been delegated any sort of 10:10:22 statutory grant of authority from the Nevada legislature and the government, and the governor, the executive branches, I guess the entire legislative process, the powers to determine qualifications of insurance. 10 10:10:39 Well --11 MR. PAEK: THE COURT: I would be shocked if that is the 12 13 case. 14 MR. PAEK: It is --However, my mind is open, but I 15 THE COURT: 10:10:44 16 would be surprised. Well, this is where we get into an MR. PAEK: 17 interesting area which we have not briefed before this 18 Court but the minimum wage amendment has a portion 19 which has the appointee of the governor publish the 20 10:10:57 bulletins which adjust the rates, and that's been 21 delegated to the labor commissioner of Nevada. 22 because of that the Labor Commissioner of Nevada has 23 promulgated regulations under NAC608 regarding how the 24 minimum wage amendment is supposed to function as far 25 10:11:16

as the offers of insurance go, as far as keeping track 10:11:18 of declination forms, for example. And as to this issue, it also goes into the definition of what qualifying health insurance is under the minimum wage amendment. 10:11:33 Actually ironically, the term that they use 6 qualifying health insurance doesn't come from the minimum wage amendment. It actually comes from the labor commissioner's regulations under NAC608. And under those regulations there is a set of standards 10 10:11:46 that health insurance qualifies if it meets certain 11 requirements such as being complying with the IRC, 12 internal Revenue Code or the Taft-Hartley Act for 13 example. 14 And like I said, your Honor, I mean, I'm sure 15 10:12:06 that issue is going to be briefed before this Court. 16 THE COURT: It will. 17 And it's a threshold issue. MR. PAEK: 18 As far as commonality goes, your Honor --19 Common questions of law or fact. 20 THE COURT: 10:12:18 Even without -- even with MR. PAEK: Yes. 21 what plaintiffs' counsel is saying about the provide 22 means enroll definition, as pointed out in our briefs, 23 there are problems here because the plaintiffs have 24 individualized facts which are very important that go 25 10:12:32

to their individualized -- that goes to defendants' 10:12:36 individualized defenses regarding those plaintiffs. As pointed out in our briefs, all the 3 plaintiffs had differing hours, differing pay rates. Some plaintiffs, two of them, reported all their tips 10:12:50 but one plaintiff Olszynski, she only reported 20 percent. Another plaintiff Wilbanks reported none. And the reason why this is important, your Honor, is that the amount of tips also range from as low as \$252 a week to \$500 a week. 10 10:13:09 Why does that matter? 11 THE COURT: Under the labor commissioner's 12 MR. PAEK: regulations of NAC608.104 that sets out what a 13 qualifying plan is under the minimum wage. And under 14 that regulation it allows tips to be included to 15 10:13:21 16 determine the 10 percent, whether you meet the 10 percent threshold of gross income as to a qualifying 17 So that's why that matters, your Honor. 18 plan. It matters because it's -- on one hand, it's 19 can we get at accurate gauge of who qualifies -- who 20 10:13:35 had enough -- whose plan was low enough to meet the 21 qualifying income and --22 THE COURT: See, but I -- and maybe I'm wrong 23 on this, but I would think a qualified plan, insurance 24 plan would be real insurance coverage. Am I missing 25 10:13:52

something? 1 10:13:55 MR. PAEK: But there's no -- your Honor, 2 that's no what the minimum wage amendment says. 3 THE COURT: I understand. 4 MR. PAEK: The minimum wage amendment just 5 10:14:00 says health. And, your Honor, what the plans that were offered were health insurance plans. There's no -there's no statement that it does not comply. And we haven't briefed this issue, your Honor. This goes back to qualified health insurance. But as to what exactly 10 10:14:10 health insurance is under the minimum wage amendment --11 THE COURT: I'll give you an example. I mean, 12 if you look at the Affordable Care Act, there was a lot 13 of insurance being offered that wasn't real insurance. 14 15 MR. PAEK: But, your Honor --10:14:24 16 THE COURT: Right. And so what happened was as a result of the Affordable Care Act, the government 17 said, Look, those types of "plans" can no longer be 18 offered because they're not really insurance. And so, 19 I guess, at the end of the day what I'm going to have 20 10:14:37 to look at, and this is all questions I'll have to 21 answer, I'm just telling everybody this whether the 22 types of plans offered meet the statutory definition of 23 health insurance on some level. That's what I'm going 24 to have to decide. 25 10:14:52

MR. PAEK: And the Affordable Care Act, your 1 10:14:53 Honor, is a separate issue from the minimum wage amendment. THE COURT: I just use that as an example, That's all. I just -- that's my analogy. But I sir. 10:15:00 think at the end of the day I'm going to have to decide because there's -- I mean, historically, there's been a lot of plans that have been offered, it's not going to have an impact on any ultimate decision, but that were purported to be insurance plans which aren't. 10 10:15:15 You know, and I don't know what the plans are 11 in this case. And I'll look at them. And I'll have to 12 make a determination as to whether they meet the 13 definition of insurance in the state of Nevada. 14 I I'm going to give you a chance to brief don't know. 15 10:15:26 That's what I'm thinking about. 16 that. I'm just going to tee it up and tell you what 17 I'm thinking about. 18 MR. PAEK: And we're fine with briefing that 19 issues, your Honor. 20 10:15:33 Yeah. 21 THE COURT: I mean, and that is an important 22 MR. PAEK: We wholeheartedly agree --23 issue. THE COURT: Right. 24 MR. PAEK: -- that that's an issue that needs 25 10:15:39

to come before this Court. 10:15:40 1 And it's not before me now. 2 THE COURT: I'm not going to decide it right now. 3 MR. PAEK: And it's not, your Honor. 4 So getting back to the commonality aspect of 10:15:49 this, even under provide means enrolled definition, there are individual inquiries as to whether it is plausible or impossible to defendants to actually enroll some of these plaintiffs into their plans. Because as we found out in depositions, many of these 10 10:16:10 plaintiffs made independent choices to enroll for their 11 own personal reasons that range from having existing 12 health coverage such as with plaintiffs Diaz and 13 Wilbanks, or a better choice through Medicaid as with 14 plaintiff Olszynski. And then there's even an --10:16:28 15 But even under those circumstances 16 THE COURT: then, I mean, it's my -- and my ruling would stand for 17 the proposition that, okay, if they weren't enrolled, 18 then they should have been paid 8.25 a hour. 19 Well, your Honor, I mean, that gets 20 MR. PAEK: 10:16:43 to the issue of whether or not we could enroll them. 21 And, for example, there is -- there is a plaintiff. 22 There's a plaintiff Fitzlaff who alleges in her 23 deposition contrary to the company's policy that she 24 was dissuaded from enrolling by a manager. 25 10:16:56

THE COURT: That's a problem. 1 10:16:59 MR. PAEK: We'd have to look at that too. 2 That's a -- I mean, that could go to: Was that manager acting in their course and scope. Was that what the policy was? I mean, that creates all sorts of issues 10:17:06 just on that one issue alone. 7 THE COURT: But, see, if I follow that argument, sir, and trust me, there would never be a class certification. I mean, if you look at the cases involving torts, I mean, every one of those cases, the 10:17:18 10 asbestos cases some people, I mean, all -- they have 11 They have so many different damages. And that 12 cancer. in and of itself was not sufficient to preclude class 13 certification. 14 You look at the In Re Kitec case I certified 15 10:17:34 that's still ongoing for nine years that we're in the 16 claims administration process right now that involved 17 27,000 homes in Clark County. 18 Every home had a different square footage. 19 There were different numbers of fittings that were in 20 10:17:48 all the different homes. And we had subclasses. There 21 were actually maybe 20 different plumbing companies 22 involved. 23 And so from a commonality standpoint, there 24 were still common questions of law or fact. 25 And you 10:18:03

don't have to be identical when it comes to proof as 10:18:07 far as that is concerned. So the fact that there might be a component where its alleged that one of the employees dissuaded one of the class reps from getting health insurance or whatever, okay, that, be that as it 10:18:23 may, my ruling stands for the proposition one of two things happens: If you enroll them in insurance, then you can pay 7.25 an hour. If you don't enroll them in insurance, they get paid 8.25 an hour. And that's the whole -- at the end of the day, regardless of all the 10 10:18:46 different reasons, based upon my decision, enrolled 11 means enrolled. You know, not -- you know, I mean, 12 provide means provide, you know. That's what it stands 13 for. 14 And so that's how -- that's how I look at this 15 10:19:00 You know, there could be a lot of different 16 case. reasons out there factually, but at the end of the day 17 there's a constitutional mandate as it relates to the 18 minimum wage. Either you provide them health 19 They need to pay them 7.25 an hour. If for 20 insurance. 10:19:14 whatever reason you don't provide them health 21 insurance, they get pay 8.25 an hour. There could be a 22 lot of different reasons why, but that's the case. 23 That's how I look at that based upon my ruling. And I 24 realize the Supreme Court will have to deal with that. 25 10:19:29

But that's kind of how I see it. And so I'm not as 10:19:30 concerned about the commonality issues. I do understand your concern as to adequacy. I get that. And we'll talk about that. And you have the floor on that. 10:19:40 MR. PAEK: Yeah. Yes, your Honor. 6 understand what you're saying about commonality. THE COURT: Because that's broad. 8 That goes to typicality also. 9 MR. PAEK: And I would just point out that even as to typicality, the 10 10:19:56 same, and all these -- obviously, as the Court has 11 already pointed out, all of these requirements sort of 12 flow into each other, but the plaintiff Fitzlaff's 13 enrollment in insurance, the same problem that we have 14 with the class definition is the same problem we have 15 10:20:11 with typicality in that, you know, she doesn't have a 16 claim that's typical of the other class members. 17 she's not even in the class for that matter. 18 As far as the adequacy goes, your Honor, this 19 is a threshold issue. And this has been more 20 10:20:33 thoroughly briefed in the motion for disqualification 21 that will be heard by this Court at the certification 22 deadline -- the current certification deadline of 23 June 28 -- or July 28. But I can briefly go through 24 and summarize how that affects the adequacy here. 25 And 10:20:54

we've already kind of touched upon it, but Fitzlaff is 1 10:20:59 the one who actually enrolled in the insurance. But other than that, that's also -- there's 3 also some problems here under the Ceegan case that we've cited for class plaintiffs who have no 10:21:13 credibility. Or and also the Robinson case which goes to the knowledge of their claims or position adverse to the putative class. And just briefly, your Honor, you know, plaintiffs in their reply at page 11 footnote three, 10 10:21:30 they have -- what they've done is even during the same 11 day as the first depositions went off on May 19th. 12 that same day plaintiffs had, unbeknownst to us, also 13 filled out declarations which now plaintiffs proffer in 14 support of their motion for certification. But in that 15 10:21:53 briefing, in that footnote plaintiffs argue that the 16 plaintiffs in the class know that 8.25 is the upper 17 tier, that they had an understanding that wages were 18 tied to purported offers of insurance, and that they 19 uniformly found the insurance offer wanting as to the 20 10:22:15 And that is absolutely not what panned out healthcare. 21

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For example, with plaintiff Diaz, as cited to in the depo transcript in our brief, she had no understanding of what qualifying health insurance was.

And she in fact --10:22:36 2 THE COURT: But tell me this, though --MR. PAEK: She --3 THE COURT: -- how many members of the general 4 public know what uninsured motorists coverage is. 10:22:42 And I understand the --MR. PAEK: 6 7 THE COURT: So what I'm trying to say is this: Specifically as it relates to their individualized specific knowledge as to insurance and what insurance is, the general public has no clue. 10 10:22:56 Well, that --11 MR. PAEK: THE COURT: They don't. And I don't expect a 12 minimum wage type employee to have an understanding as 13 to what is health insurance. I mean, most people don't 14 realize that now we don't have preexisting conditions 15 10:23:11 16 which is a huge issue. And they want to get rid of the Affordable Care Act. And you got -- you have 17 essentially no longer preexisting conditions, you know. 18 And so people don't know and understand insurance. 19 They just don't. They just assume that it's there when 20 10:23:31 they need it. And sometimes they go to get it, and 21 they file their claims, and they find out they don't 22 have necessarily what they anticipated they thought 23 24 they had. And that's what happens. Well --25 MR. PAEK: 10:23:43

THE COURT: So I'm not concerned about what 1 10:23:44 they knew. I'm concerned about whether or not the plans were qualified or not. MR. PAEK: Well, what I was getting at, your 4 |Honor, is with --10:23:52 THE COURT: Because isn't --6 7 MR. PAEK: That --THE COURT: Go ahead. Go ahead. 8 That that lack of understanding is 9 MR. PAEK: also coupled with just an incorrect understanding. 10 10:23:56 example, plaintiff -- so plaintiff Diaz's failure to 11 understand what qualifying health insurance combined 12 with thinking that her claims are for off-the-clock 13 work which aren't even pled factually or legally in the 14 15 case. 10:24:14 THE COURT: Okay. But she doesn't get that. 16 I mean, really. 17 I mean, that's -- that's -- she's 18 MR. PAEK: contradicting what her own claims are in her complaint 19 is what she's doing. This is where it gets 20 10:24:23 highlighted, your Honor, because plaintiff Wilbanks, 21 what -- why that is important, plaintiff Wilbanks when 22 she was being deposed, she thought she was being 23 deposed for a different case that she's in with 24 plaintiff's counsel which is the Watson case, which is 25 10:24:38

Watson versus Mancha. And she testified as to 10:24:40 off-the-clock work in this case. And that's where the problem arises is it has no bearing. Off-the-clock work has no bearing in a minimum wage case and vice versa. So she can't be a plaintiff or a class 10:24:54 representative in this case when she really thinks she's in the Watson case, and that's all she's testifying to in the deposition. That creates a problem. THE COURT: Here's my question. 10 10:25:05 11 MR. PAEK: That's --THE COURT: Why can't she be the class 12 representative if factually she meets the class 13 definition requirement? 14 MR. PAEK: Because she doesn't have an 15 10:25:09 understanding of what she's there for. She brought 16 claims based off of -- they pled facts in their 17 complaint based off of her knowledge. When we asked 18 her on her basic knowledge as to that, as to what her 19 claims were, she couldn't articulate anything except 20 10:25:22 for claims from another case. And that's a problem. 21 Then she should be a class representative in that case, 22 23 not in this case. 24 THE COURT: So are there any -- are there any factual issues as to whether or not she meets the class 25 10:25:36

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	2	was not provided health insurance and paid 7.25 a hour?
	3	MR. PAEK: Well, as we've as we've said,
	4	the class definition as it stands right now includes
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	6	THE COURT: Because at the end of the day
	7	MR. PAEK: I mean, that's
	8	THE COURT: you have to understand
	9	MR. PAEK: Here's the class definition.
10:26:10	10	THE COURT: I'll tell you this, sir. I took
	11	thousands of depositions, and you can control how the
	12	deposition goes by the questions you ask. And so I'm
	13	wondering were there specific questions asked of her:
	14	Ma'am, how much were I paid? 7.25 a hour,
10:26:24	15	right. And yes.
	16	Were you given health insurance?
	17	That's the question.
	18	MR. PAEK: Well, that's actually that the
	19	offer of health insurance, your Honor
10:26:34	20	THE COURT: Well, were you provided health
	21	insurance.
	22	MR. PAEK: Well, that's and, your Honor,
	23	these briefings were based off of the issue of offer,
	24	so now that it's
10:26:43	25	THE COURT: So, factually, it would seem like

to me that would be the line of questioning that you 10:26:45 would need to find out if she met the class definition or somewhere in the parameters of the class definition. MR. PAEK: Because their proposed complaint, 4 your Honor, their initial complaint before the ruling 10:26:57 on provide means enroll was based off of offering of health insurance is what -- they used offering as a synonym of provide in their complaint. But you're telling me that those THE COURT: specific -- because if I was taking the deposition 10 10:27:08 knowing the direction the case is going, I could think 11 of questions I would ask to try to cover everything 12 regarding, okay, how much were you being paid? 13 you offered health insurance? Were you provided health 14 And the like. I mean, it's -- that's insurance? 15 10:27:21 pretty straightforward stuff. 16 I mean, technically, you look at her 17 I would think it wouldn't take more than a deposition. 18 half an hour as to the facts of this case. 19 Well, your Honor, the problem is in 20 MR. PAEK: 10:27:33 this case is that their legal theories and their 21 definitions have become a moving target because what 22 started off in their complaint as one legal theory of 23 why we're liable which was because we didn't offer 24 health insurance has morphed into we're liable because 25 10:27:50

10:27:53	1	we didn't enroll people in health insurance. And that
	2	was a big change. And there's been changes all along
	3	with their other briefings, and what they're bringing
	4	up now with qualified health insurance. That's another
10:28:06	5	issue. But
	6	THE COURT: Well, I think that probably became
	7	an issue as a result of discovery in this case.
	8	Because I would think that the question would be this:
	9	What insurance was offered?
10:28:16	10	And then they looked at the policies and they
	11	said Look, well, we don't think this is health
	12	insurance that meets the requirements of health
	13	insurance as it relates to the state of Nevada.
	14	Now, that's I don't know anything about
10:28:26	15	what happened in discovery, but I was involved in a lot
	16	of discovery, and I would anticipate that's what
	17	happened.
	18	Is that what happened?
	19	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Yes, your Honor.
10:28:33	20	MR. SCHRAGER: Well
	21	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Plus, it's in the complaint.
	22	MR. SCHRAGER: I mean
	23	MR. SPRINGMEYER: They did provide
	24	MR. SCHRAGER: I will read you from the
10:28:40	25	complaint momentarily.

1 THE COURT: All right. 10:28:41 2 MR. SCHRAGER: It won't matter, your Honor. Your Honor, the distinction that MR. PAEK: 3 they're making that has come about in their motion practice after the fact is different than what -- how 10:28:48 they initially plead the complaint. Because in their complaint they didn't say it didn't matter because no one -- because all that matters was whether or not you enrolled people. That is no where in the complaint. 10:29:01 10 mean. 11 THE COURT: I understand. MR. SCHRAGER: You can go ahead. 12 And it's anonymous with offer and MR. PAEK: 13 provide, Bradley, isn't it, throughout your complaint. 14 So getting back to the other plaintiffs, your 15 10:29:07 Honor. For example, and this goes to the core of the 16 minimum wage amendment. Olszynski, plaintiff 17 Olszynski, she had no understanding of the two-tier 18 minimum wage. And here's the problem with that 19 understanding, your Honor. She thought that the only 20 10:29:26 minimum wage rate out there was 8.25 an hour. 21 In fact, she said that at no time can an 22 employer pay less than 8.25 an hour. So she actually 23 testified contradictory to what her own claims are, 24 that there's a two-tier minimum wage system that you 25 10:29:40

have to pay 8.25 if you're not offering health 10:29:44 insurance and 7.25 if you are offering health insurance. 3 In fact, she even testified --4 THE COURT: So how --5 10:29:55 In fact, she even testified --MR. PAEK: 6 THE COURT: How is that a defense, though? I 7 mean, really. Just because, you know, hypothetically you have a malpractice plaintiff doesn't understand what the standard of care might be for an orthopedic 10 10:30:06 spine surgeon. That doesn't mean their claim is not 11 viable if they have an expert that will opine on the 12 standard of care. 13 MR. PAEK: Well, she also testified that she 14 was being offered legitimate health insurance. 15 10:30:16 16 is it that she couldn't be paid the lower tier rate if she, in her own words, the health insurance was 17 legitimate. 18 And we've already hit on plaintiff Fitzlaff 19 who already enrolled in the health insurance which, you 20 10:30:32 know, contradicts even their position now would the 21 provide means offer. 22 So that being said, your Honor, I mean, 23 adequacy is a big problem. The class definition is a 24 big problem. Under its rigorous -- under the rigorous 25 10:30:49

standard and the analysis of each one of those factors, 10:30:53 they don't meet it. And the declarations that they've proffered in here, they don't stand for what they say they stand for. They're the definitions is what these plaintiffs actually testified to as to their knowledge 10:31:09 and their understanding. 7 THE COURT: I understand, sir. And, you know, I'll be happy to MR. PAEK: 8 address any points that the Court would like me to address beyond that or anything else that plaintiffs 10 10:31:21 might bring up. 11 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. 12 Counsel. 13 MR. SCHRAGER: I will be exceptionally brief, 14 and just hit a few things. Number one, I did want to 15 10:31:29 read from the amended complaint filed June 5, 2014, 16 which is now 13 months ago. 17 Defendants -- this is the first claim for 18 Defendants paid and have paid plaintiffs and relief. 19 members of the class at a reduced minimum wage level 20 10:31:42 pursuant to the Nevada constitution without providing 21 qualified health insurance benefits as required by that 22 provision. Can't be any clearer than that. 23 Pled exactly what we meant. 24 Pardon me. 25 10:31:57

Now, as to Ms. Fitzlaff --1 10:31:59 2 THE COURT: Maybe that should be kind of inserted into the class definition at some point. 3 MR. SCHRAGER: No, you're absolutely --4 THE COURT: I mean, really. That's the whole 5 10:32:06 case --7 MR. SCHRAGER: I will get to that momentarily. THE COURT: -- right. 8 I will get to that momentarily. 9 MR. SCHRAGER: As far as, you know, your Honor's general understanding 10 10:32:12 as to what this case is going to come down to I think 11 is exactly right. 12 As far as the issue of what constitutes or 13 whether their plans constituted qualified health 14 insurance is not a threshold issue. That's the 15 10:32:24 ultimate issue. We're just completing the class 16 certification phase, the merits and liability phase --17 THE COURT: I understand. 18 MR. SCHRAGER: -- will proceed. So it's not 19 something, as I think your Court understands, it's not 20 10:32:33 something you have to decide now. It's something that 21 will decide the case. 22 As far as plaintiff Fitzlaff. The fact that 23 she enrolled at periods of time over the last five 24 years, there were periods of time in which she was not 25 10:32:44

covered by insurance and was still paid 7.25. 1 10:32:47 So enrollment for periods of time does not 2 disqualify her as a representative of those who weren't 3 because there was plenty of time in which she was not. Let's see. I mean, it seems to me, we can 10:33:00 sort of cut through this and move on with our lives because we're going to be back at the end of this month on this disqualification motion. It seems to me that the most logical and useful thing to do at the moment is to deny the motion without prejudice. We will renew 10 10:33:15 or class certification motion to probably better, you 11 know, or supplemental briefing on the class definition. 12 We will discuss with you in the wake of last week's 13 order regarding the provide versus offer. We will 14 propose our subclass idea. We can flesh that out 15 10:33:39 16 better. Defendants can make whatever arguments they 17 And we will come back and we will have this out 18 want. Sort of having it out now in this manner does 19 then. not really seem to be the best use of everyone's time. 20 10:33:50 All right. THE COURT: 21 Anything else? 22 MR. PAEK: Just to address really quickly, 23 your Honor, just for the record what they're pointing 24 out in their complaint. Throughout the complaint, for 25 10:33:55

example on page 3 line 1: Providing, offering, and 10:33:58 maintaining health insurance. Provide and offer at that time in their complaint was used synonymously. And if you look specifically on page 6 paragraphs 25, As part of their individualized claim they write: 26. 10:34:09 Ms. Diaz was never offered a company health plan at all much less a plan that would qualify. So that right -and there -- and the next paragraph, paragraph 26: Defendants, therefore, were unlawfully paying Ms. Diaz. So what they started out with within their complaint, 10 10:34:26 your Honor, was contingent on whether or not health 11 plans were offered, not whether or not people were 12 Now its changed into that. But that's not 13 enrolled. what was reflected in their complaint or what was 14 reflected at the time of the deposition. 15 10:34:39 As to, I mean, it's within the Court's 16 discretion as to -- I mean, if plaintiffs want to 17 propose denying the motion without prejudice at this 18 time, we'll leave that up -- I mean, that's within the 19 Court's discretion as to how the Court would like to 20 10:35:04 handle that. We've already addressed the issue with 21 the class definition as they exist. Those issues are 22 still there. I don't think they can move forward with 23 certification at this time. So as we pointed out to 24 the Court, we are still currently ahead of the 25 10:35:18

10:35:21	1	certification deadline which is July 28. So which will
	2	also be the same date as the hearing on our motion to
	3	disqualify.
	4	And unless the Court has any other questions,
10:35:37	5	I'll rest there.
	6	THE COURT: All right. This is what I'm
	7	Mr. Springmeyer, sir.
	8	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Could I propose, your Honor,
	9	that we have this hearing continued over on to the 28th
10:35:48	10	when the other one is set. That
	11	THE COURT: I was actually thinking about
	12	that, Mr. Springmeyer. What I'm actually thinking
	13	about doing, since there will have to be
	14	supplementation, moving the deadline and also the
10:36:00	15	hearing date from the 28th to August 6 which gives
	16	everybody more time.
	17	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Right. And then we could do
	18	supplemental briefing on the class definition
	19	THE COURT: Exactly.
10:36:10	20	MR. SCHRAGER: on the subclass idea.
	21	MR. PAEK: Your Honor, we are
	22	MR. SPRINGMEYER: They can oppose, and then we
	23	can reply.
	24	THE COURT: Right.
10:36:14	25	MR. SPRINGMEYER: And it can be heard in a

timely fashion. 10:36:16 THE COURT: Right. MR. PAEK: We are living in a different world 3 with the order of --THE COURT: Absolutely. 10:36:19 MR. PAEK: -- last week. 6 7 THE COURT: Yeah. So things have changed, and --8 MR. PAEK: MR. SCHRAGER: Makes sense. That's why I said, you know, I 10 THE COURT: 10:36:23 looked at the 28th, and that's probably still not 11 enough time but the 6th gives us an entire month. 12 13 MR. SPRINGMEYER: Yes, your Honor --MR. SCHRAGER: 14 Yes. THE COURT: -- for all practical purposes. 15 10:36:32 And so what we'll do is this, which I think is probably 16 the prudent way to handle it: We're going to continue 17 this motion to August 6. We're going to move the 18 defendant's motion to disqualify named plaintiffs as 19 class representatives and dismiss class action claims 20 10:36:47 to August 6. And also we're going to move the 21 stipulated deadline to August 6. And so that makes it 22 all -- so I can take care of it all at the same time. 23 One thing I can just tell you this: 24 there has to be some issue regarding something to deal 25 10:37:02

10:37:07	1	with time and also qualified health insurance in the
<i>0,</i> ,		definition. I just want to tell you that. That's kind
	3	of how I see that.
	4	MR. SPRINGMEYER: We got that, your Honor.
10:37:14	5	Thank you.
	6	THE COURT: Yeah. And anyway, that's what
	7	we'll do. And I'm going to hear all arguments on the
	8	merits as it relates to the individual class
	9	representatives and what potential defects they might
10:37:24	10	have. And then I'm going to listen to the motion to
	11	dismiss. We still have the certification motion
	12	pending. I'll bundle it all up, and I'll make a
	13	decision on August 6.
	14	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Your Honor, could we set
10:37:33	15	deadlines for the supplemental briefing?
	16	THE COURT: Yes, you can. And bottom line is
	17	if you want to stipulate, that's fine with me.
	18	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Well, I think we should be
	19	able to do that.
10:37:42	20	THE COURT: You can do it right now. What do
	21	you want. So we can put it on the record. Make it
	22	easy for you.
	23	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Sure.
	24	MR. SCHRAGER: Sure.
10:37:49	25	MR. SPRINGMEYER: 10 days for us. 10 days for

10:37:50	1	them. 5 days for reply.
	2	THE COURT: So 10 days for where does that
	3	take
	4	MR. SCHRAGER: That will take us roughly
10:37:59	5	Monday the 20th given the fact that the 19th is a
	6	Sunday.
	7	THE COURT: Is that fine? So that's what it
	8	will be. Prepare an order for me.
	9	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Yes, your Honor.
10:38:10	10	THE COURT: Then the hearing will be August 6.
	11	MR. PAEK: I think we'll need more time for
	12	the hearing, your Honor.
	13	THE COURT: You need more time for the
	14	hearing?
10:38:21	15	MR. SCHRAGER: Well, if they're going to have
	16	an extra 10 days that will take us to the end of the
	17	month, which will be the I mean, we give them to the
	18	31st. The hearing would just be less that a week
	19	later, so that the reply would be rather stunted.
10:38:34	20	THE COURT: You want August 10th or August 13?
	21	It's up to you.
	22	MR. SCHRAGER: Either of those.
	23	MR. PAEK: I prefer August 13.
	24	THE COURT: That's whatever you need.
10:38:42	25	MR. SHRAGER: That's fine.

10:38:43	1	THE COURT: That's what we'll do.
	2	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Okay.
	3	MR. SCHRAGER: So the 20th, the 31st. And
	4	let's say the 7th for the briefing, supplemental
10:38:55	5	briefing schedule.
	6	MR. PAEK: Well, that gives us less than 10
	7	days actually, judicial days.
	8	MR. SPRINGMEYER: All right.
	9	MR. PAEK: Could we have until the 3rd?
10:39:04	10	MR. SPRINGMEYER: How about if we cut ours
	11	back to the proceeding Friday. We don't need 10 days
	12	to do this.
	13	THE COURT: Okay.
	14	THE COURT CLERK: Can you repeat those days
10:39:11	15	then now?
	16	MR. SCHRAGER: That doesn't seem right. So
	17	that is the 7th.
	18	So Monday the 20th for supplemental brief.
	19	When did you want?
10:39:19	20	MR. PAEK: August 3.
	21	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Friday.
	22	MR. SCHRAGER: I'm sorry. Okay, Friday the
	23	17th. Friday the 17th for the supplemental brief.
	24	The 31st still good for you?
10:39:29	25	MR. PAEK: That works.

10:39:29	1	MR. SCHRAGER: Okay. 31st for their
	2	opposition or response. And Friday the 7th for the
	3	reply, your Honor.
	4	THE COURT: All right. That's what it will
10:39:40	5	be.
	6	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Okay.
	7	MR. SCHRAGER: Thank you, your Honor.
	8	THE COURT: And the hearing date will be?
	9	THE COURT CLERK: You want the hearing
10:39:43	10	MR. SPRINGMEYER: The 13.
	11	THE COURT CLERK: 13th then?
	12	MR. SCHRAGER: Yes.
	13	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Yes.
	14	THE COURT: August 13. Is that it?
10:39:51	15	MR. SCHRAGER: Yes. That's it.
	16	MR. SPRINGMEYER: Yes. Thank you, your Honor.
	17	MR. PAEK: Thank you, your Honor.
	18	THE COURT: Okay. Enjoy your week.
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	21	(THE PROCEEDINGS WERE CONCLUDED.)
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17th day of July, 2015. A copy of the Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Prohibition shall be served upon all parties to these proceedings upon filing. Dated: July 30, 2015 Respectfully submitted, RICK D. ROSKELLEY, ESQ. ROGER L. GRANDGENETT II, ESQ. MONTGOMERY Y. PAEK, ESQ. KATHRYN B. BLAKEY, ESQ. LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C. Attorneys for Defendants 

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MDC RESTAURANTS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; LAGUNA RESTAURANTS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; INKA, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Petitioners,

VS.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA in and for the County of Clark and THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY C. WILLIAMS, District Court Judge, Respondents,

VS.

PAULETTE DIAZ, an individual; LAWANDA GAIL WILBANKS, an individual; SHANNON OLSZYNSKI, an individual; and CHARITY FITZLAFF, an individual, on behalf of themselves and all similarly-situated individuals,

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