TEXAS JUSTICE CENTER

BELLAIRE, TEXAS

| [CLAIMANT’S FULL LEGAL NAME],Claimant,vs.[RESPONDENT’S FULL LEGAL NAME],Respondent. | §§§§§§§§§§§ | ARBITRATION NO. STATEMENT OF DEFENSE |
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**STATEMENT OF DEFENSE**

TO THE TEXAS JUSTICE CENTER (“TJC”) AND THE ABOVE-NAMED CLAIMANT:

The Respondent, [Respondent's Full Legal Name], acknowledges receipt of the Statement of Claim filed by the Claimant, [Claimant's Full Legal Name], and hereby submits this Statement of Defense pursuant to Rule 3 of the Arbitration Rules of the Texas Justice Center (“Rules”).

The Respondent agrees that the arbitration is to be conducted pursuant to the arbitration agreement dated [Date of Arbitration Agreement].

Respondent consents and agrees to the TJC administering the arbitration and acknowledges that neither the TJC or any arbitrator has any liability in the performance of these services.

**I. Parties**

1. The Respondent’s full legal name and address [including name and address address of its representative] is:
2. The Respondent’s email address, or the email address of its representative is: . Respondent consents to notice and service via email.
3. The Respondent acknowledges receipt of the Statement of Claim.

**II. Respondent’s Answer To Claimant’s Statement**

1. The Respondent disputes the following statements of fact and/or law made by claimant:

**III. Additional Facts and Arguments**

1. Respondent incorporates by reference additional documents which Respondent is attaching to this Statement of Defense, which Respondent alleges are material to this dispute and/or constitute evidence of its defense.
2. Respondent believes the Arbitrator’s should consider the additional facts and arguments pertaining to Claimant’s claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Remedy Requested**

1. Respondent [disputes/accepts] the Claimant’s requested remedy. [Provide reasoning and any alternative calculations.] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**V. Arbitrators and Language**

1. Respondent requests [one (1) / three (3)] arbitrators. [If more than one arbitrator] Respondent proposes that , with an address of and an email address of , act as arbitrator.
2. Respondent proposes the following language for the arbitration:

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WHEREFORE, premises considered, Respondent respectfully requests that the arbitration tribunal dismiss or deny the Claimant’s claims (or adjust the award proposed by the Claimant as follows):

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 Respectfully submitted this day of , 20 .

 Print Name:

 Title:

 Address:

 Phone:

 Email:

**Instructions**

DISCLAIMER: These instructions are not legal advice and cannot be relied upon without consulting a lawyer. The TJC cannot and will not explain these instructions or provide any help or assistance to any party to arbitration.

**Attach a copy of the agreement to arbitrate. If the agreement is in email or text message, they must be extracted and attached as PDFs. Images, screenshots, or other formats are not accepted.**

**I. Parties**. Identify the correct, full, legal name of the Respondent. Provide an email address that Respondent or its representative will be responsible for regularly checking, including the spam or filtered folders. It is the Respondent’s responsibility for checking email, and may be penalized for failing to check and respond to emails.

**II. Respondent’s Answer to Claimants Statement**. Respond to specific claims made by Claimant.

**III. Additional Facts and Arguments**. Describe the dispute succinctly. Omit personal attacks or non-relevant facts. Omit unnecessary narratives, anecdotes, or editorial that is not germane to a valid argument. Attach as PDFs any additional documents which support your defense or that you believe will aid the arbitration tribunal in resolving the dispute. Attach only complete documents and do not in any way alter, edit, or modify them (although making a PDF searchable or recognizing text is acceptable).

**IV. Remedy Requested**. Describe what you believe the arbitration tribunal should award. If you want an interim measure of protection, consult Rule 25 of the **Rules**. If you believe you have a claim against the Claimant, you must submit your own STATEMENT OF CLAIM and pay the requisite fee based on the amount claimed. You cannot make a claim in your STATEMENT OF DEFENSE other than as an affirmative defense.

**V. Arbitrator and Language**. Indicate whether you are requesting one (1) or three (3) arbitrators. If you are asking for three (3) arbitrators, you must nominate one of the three arbitrators. A list of TJC arbitrators can be found here: **TJC Arbitrators**. Indicate which language in which you would request the proceedings to be held. NOTE: TJC is not obligated to provide translators, and only corresponds in English. No promise is made that a language accommodation will be made.