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Lisa Cooper
D/B/A The 1800 Club, LLC
34 Court Street
Auburn, ME 04210

RE: Violations of 26 MRS, Inspection #459974
Certified Mail: 7015 1520 0001 0962 8638

Dear Lisa Cooper:

When our Inspector, [REDACTED], investigated complaints against your business the following violations of Maine Labor Law were found.

26 MRS §621-A Timely and Full Payment of Wages requires that employees be paid in full, on an established day or date, at regular intervals made known to the employee. The intervals may not exceed 16 days and must include all wages earned to within 8 days of the payment date.

In this case, the employer failed to pay [REDACTED], on the established pay dates of 06/25/2021, 07/02/2021 and 07/16/2021.

26 MRS §622 Records requires that employers keep a true record showing the date and amount paid to each employee. Every employer shall keep a daily record of the time worked by each such employee. Records required to be kept by this section must be accessible to any representative of the department at any reasonable hour.

In this case, the employer failed to provide the department's representative access to payroll records and time records in accordance with this statute.

The taxable wage report provided by the employer's payroll company, for the check date of 09/03/2021, lists 8 employees, not including [REDACTED].

26 MRS §626-A PENALTIES Whoever violates any of the provisions of sections 621-A to 623 or section 626, 628, 629 or 629-B is subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for each violation.

Each employee is counted as a separate violation, each pay cycle.

- 3 violations of §621-A
- 11 violations of §622

26 MRS §53 Additional penalties In addition to any penalties provided in chapter 7, subchapters I to IV, the director may assess a forfeiture against any employer, officer, agent or other person who violates any provision of chapter 7, subchapters I to IV for each violation of those subchapters. The forfeiture may not exceed \$1,000 or the amount provided in law or rule as a penalty for the specific violation, whichever is less.

- 14 violations

The total penalty for the above violation(s) is \$2,950.00.

Make checks payable to the “Treasurer, State of Maine”

The violations identified above will become a final order within fifteen (15) business days from the day it was received unless you request a penalty discussion or file an appeal (see employer options) within the specified time frame listed above.

Employer options (within 15 business days):

If you intend to correct all violations identified and wish to work with the Wage & Hour Division to possibly reduce the penalty amount, you may request a “Penalty Discussion”. This discussion will pertain only to the penalty(s) and not the violation(s). All proposed penalties will be stayed until after the penalty discussion.

Or

You may file a formal appeal of any violation or penalty within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this citation. Please be specific as to what violation(s) or penalty you wish to appeal. If a request for a formal appeal is received, the Director will set a time and date for a “hearing”. The Director will serve as the hearing officer or may assign the appeal to the Administrative Hearings Division within the Department of Labor. The hearing will be at the headquarters of the Bureau or at a place mutually agreeable to the parties. All proposed penalties will be stayed until after the formal appeal is heard.

As the employer, you must respond in writing to the Director of the Bureau, at the address above, within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this report stating what option you intend to choose. If no response is received within that time frame you accept all citations and any penalties assessed. The citation will become a final order and payment will be due at that time, made payable to “**Treasurer, State of Maine**” and mailed to the address at the top of this citation.

We strongly recommend that any correspondence be sent by certified mail. Failure to correct violations may result in additional penalties for each violation that is not corrected.

If you have questions regarding this citation, you may contact the Bureau of Labor Standards, Wage & Hour Division at (207) 623-7900.

Dates to remember:

Respond in writing, to the Director of the Bureau within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this citation indicating what option you choose.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott R. Cotnoir". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Scott Cotnoir, Director
Wage and Hour Division
Inspection # 459974