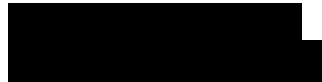




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March 25, 2020

Kim Bartmann,  
Bartmann Hospitality, Inc.  
Mr. Susie, LLC d/b/a Barbette  
Tiny Diner, LLC d/b/a Tiny Diner  
Miss Jimmy, Inc. d/b/a Red Stag Supperclub  
Uncle Pearle, LLC d/b/a Pat's Tap  
Out of the Blue Ventures, LLC d/b/a Book Club  
Ventnor Partners, LLC d/b/a Gigi's Café  
1600 W. Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55408



Dear Ms. Bartmann:

This Office has received reports that your above-named business entities (hereinafter “Restaurants”) recently laid off numerous employees without paying the final paychecks—including gratuities—owed to the employees, in violation of Minn. Stat. §§ 181.101 and 181.13. These reports appear to be corroborated by statements you made to the City Pages for an article printed March 23, 2020.

The Minnesota Attorney General’s Office has authority under Minnesota Statutes section 8.31 to investigate violations of Minnesota law respecting unlawful practices in business, commerce, or trade, including but not limited to violations of Minnesota Statutes chapters 177 and 181. Minn. Stat. § 177.45, 181.1721. In order for this Office to evaluate these reports, please provide the following documents and information:

1. In an Excel spreadsheet, identify each employee for each Restaurant, including: (a) name; (b) address; (c) telephone number; (d) email address (if known); (e) date of last paycheck issued; (f) amount of unpaid wages owed; (g) the amount of accrued but unused PTO (if applicable); (h) the amount of accrued but unused sick leave; (i) the bank account each employee is normally paid through; and (j) the entity that employed the employee.
2. For each employee identified in number 1, above, provide the notices required by Minn. Stat. § 181.032(d) as well as any written notices required by Minn. Stat. § 181.032(f).

3. In an Excel spreadsheet, provide a list of financial accounts associated with each Restaurant, including but not limited to all bank accounts, merchant accounts, money market accounts, or other financial accounts, including but not limited to checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit. For each account, list (a) type of account; (b) the name on the account; (c) the name and address of the financial institution; (d) the account number; and (e) the current balance.
4. For each bank account identified in response to number 3, above, provide a balance sheet detailing incoming payments and outgoing transfers of funds for the past three (3) months.
5. In an Excel spreadsheet, for each Restaurant, provide a list of cash on hand (as opposed to cash in bank or other financial accounts). The term “cash on hand” includes but is not limited to cash in the form of currency, uncashed checks, and money orders.
6. In an Excel spreadsheet, provide a list of nonmonetary assets associated with each Restaurant, including but not limited to: vehicles, furniture, and equipment. For each item list: (a) the name of the item; (b) the entity which owns the item; (c) the acquisition cost of the item, and (d) the estimated current value of the item.
7. In an Excel spreadsheet, for each Restaurant, provide a list of all credit cards associated with each business, including: (a) the name of the credit card; (b) account number; (c) name(s) on the account; and (d) current balance.
8. For each Restaurant, provide any and all audited financial statements and copies of federal and state tax returns (including all schedules and attachments thereto) for 2019 to the present.

I ask that you send a response to this Office no later than April 3, 2020. If you have questions or need to talk about any of the above requests, please contact me at the number below. You may provide your response to this Office at the following address:

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I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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