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VIA EMAIL Hon. Barbara Jones Bracewell LLP 31 W. 52nd Street Suite 1900 New York, NY 10019-6118

## Re: Proposed Settlement Agreement to Resolve Charges against Mike Fritz

Dear Judge Jones:

Enclosed please find an Affidavit and Agreement signed by Mr. Mike Fritz which, if accepted, would resolve the charges the IIO recommended against him. The IIO alleged in paragraphs 68-73 of its Memorandum Recommending Charges, dated July 18, 2023, that Mr. Fritz violated proper procedure for the authorization of expenditures made by Local Union 853. In sum, the Agreement provides that:

- 1. Mr. Fritz will immediately, upon approval of the Agreement, serve a suspension of 30 days from his position as Truck Driver for Joint Council No. 7 and, during that time, he will not hold any positions within the IBT, nor will he accept any salary, allowances, benefits contributions, or other payments or compensation of any kind from any IBT entity; and
- 2. Mr. Fritz has agreed that, during his suspension, he will refrain from "any and all involvement in any IBT entity" and he will not be "appointed or hired as an employee or consultant by any of them, whether in a paid or unpaid capacity."

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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In the matter of:

**Mike Fritz** 

Affidavit and Agreement

MIKE FRITZ, being duly sworn, deposes and says, and agrees as follows:

1. On or about July 18, 2023, the Independent Investigations Officer ("IIO"), appointed pursuant to the Final Order, dated February 17, 2015, in *United States v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters*, 88 Civ. 4486 (SDNY)(the "Final Order"), recommended that the following charges be filed against me: bringing reproach upon the IBT by permitting and making expenditures of union monies without proper authorization.

2. General President O'Brien subsequently adopted the IIO's charge report without having made any judgment as to the underlying merits and referred the charges to a panel for a hearing.

3. I make this Affidavit and Agreement (the "Agreement") to resolve the IIO-recommended charges described in paragraph 1. This Agreement does not constitute an admission or denial of the wrongdoing alleged in these charges.

I represent and agree to the following:

- a. I am a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and a member of IBT Local 853.
- b. I was formerly a Trustee of Teamsters Local 853 and I am currently employed as a truck driver by Teamsters Joint Council No. 7.: Other than the foregoing, I have held no other elected or appointed positions or offices of any kind with the IBT, Local 853 or any of their affiliated entities, including any other locals, superior bodies, inferior bodies, conferences, councils, committees, division, pension, health and welfare or severance plans or other such entities ("IBT entities").

5. I hereby agree that effective upon when this Agreement is approved by the Independent Review Officer ("IRO"), I will be suspended, without pay and benefits, from any and all positions with any IBT entities for a period of 30 days. The suspension will not affect my membership and continuous good standing in Local 853; provided I pay dues covering that period and otherwise maintain my membership in good standing.

6. I hereby further agree that during the entire period of my 30-day suspension from office, no IBT entities shall pay me, nor shall I accept, any salary, gratuities, gifts, payments, allowances, fees, benefit payments or contributions or any other compensation of any kind, except that I may receive any compensation or benefits which have accrued to me prior to the effective date of my suspension, including any fully vested or accrued (as of the effective date of my suspension) pension, vacation or other benefits under any existing benefit plans or programs maintained or sponsored by any IBT entities. In addition, I may receive payment for any salary or expenses I incurred with my work on behalf of any IBT entity prior to the effective date of my suspension and in accordance with existing policies and procedures of the relevant IBT entity. For the period of my suspension, I will not receive any expense allowances from any IBT entity and understand that no IBT entity is permitted to make payment for or maintain my eligibility for health or other benefits under the applicable plans.

7. I hereby further agree that from the effective date of my suspension and during the entire period of my 30-day suspension, I will refrain from any and all involvement in any IBT entity and cannot be appointed or hired as an employee or consultant by any of them, whether in a paid or unpaid capacity.

8. I understand and agree that this Agreement will be submitted to the Independent Review Officer ("IRO") for her review. Approval by the IRO makes this Agreement final and binding. I understand that no representations have been made as to whether this Agreement will be approved by the IRO. If this Agreement is not approved by the IRO, this Agreement is null and void.

I make this Agreement freely, under no duress or coercion of any kind.

10. I will transmit this Agreement, signed by me, to the IBT.

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Mike Fritz

Dated: 11-08-272=

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document. State of California County of Contra Costa ) On <u>11-08-2023</u> before me, <u>Elbe Tamayo de Victorio, Korons Quelli</u> (insert name and title of the officer) personally appeared Mike Fritz who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. AYO DE VICTOR WITNESS my hand and official seal Signature (Seal) AGREED: Dated: 11/13/2023 Edward mille sun M for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters APPROVED Dated: 11/38/23 Andependent Review Officer 3 4868-9009-1659.2