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DECLARATION OF SAKO SARKIS SABILJIAN

The Undersigned, Sako Sarkis Sabiljian hereby, DECLARES that the following is true and correct and of my own knowledge except where stated upon information or belief, and in such cases, I have been so informed and do believe. Further, if called upon to testify about the same I could do so competently and credibly.

1. My name is Sako Sarkis Sabiljian, and I own The Brake Shop in Fresno, California.

2. I am 33 years old and my place of business is at 8144 East Olive, Fresno, CA 93701.

3. I have known Charles Benninghoff since April 2003 when he represented me before the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR).

4. When I first contacted Mr. Benninghoff, he explained that he was not a lawyer.

5. I want to assure everyone who reads this that I hired Mr. Benninghoff knowing him to be a lay representative and at no time did he indicate that he was or did I believe him to be a lawyer.

6. I hired Mr. Benninghoff as an alternative to paying the high cost of a lawyer's representation. His charges for the services rendered were fair and reasonable.

7. Mr. Benninghoff's work has been great so far.

8. I hired Mr. Benninghoff to represent me when the BAR accused me of working with expired licenses and a separate case in which an employee had performed illegal testing on a vehicle.

9. I was very happy with Mr. Benninghoff's efforts, his work is just fine.

10. I do not believe that I should have to hire a lawyer to represent me in a case before the BAR. There is no law that forces me to hire a lawyer if I were to have a case in a

1 criminal court, why should I hire one for an administrative procedure matter?

2 11. Mr. Benninghoff was able to negotiate a Stipulated Settlement in which I paid a fine,
3 my automobile repair license was placed on 3 years probation and my other licenses were
4 revoked.
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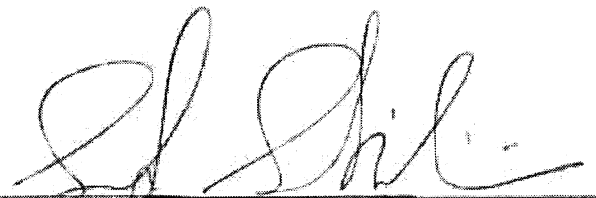
6 12. I will be able to petition for a reinstatement of my licenses at the end of my probation
7 period.

8 13. I am planning on using the services of Mr. Benninghoff to assist me in the filing of
9 the petition to reinstate my licenses.
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11 14. I have no reservations in recommending Mr. Benninghoff to anyone.

12 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
13 above-stated is true and this declaration is signed under penalty of perjury.
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15 Date: 6-1-05

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