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SUPREME COURT OF	THE STATE	<b>OF NEW YORK</b>	
COUNTY OF KINGS			

LIBERTAS FUNDING, LLC,

Plaintiff.

-against-

NATURE'S INTENT LLC and Donald Demato,

Defendant(s).

SUMMONS

Index No.

To the above-named Defendant(s):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the annexed complaint.

Plaintiff designates KINGS County as the place of trial. The basis of the venue is designated in the Agreement between the parties.

Dated: December 13, 2023 New York, NY

> By: /s/ Steven Zakharyayev Steven Zakharyayev, Esq. 10 W 37th Street, RM 602 New York, NY 10018 (201) 716-0681 Attorneys for Plaintiff

TO DEFENDANT(S):

NATURE'S INTENT LLC 525 ROUTE 73 NORTH SUITE 310, MARLTON,NJ, 08053

Donald Demato 5 Tunbridge Wells Court, MEDFORD, NJ 08055

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS

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LIBERTAS FUNDING, LLC	Index No.	
Plaintiff,		
-against-	VERIFIED COMPLAINT	
NATURE'S INTENT LLC and Donald Demato,	VERIFIED COMI LAMVI	
Defendant(s).	v	

Plaintiff, LIBERTAS FUNDING, LLC, by its attorney Steven Zakharyayev, Esq. as and for its complaint against Defendant(s) herein, alleges as follows:

- Plaintiff LIBERTAS FUNDING, LLC ("Plaintiff") is a New York limited liability company engaged in the receivable financing business.
- 2. Upon information and belief, NATURE'S INTENT LLC ("Defendant-Seller") is a foreign limited liability company.
- Defendant Donald Demato ("Defendant-Guarantor") is an individual residing in the State of New Jersey and upon information and belief is a principal of defendantseller.
- 4. Pursuant to a receivable purchase agreement and personal guaranty dated JULY 17, 2023 & AUGUST 10, 2023 (the "Agreement"), Plaintiff purchased a percentage of the Defendant-Seller's total future accounts receivable up to the sum of \$1,250,000.00 & \$1,250,000.00 ("Purchased Amount") in exchange for an upfront purchase price of \$1,000,000.00 & \$1,000,000.00 ("Purchase Price") A copy of the merchant agreement is attached as EXHIBIT A.
- 5. The Agreement contains the parties' express consent to the jurisdiction of the courts located in the State of New York.

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6. Pursuant to the Agreement, Plaintiff was authorized to collect via an ACH electronic debit of the Future Receivables, until such time that Plaintiff collected the total amount of purchased receivables.

- 7. Critical to facilitating this transaction, the Agreement contains Defendant-Seller's express covenant not to revoke its ACH authorization to Plaintiff or otherwise take any measure to interfere with Plaintiff's ability to collect the Future Receivables.
- 8. Contrary to Defendant-Seller's express covenant set forth above, Defendant-Seller materially breached the terms of the Agreement on November 25, 2023 by changing the designated bank account without Plaintiff's authorization, by placing a stop payment on Plaintiff's debits to the account or by otherwise taking measures to interfere with Plaintiff's ability to collect the Future Receivables. A copy of the remittance history is attached as EXHIBIT B.

## AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract as to Defendant-Seller)

- 9. The Agreement provides that Defendant-Seller shall be in default of the Agreement if, inter alia, it breaches any covenants contained therein or makes any representation or warranty proving to have been incorrect, false or misleading in any material respect.
- 10. As a result of Defendant-Seller's breach of the provisions set forth above, Defendant-Seller has defaulted under the Agreement.
- 11. Pursuant to the Agreement, in the event of Defendant-Seller's default, Plaintiff may declare the total amount of receivables purchased and not delivered as immediately due and owing to Plaintiff, including costs and fees. Plaintiff now has a balance of \$1,681,747.20 in undelivered Future Receivables.
- 12. Subtracting the amount of receivables Plaintiff has previously collected from Defendant-Seller under the Agreement from the total Future Receivables purchased by Plaintiff, there is presently due and owing from Defendant-Seller to Plaintiff the amount of \$1,681,747.20 with interest thereon from November 25, 2023.

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AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Guaranty as to Defendant-Guarantor)

13. The Agreement contains Defendant-Guarantor's separately executed and

unconditional guarantee of payment in the event of default under the Agreement by

Defendant-Seller ("Guaranty").

14. As a result of Defendant-Seller's breach and default under the Agreement as set forth

above and pursuant to the Guaranty, there is presently due and owing from

Defendant-Guarantor to Plaintiff the amount of \$1,681,747.20 with interest thereon

from November 25, 2023.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against defendants on the respective causes of action in the amount of \$1,681,747.20, plus interest from November 25, 2023

and costs and attorneys' fees, for such other and further relief as this Court may deem just

and proper.

Dated: December 13, 2023

New York, NY

By:/s/ Steven Zakharyayev

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## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS

COUNTY OF KINGS	
LIBERTAS FUNDING, LLC,	
Plaintiff,	Index No
-against-	
NATURE'S INTENT LLC and Donald Demato,	VERIFICATION BY A PARTY
Defendant(s).	x
STATE OF NEW YORK)	A
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)	
RICKY PALACIO, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and sta	ates the following:
I am a(n) CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE of L	IBERTAS FUNDING, LLC in the within action.
I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the	e contents thereof; the same is true to my own
knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged or	n information and belief, and as to those matters,
I believe them to be true.	
The foregoing statements are true under penalties of penalties	erjury.
	RICKY PALACIO
ACKNOWLEDGEMEN	VT
county of <u>Fairfield</u> ): Greenwich	
On December 13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2023</sub> , The foregoing instrument was ack presence or [] online notarization by RICKY PALACIO who is p of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscrib me that he executed the same in his representative capacity, and that	bed to the within instrument and acknowledged to

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