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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Tyler Asher
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DATE: June 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Employee Dislocation Notification
Hard Rock Cafe
WARN # 202500065

Hard Rock Cafe has filed an official WARN Notice with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, notifying the agency of a permanent closure effective August 23, 2026. The affected location is located at 2050 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. The total number of affected workers is 61. The company notified the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Dislocated Worker Unit on June 19, 2026.

The employees at the facility are not represented by a collective bargaining agreement and do not have bumping rights. The East Local Workforce Development Area rapid response team, employed by the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency, has been notified to coordinate services with the employer and affected employees. The East Local Workforce Development Board will be responsible for the oversight of and the continued follow-up of Rapid Response and Dislocated Worker services associated with this event. If you need additional information or have questions, please contact the Dislocated Worker Unit at (615) 253-6355.

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