



John Zapata appeals the district court's<sup>1</sup> adverse grant of summary judgment in this diversity suit. After careful de novo review, viewing the evidence and all fair inferences from it in a light most favorable to Zapata, see Johnson v. Blaukat, 453 F.3d 1108, 1112 (8th Cir. 2006), we conclude that summary judgment was proper, for the reasons stated by the district court. Accordingly, we affirm. See 8th Cir. R. 47B. We also deny appellees' motion to strike portions of Zapata's reply brief.

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<sup>1</sup>The Honorable Nanette K. Laughrey, United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.