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**Re: Cease, Desist, Retract, and Apologize For False and Defamatory  
Statements About President Donald J. Trump**

Dear Mr. Wilson and Mr. Nicolais:

This law firm represents the interests of President Donald J. Trump. Please direct all future correspondence relating to this matter to my attention.

It has come to our attention that on August 22, 2025, you made false and defamatory statements on YouTube about President Trump when you stated: "It distracts them from the fact that Donald Trump is a corrupt and sick pedophile."

This statement you made about President Trump in your unethical YouTube video is false, malicious, and defamatory as it specifically targets President Trump, intentionally disparages him, and wrongly seeks to undermine his reputation. Your suggestion that your statement is a "fact" further exacerbates this matter. Such a defamatory statement has no basis in fact, is unwarranted, and has caused irreparable harm. Indeed, as of the time of this writing, your statement has been viewed by more than 69,000 of your followers.

Presumably, your false, defamatory, and malicious statements regarding President Trump are caused by the impact on you of the extensive prior allegations made against your friend and business partner. Namely, your co-founder at The Lincoln Project, John Weaver, was specifically alleged to have sent unsolicited and sexually provocative online messages to no less than 21 young men, including messages to a 14-year-old, asking questions about his body. Your focus and attention should have been directed at those allegations of your own business partner and not on defaming at President Trump, given that it is widely known and reported that the disgusting statements you made regarding President Trump are completely and totally false. Stated plainly, you have blatantly, purposefully, and maliciously defamed President Trump. As a result, the



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harmful impact of your unlawful statements, as measured by no less than the number of individuals and outlets that have repeated your statements, is manifest, and is likely to be in the billions of dollars.

Words are defamatory under Florida law<sup>1</sup> when “they tend to subject one to hatred, distrust, ridicule, contempt or disgrace or tend to injure one in one's business or profession.” *Johnston v. Borders*, 36 F.4th 1254, 1275 (11th Cir. 2022) (quoting *Am. Airlines, Inc. v. Geddes*, 960 So. 2d 830, 833 (Fla. 3d DCA 2007) (citation and quotation marks omitted)). Further, “where the speaker or writer neglects to provide the audience with an adequate factual foundation prior to engaging in the offending discourse, liability may arise.” See *Zambrano v. Devanesan*, 484 So. 2d 603, 607 (Fla. 4th DCA 1986).

The statement made by you constitutes a deliberate verbal attack, motivated by ill will and malicious intention, which was calculated to inflict significant harm upon President Trump's reputation. Further, this is not the first time that you have falsely, maliciously, and deliberately attacked President Trump. You have previously attacked President Trump and accused him of treason: “America is in the midst of a treason boom right now, and more than a few people in Trump's immediate orbit—and Trump himself—richly and actually deserve the title of traitor, and the treason inherent in their acts and words is apparent.”<sup>2</sup> You have also previously defamed President Trump by labeling him: “a fraud a con man, a pathological liar, sexual assaulter, and a felon.”<sup>3</sup> You also published at least two books further demonstrating your distaste, hatred, and ill-will toward President Trump.<sup>4</sup> Given your prior history, a jury of your peers will easily find that you have engaged in a pattern of malicious defamation against President Trump. The August 22, 2025, defamatory statement has not only caused considerable damage but has also attempted to

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<sup>1</sup> Given that your YouTube post was disseminated in, *inter alia*, Florida and President Trump resides in Florida, Florida law may apply to any claims he may have against you and any other related parties. Nevertheless, President Trump does not agree or admit that only Florida law applies to any claims he might have in connection with or arising out of your defamatory statements.

<sup>2</sup> “The Traitors Among Us” ROLLING STONE (December 4, 2019) (<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/political-commentary/traitors-donald-trump-republican-party-922194/>).

<sup>3</sup> “‘Unbelievable Lies All the Time’: Rick Wilson on Trump's False Statements at Debate” MSNBC YOUTUBE (June 28, 2024) ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHg\\_n3rU2NI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHg_n3rU2NI)).

<sup>4</sup> “Running Against the Devil: A Plot to Save America from Trump—and Democrats from Themselves” RICK WILSON, CROWN FORUM (<https://www.amazon.com/Running-Against-Devil-Trump-Themselves/dp/0593137582>); “Everything Trump Touches Dies: A Republican Strategist Gets Real About the Worst President Ever” RICK WILSON, FREE PRESS (<https://www.amazon.com/Everything-Trump-Touches-Dies-Republican/dp/1982103124>).





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undermine the credibility of President Trump in the eyes of the public and the professional community.

To the extent you seek to take the incorrect position that your statement is protected as an opinion (which is belied by your express statement that what you stated was a "fact"), your belief is contradicted by well-established Florida law. *See Dershowitz v. Cable News Network, Inc.*, 541 F. Supp. 3d 1354, 1362 (S.D. Fla. 2021); *see also Milkovich v. Lorain Journal Co.*, 497 U.S. 1, 18-19 (1990) ("Even if the speaker states the facts upon which he bases his opinion, if those facts are either incorrect or incomplete, or if his assessment of them is erroneous, the statement may still imply a false assertion of fact. ***Simply couching such statements in terms of opinion does not dispel these implications.***") (emphasis added); *see also Eastern Air Lines, Inc. v. Gellert*, 438 So. 2d 923, 927 (Fla. 3d DCA 1983) ("***[A] statement that although ostensibly in the form of an opinion 'implies the allegation of undisclosed defamatory facts as the basis for the opinion' is actionable.***") (emphasis added).

Accordingly, given the obviously unlawful conduct that you have engaged in, you have created an untenable situation that must be addressed immediately. Namely, President Trump hereby demands that you: (1) ***cease and desist*** any and all conduct aimed at falsely disrupting and harming his reputation; (2) ***immediately issue a full and fair retraction*** of the statements made on YouTube, and any other media outlets, as well as any and all additional false, defamatory, malicious, and/or misleading statements about President Trump, in as conspicuous a manner as they were originally published; and (3) ***immediately issue an apology*** for the false, defamatory, malicious and/or misleading statement about President Trump.

Moreover, please allow this letter to serve as notice to you, to your affiliated entities, to any of your employees, agents, and to any other person acting on behalf of or in concert with you to preserve any and all evidence related in any way to the statements you made and any other statements that you have made or are planning to make, or have published or plan to publish regarding President Trump. By way of this letter, you are hereby directed not to destroy, conceal, or alter any paper or electronic files, physical evidence, and/or other data relating in any way, no matter how remote, to your false statements against President Trump, and/or the circumstances leading to their dissemination, including, but not limited to: (1) all communications between you and any third party in any way related to your wrongful accusations against President Trump; (2) all sources for your false accusations against President Trump; (3) any and all documents referring to, reflecting, or relating to communications between you and any such third-parties or sources regarding your false accusations against President Trump; (4) any and all documents in any way related to your false accusations against President Trump; and (5) any and all other communications related to any current or planned publications by you regarding President Trump.

I understand that many records and files are maintained electronically. However, this letter specifically requests that all paper and hard copy originals be maintained and preserved in their original format. By the same token, electronic documents and the storage media on which they reside may contain relevant, discoverable information beyond that which may be found in printed



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documents. Therefore, even where a paper copy exists and has been preserved, please preserve and maintain all electronically stored documents in their original native format, including all metadata. This preservation demand specifically encompasses any and all electronic documents, including but not limited to, all word-processed files, e-mails, spreadsheets, all databases, log files, and any other electronically stored and/or generated documents or files.

Should the above-referenced conduct not be addressed immediately, President Trump will be left with no alternative but to enforce his legal and equitable rights, including bringing legal action for billions of dollars in damages, all of which are expressly reserved and are not waived.

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Alejandro Brito*

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