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Via Electronic Mail

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**RE: *Truong v. Anthony Pedicini and The Committee to Expose Fake Republicans*, Case No.:
TBD (Fla. 12th Cir. Manatee).**

Dear Mr. Reyes:

I suppose it is the time of year again where your clients send defamatory mailers and I must intervene to protect my clients.

On behalf of Kristen Truong, I hereby demand The Committee to Expose Fake Republicans (“Fake Republicans”) and its agents, including but not limited to Anthony Pedicini, cease and desist from further false and defamatory statements regarding Ms. Truong. Fake Republicans’ mailings and text communications are replete with falsehoods, misrepresentations, and doctored graphics with no other purpose than to mislead readers and damage Ms. Truong’s reputation. The subject communications originate from Fake Republicans, and its agents, including but not limited to Anthony Pedicini, who are liable for defamatory falsehoods. The mailers sent via text and U.S. mail include indisputably false information and allegations, as detailed more fully below.

Fake Republicans’ Mailer (“Mailer”) falsely alleges that Truong “just moved here,” when, in fact, she was born and raised in Manatee County, Florida, and resides there. Ms. Truong has maintained her residency in Manatee County, Florida throughout her youth and adulthood. Although she had a presence in Washington at one point, she never abandoned Manatee County, and your Mailer is, at best, defamation by implication. Because Ms. Truong’s husband is running for office in Manatee County, this statement is, and is designed to be, extremely damaging to her and her husband’s careers.

Fake Republicans’ text message (“Text”) falsely alleges that Ms. Truong is a “Democrat.” In fact, however, Ms. Truong has been a registered Republican since she was eighteen years old. She has never been a Democrat. Thus, this statement is objectively false. Second, the Text claims

that Ms. Truong has a “direct connection to the Clintons.” Ms. Truong has never met or spoken to “the Clintons,” and certainly lacks any “direct connection.” The Text attempts to bolster its claim of a “connection to the Clintons,” with a doctored, photoshopped graphic showing the Clintons along with Truong and her husband. Fake Republicans knows that this graphic is photoshopped and misleading. In fact, the images of Ms. Truong and her husband are cut and pasted from the image on the opposite side of the Mailer previously discussed. Ms. Truong and her husband’s poses and attire are identical. This indicates that Fake Republicans intentionally and knowingly photoshopped Ms. Truong with the Clintons. The fabricated scene depicted in this false Text is highly defamatory in that it seeks to show Ms. Truong in a negative light to Republican voters, damaging her reputation. Further, because Ms. Truong’s husband is running for office as a Republican, these statements are, and are designed to be, extremely damaging to her and her husband’s career.

We hereby demand full and fair corrections, apologies, and/or retractions pursuant to Florida Statute 770.01 et seq. These corrections, apologies, and/or retractions are to be in a form and substance satisfactory to Truong and sent in the same manner to the same persons who received the original Mailer and Texts.

We note two additional issues. First Fake Republicans has altered Anthony Pedicini’s usual modus operandi in that it specifically targets not just a candidate, but a third party as well, Ms. Truong. Second, Fake Republicans and Anthony Pedicini have acted directly contrary to their client’s instructions and desires. At a recent candidate event April Culbreath said she “never would have approved” the mailer and text with images of Ms. Truong.

Fake Republicans also disseminated other misleading, false, and defamatory information about Kristen Truong and others. This is not a full statement of all of Fake Republicans’ misconduct, and all of our rights are hereby reserved in full. Nor is this letter a concession that any limitation in Florida Statute 770.01 applies in this case. To avoid any liability, we recommend that Fake Republicans, Pedicini, and any clients or agents thereof refrain from any remarks regarding Ms. Truong or her husband until no earlier than August 21, 2024.

If you are not or are no longer representing Mr. Pedicini and Fake Republicans, then please so inform me immediately and/or forward this letter to them. If we do not hear from you immediately, we will proceed in due course but without further notice. We would strongly prefer to avoid litigation, but we must protect ourselves. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We reserve all rights.

Sincerely,

/s/Michael P. Beltran

Michael Beltran

Enclosures:

Text
Mailer

Text Message
Today 3:42 PM

