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Re: Glenn Spencer

To Whom It May Concern:

Our firm represents Mr. Glenn Spencer. For the past several years, your organization has unfairly mischaracterized Mr. Spencer as a racist who hates the Mexican population based upon misinformation and misrepresentations that Mr. Spencer's ideology is "*anti-immigrant*." The publication of such false information is outrageous, highly offensive and libelous, casts Mr. Spencer in a false light, and constitutes an invasion of privacy, and could have been avoided with just a little due diligence on your organization's part. This letter is an effort to correct such misrepresentations and request that your organization remove all misinformation about Mr. Spencer from your website, or Mr. Spencer will be forced to seek legal redress.

A review of your website reveals that when searching Mr. Spencer's name, over 140 separate articles appear. Most of these articles contain the same misrepresentations in which your organization characterizes Mr. Spencer as a "*racist*" due to your assertion that Mr. Spencer is "*anti-immigrant*." First, such mischaracterization suggests that Mr. Spencer is opposed to any form of immigration whether legal or illegal. Your organization cannot provide any reputable evidence that Mr. Spencer is opposed to legal immigration. As a result, your organization's characterization of Mr. Spencer as an "*anti-immigrant*" is false and misleading. The effect is that your organization has characterized an American citizen who is opposed to illegal immigration as a racist. As a result, we demand that such mischaracterizations be removed from your website.

Next, your organization unfairly characterizes Mr. Spencer as a "*vitriolic Mexican-basher*." Again, this characterization is intended to show Mr. Spencer as a racist and an

individual who hates Mexicans and opposes all immigration from Mexico, whether legal or illegal. This characterization is false and not supported by any facts; it is libelous and casts Mr. Spencer in a false light. In the past, Mr. Spencer has criticized the Mexican government and culture for not ranking education as highly as the American government and culture, but according to Mr. Spencer, such criticism was supported by data, not racism. It certainly does not make him a “*vitriolic Mexican-basher*” and any such mischaracterization was done to bolster your organizations unsupportable racism claims. As a result, we demand that such mischaracterizations be removed from your website.

Next, you characterize Mr. Spencer as a “*self-appointed guardian of the border.*” Again, you mischaracterize Mr. Spencer’s role in this regard. You do acknowledge that he is the president and founder of the American Border Patrol (“ABP”), but what you fail to identify is that organization receives donations from more than 30,000 American citizens and was founded to bring “illegal immigration to the forefront of American public consciousness.” By using high-tech, innovative equipment, the ABP detects, locates and reports **illegal** immigration as it occurs. Again, Mr. Spencer has consistently participated in the fight in this country to combat the problems associated with “illegal immigration.” Yet your organization unfairly labels him a “*racist*” and “*vitriolic Mexican-basher*” for being opposed to illegal immigration. In addition, you also mischaracterize the ABP as using “*citizen patrols,*” to infer that the group is somehow involved in some sort of vigilante actions against the Mexican people. Due diligence on your organization’s part would have revealed that the ABP has not used “citizen patrols” for over nine years. Again, we demand that such mischaracterizations be removed from your website.

Next, you accuse Mr. Spencer of joining the “*anti-immigration movement*” in 1992, when he formed the Voice of Citizens Together (originally Valley Citizens Together). Again, this mischaracterizes Mr. Spencer’s position on immigration. He is not anti-immigration. He is anti-illegal immigration. There is a distinction for which your website does not take into consideration, thereby misrepresenting his views and opinions and unfairly bolstering your mischaracterization of him as being a “*racist*” and a “*vitriolic Mexican-basher.*” As a result, we request that such mischaracterizations be removed from your website.

Your organization next asserts that Mr. Spencer’s ABP website “*was largely a compilation of crime articles that falsely suggested Latinos were vastly more criminal than others.*” Due diligence by your organization would have revealed that all of the articles contained in that website were factual and no false representations were made. Again, we request that such mischaracterizations be removed from your website.

Next, the statement, “*Spencer and fellow anti-immigration extremists such as Barbara Coe, who leads the hate group California Coalition for Immigration Reform,*” erroneously mischaracterizes Mr. Spencer: 1) as an anti-immigration extremist; and 2) infers that he is also either a leader or supporter of a hate group. As we indicated above, Mr. Spencer is not “*anti-*

immigration,” he is opposed to illegal immigration. The use of the term “*extremist*” by your organization when it erroneously describes Mr. Spencer’s views on immigration is purposely meant to be inflammatory, mischaracterizes the facts, and is purposely done to cast Mr. Spencer in a false light. In addition, by attempting to link Mr. Spencer to Barbara Coe, who you allege is the leader of a “hate group,” your organization attempts to infer that Mr. Spencer somehow supports Ms. Coe and her ideologies. Such an inference has no basis in fact, as Mr. Spencer has no relationship whatsoever with Barbara Coe. This in favor purposely casts Mr. Spencer in a false light, and is libelous. As a result, we demand that such mischaracterizations be removed from your website.

Your organization next asserts that “*in 2002, Spencer finally abandoned the Golden State for Cochise County, Arizona, joining several other anti-immigrant activists including Minuteman cofounder Chris Simcox, who have relocated to the southern border.*” As with Ms. Coe, by attempting to link Mr. Spencer to Mr. Simcox, your organization attempts to infer that Mr. Spencer somehow supports Mr. Simcox and his ideologies. In fact, Mr. Spencer had never heard of Mr. Simcox before he moved to Cochise County in 2002. In addition, any due diligence on your organization’s part would have revealed that Mr. Spencer has been very critical of Mr. Simcox and refused to work with him on immigration issues. In addition, Mr. Spencer had nothing to do with the Minuteman operation. In fact, some additional due diligence by your organization would have revealed that on March 19, 2003 the following article entitled, “American Border Patrol Rejects Militia Manifesto Simcox Plan a Formula for Disaster” was published and states:

“Glenn Spencer of American Border Patrol has denounced a plan by a group headed by Chris Simcox to repel illegal aliens “with force if necessary!. Mr. Simcox has made some pretty irresponsible statements in the past, but this crosses over the line and cannot be allowed to go unchallenged, Spencer said. According to Spencer, he had warned Simcox in the past to obey all laws and avoid the threat of the use of force on the border. “I told Mr. Simcox that I have worked for 12 years on the border problems and I was not interested in having all that work ruined by the irresponsible acts of some misguided publicity seekers.” Spencer said Simcox is becoming a perfect foil for those seeking to keep the borders open. “The recent story in the Los Angeles Times shows just how the open borders crowd will use Simcox’ irresponsibility to smear all those who are seeking to have our laws enforced by official law enforcement agencies,” Spencer added. Spencer said that the American Border Patrol is a tax exempt organization dedicated to reporting factual information, and opposes vigilante and militia movements.”

As a result, we demand that such mischaracterizations be removed from your website.

Your organization next asserts that Mr. Spencer “*has attended conferences of American Renaissance magazine, which specialized in racist theories about blacks and others.*” Again, by attempting to link Mr. Spencer to the American Renaissance magazine, your organization attempts to infer that Mr. Spencer somehow supports the ideologies of the American Renaissance magazine and is therefore racist. Such an inference has no basis in fact, casts Mr. Spencer in a false light, and is libelous. Any due diligence on the part of your organization would have revealed that Mr. Spencer attended only one conference of the American Renaissance American Renaissance magazine. At that conference, the following speakers attended: John Philippe Rushton, a psychology professor at University of Western Ontario, Canada; Samuel Francis, recipient of a distinguished writing award for editorial writing of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in both 1989 and 1990; Nicholas Griffin, since 1999 the national chairman of the British National Party; and Jared Taylor, B.A. in philosophy from Yale University, M.A. from the Institut d’Etudes politiques de Paris in 1978 for International Economics. The meeting was entitled, “In Defense of Western Man.” Yet, your accusation that Mr. Spencer’s attendance at the American Renaissance magazine meeting classifies Mr. Spencer as some type of “racist” is a misrepresentation of the facts, is libelous and casts Mr. Spencer in a false light. That was Mr. Spencer’s only appearance before the group and Mr. Spencer has had no contact with that organization before or since. As a result, we request that such mischaracterizations be removed from your website.

Your organization next asserts that “*Spencer also promoted on his website a booklet published by Taylor (Jared Taylor, American Renaissance magazine’s editor) called, “The Color of Crime.”*” Due diligence by your organization would have revealed that Mr. Spencer never promoted the booklet, his webmaster made a link to the story in Vdare.org. As a result, we request that such mischaracterizations be removed from your website.

Finally, your organization asserted: “*Sometimes, Spencer’s racial paranoia seems to get the better of him. One night in 2003, thinking he was hearing noises outside his Sierra Vista, Arizona home, presumably the sounds of “illegal aliens” heading north – he grabbed a gun and started shooting into the dark outside. He managed to hit a neighbor’s garage, among other things, and was charged with four felonies. In Spencer’s case, his felony charges were reduced to one misdemeanor.*” Again, your organization grossly misrepresents the facts that occurred that night in 2003 to support your erroneous accusations that Mr. Spencer is a “racist” and a “vitriolic Mexican-basher.” The facts reveal that on the previous evening, Mr. Spencer’s home was burglarized and thousands of dollars’ worth of equipment had been stolen from his residence. Mr. Spencer had been informed that the burglary was conducted by a suspect who was associated with drug gangs. That following evening Mr. Spencer heard a noise which he thought was the criminals returning. Mr. Spencer fired once into the ground as a warning shot. This incident had nothing to do with “*racial paranoia*” or “*illegal aliens*” as your organizations website implies. Such false information puts Mr. Spencer again in a false light and such misrepresentations should be removed from your website.

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In summary, your organization is responsible for publishing misinformation to falsely accuse Mr. Spencer of being a “racist”, “*vitriolic Mexican-basher*”, and extremist. Such accusations are not supported by fact, are libelous and cast Mr. Spencer in a false light. We believe that the publication of such misinformation by your organization was deliberate, done with malice and with the intent to defame Mr. Spencer and cast him in a false light. Mr. Spencer has suffered damages as a result of your organizations deliberate and malicious actions and such misrepresentations should be removed from your website immediately. Failure to do so will force Mr. Spencer to take additional steps to protect his rights and reputation, mental and emotional interests.

Very truly yours,

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