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VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: Halie Soifer / JDCA

Dear Mr. Altman:

My firm represents Halie Soifer and the Jewish Democratic Council of America (JDCA). I write to you regarding a defamatory Tweet concerning Ms. Soifer and the JDCA, published on July 21, 2021 by the Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC). The claim that Ms. Soifer and the JDCA have not condemned Representative Omar for antisemitism is simply and provably false. We demand that the RJC immediately withdraw this false claim.



RJC @RJC · 15h

Islamophobia is awful and must be condemned.

Antisemitism is awful and must be condemned.

So why is it that @USJewishDems and @HalieSoifer fail every single time to condemn @Ilhan Omar's antisemitism?

Jewish Dems @USJewishDems · 16h

We must stand together against all hate and bigotry, not only because that's what allies do, but because it is the right thing to do. We applaud and support this effort to fight the alarming rise of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate crimes. cnn.com/2021/07/20/pol...

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This Tweet is clearly false, as even a cursory search of the @USJewishDems Twitter account would reveal. For instance, on February 10, 2019, JDCA posted this Tweet:



This Tweet linked to the following online article, the headline of which is:



The article includes a statement by Ms. Soifer, JDCA's Executive Director, that states: "We condemn Rep. Omar because her statement represents a form of anti-Semitism that has historically been used to target Jews."¹

The RJC wrote that Ms. Soifer and the JDCA "fail every single time to condemn @Ilhan Omar's antisemitism." This is false. In fact, Ms. Soifer and the JDCA have specifically issued precisely such a condemnation, even using the word "condemn." There can be no dispute that the RJC's claim is untrue.

The RJC's claim is not opinion; whether Ms. Soifer and the JDCA have issued a statement condemning Rep. Omar is provably false. And while they are public figures, the RJC statement was made with either knowledge of its falsity or with reckless disregard to whether it was false or not. The RJC specifically replied to the @USJewishDems Twitter account, the history of which clearly demonstrates the falsity of the claim. The RJC either knew that @USJewishDems

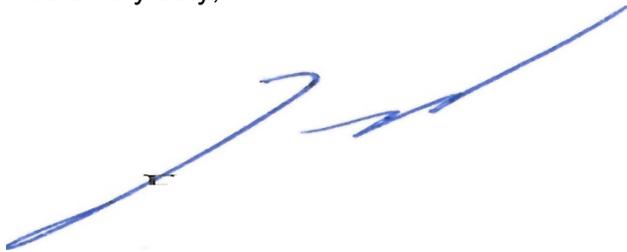
¹ See <https://jewishdems.org/jewish-dems-condemn-rep-ilhan-omars-anti-semitic-tweet/>.

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had included exactly the condemnation the RJC claims did not exist; or it did not bother to search the very account it replied to before making its false claim. And in any case, you are now on notice of the clear and unambiguous falsity of the RJC's claim, which is severely injurious to my clients' reputation.

We demand that this Tweet immediately be deleted. Please contact me to inform me that the claim has been deleted and that the RJC will no longer make this false claim.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ezra W. Reese', written in a cursive style.

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