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*Sent by Certified Mail and
Electronic Mail*

Rio Grande Foundation
Attn: Paul Gessing
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Re: Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil

Dear Mr. Gessing,

I am writing to address the false and defamatory complaint you filed against Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil. It is our understanding that the source of your false complaint is Andrew DeSalvo. Mr. DeSalvo has been harassing Representative Hochman-Vigil and other female public officials for several months. He first contacted Representative Hochman-Vigil to express interest in “purchasing” the Spaceport. When Representative Hochman-Vigil asked basic follow up questions, Mr. DeSalvo screamed at her over the phone. Since then, Mr. DeSalvo has repeatedly harassed Representative Hochman-Vigil. He has even collected her pictures and sent them to others, obviously to scare and intimidate her. Your false and defamatory complaint has added fuel to the fire and understandably makes Representative Hochman-Vigil feel unsafe.

Before you swear and attest to a complaint—especially a complaint as misogynistic and offensive as the one made against Representative Hochman-Vigil—do your due diligence and get to know your source. Mr. DeSalvo is an untrustworthy and dangerous person. By swearing to the accuracy of Mr. DeSalvo’s false statements and posting those false statements on your website, you are now aiding in his harassment of Representative Hochman-Vigil and other female public officials. In your haste to attack Representative Hochman-Vigil for political purposes, you have legitimized Mr. DeSalvo’s inappropriate behavior.

Because of this, please remove the complaint from your website and disassociate yourself from Mr. DeSalvo. I have advised Representative Hochman-Vigil to contact the State Police if the harassment continues. If you continue aiding and abetting Mr.

DeSalvo's efforts to harass and intimidate Representative Hochman-Vigil, I will alert them to you and your organization's involvement and participation in the harassment. There are federal and state laws that prohibit stalking and harassment, including when it takes place online and in interstate commerce. Please familiarize yourself with those laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent J. Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vincent" being more prominent than the last name "Ward".

Vincent J. Ward