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Re: Demand for Correction and Retraction — “Mike Rogers’s Wife Raked in Lucrative Government Security Contracts While Rogers Served as Intel Chair” (Oct. 13, 2026)

Dear Mr. Grim, Ms. Skinner, Ms. Soon-Shiong, and Ms. Renner:

This firm represents Mike Rogers and Kristi Rogers. We write regarding the article published by Drop Site News on October 13, 2026, authored by Ryan Grim and Nancy Skinner, titled “Mike Rogers’s Wife Raked in Lucrative Government Security Contracts While Rogers Served as Intel Chair” (the “Article”). The Article contains false statements of fact and, through the selection and juxtaposition of facts, conveys false and defamatory implications about Mr. and Mrs. Rogers. Those statements and implications are defamatory and place Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in a false light. We demand that Drop Site News immediately correct and retract them.

I. THE FALSE STATEMENTS AND IMPLICATIONS

The Article conveys, expressly and by implication, the following false assertions:

1. **That Aegis, under Mrs. Rogers’s leadership, performed U.S. government work in Libya and was connected to the September 2012 attack on the U.S. compound in Benghazi.** The Article’s section on Libya states that “[t]he pursuit of further contracts took Aegis to Libya,” describes Aegis’s presence in Tripoli, and then immediately recounts the tragic Benghazi terrorist attack, followed by a section titled “After Benghazi” that discusses Mrs. Rogers and her company. The clear implication is that Aegis, and Mrs. Rogers, held a U.S. government contract in Libya and bore some responsibility for the events in Benghazi. That is false. Neither Mrs. Rogers, Aegis LLC, nor any Aegis entity has ever entered into a contract with any department of the U.S. government to perform work in Libya, and none was involved in the Benghazi attack.

2. **That Mr. Rogers used his position as Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to obtain government contracts for Mrs. Rogers and Aegis.** The Article's headline and its statement that "Mike Rogers was appointed Chairman on January 3, 2011; the contract was awarded to Aegis seven months later" convey that Mr. Rogers caused, influenced, or delivered the Kabul Embassy security contract award to his wife. That is false. Mr. Rogers had no role in, and no oversight over, the award of that contract, which was made under the Obama Administration's State Department. As the Article itself acknowledges, Aegis was qualified to compete for that work in 2010, before Mr. Rogers became Chairman. The Intelligence Committee does not award or oversee State Department security contracts, and the Committee maintained a strictly enforced policy of no interaction with Mrs. Rogers or any Aegis representative—a policy the Article itself quotes.
3. **That Mr. Rogers obstructed the Benghazi investigation to shield his wife's company.** By republishing accusations that Mr. Rogers obstructed and delayed the Benghazi investigation "in order to shield his wife," the Article adopts and conveys that false accusation as fact. Mr. Rogers did not obstruct the Benghazi Investigation and, because Aegis had no contract and no involvement in Libya or Benghazi, there was nothing to shield, and so the entire premise of the accusation is false.

These falsehoods are directly contradicted by the public record. The Judicial Watch report on which the Article relies, for example, noted Aegis's denial that any "member of the Aegis Group has ever entered into a contract with any department of the U.S. government to perform work in Libya," and expressly concluded that "[t]here is no evidence of wrong-doing by Rep. Rogers or Aegis." Drop Site News quoted that conclusion and still published the false implications described above.

II. DEFAMATION AND FALSE LIGHT

The statements and implications described above are false, were published to a broad audience, and harm the reputations of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers. They expose Mr. and Mrs. Rogers to public contempt and ridicule, discourage others from associating or dealing with them, and tend to lower them in the estimation of the community. By falsely imputing that Mr. Rogers abused his office to steer government contracts to his wife and that he obstructed a congressional investigation to protect her, the Article imputes misconduct, including potential criminal misconduct, that is incompatible with his fitness to serve in public office, and constitutes defamation per se. Michigan law recognizes that a publication may be defamatory by implication where, as here, true statements are arranged to convey a materially false meaning. The same publication places Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in a false light that would be highly offensive to a reasonable person.

III. BIAS OF THE CO-AUTHOR AND EVIDENCE OF ACTUAL MALICE

The Article was co-authored by Nancy Skinner who, as Drop Site News itself discloses, is a former Democratic candidate for office and has made campaign contributions to Abdul El-Sayed, Mr. Rogers's opponent in the November 3, 2026, election for United States Senator. The Article was published three weeks before that election. A co-author's financial support for Mr. Rogers's



political opponent, and her personal stake in the outcome of the very election the Article seeks to influence, is evidence of a motive to publish damaging claims about Mr. Rogers regardless of truth.

That motive does not stand alone. The Article quotes Judicial Watch's conclusion that "[t]here is no evidence of wrong-doing by Rep. Rogers or Aegis," acknowledges the Intelligence Committee's policy of no interaction with Mrs. Rogers or any Aegis representative, and recognizes that Aegis was qualified to compete for the Kabul contract before Mr. Rogers became Chairman. Aegis's denial that it ever held a U.S. government contract for work in Libya has been publicly available since 2014 and appears in the very Judicial Watch reporting on which the Article relies. Drop Site News nonetheless arranged the Article to convey the opposite. Publishing defamatory implications that the publisher's own sources contradict, with the involvement of an author who financially supports the subject's political opponent, is precisely the kind of evidence courts consider in finding that a publisher acted with knowledge of falsity or reckless disregard for the truth. *See Harte-Hanks Communications, Inc. v. Connaughton*, 491 U.S. 657 (1989) (evidence of motive, together with a publisher's purposeful avoidance of the truth, may support a finding of actual malice).

IV. NOTICE OF FALSITY

This letter places Drop Site News, Mr. Grim, Ms. Skinner, Ms. Soon-Shiong, and Ms. Renner on notice that the statements and implications identified above are false. Any continued publication, republication, or promotion of the Article in its current form after receipt of this letter will be made with knowledge of its falsity, or at a minimum with reckless disregard for the truth, and will be considered evidence of actual malice.

V. DEMAND FOR RETRACTION

Pursuant to MCL 600.2911, we demand that Drop Site News, within five (5) calendar days of the date of this letter:

1. Publish a correction and retraction, in a manner and placement as prominent as the Article, stating that neither Mrs. Rogers nor Aegis held any U.S. government contract to perform work in Libya; that neither was involved in the Benghazi attack or held contracts in Benghazi before or during the attack there; and that Mr. Rogers had no role in or oversight over the award of any contract to Aegis;
2. Remove or revise the Article, its headline, and any associated social media posts, newsletters, and promotional materials to eliminate the false statements and implications identified above; and
3. Preserve all documents and communications, including drafts, notes, research, source materials, and internal and external communications, relating to the Article, Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Rogers, or Aegis.

If Drop Site News does not promptly correct and retract the Article in full accordance with this letter, our clients may take immediate legal action to protect their rights, without further notice.



Nothing in this letter waives any rights, claims, or remedies available to Mr. or Mrs. Rogers, all of which are expressly reserved.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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