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Linda S. Spears, Commissioner,  
Department of Children and Families (DCF)  
600 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02111

Regarding False Report Used to Wrongfully Open a “Child Neglect/Untreated Mental Illness in Mother” Investigation

Dear Commissioner Linda S. Spears,

I am writing to request that you kindly cease in entirety any and all investigations based on the recent false report and false allegation—which I must note is also a reckless, irresponsible, malicious, unfounded, and baseless report and allegation, maligning and defaming my professional reputation--of “Child Neglect/by way of “Untreated Mental Illness” made against me, a mother, investigative journalist, writer, and human rights advocate, and recorded recently at the Department of Children and Families by Quincy Central Middle School and Quincy Public School District officials via an unqualified “mandated reporter,” as reported to me by the DCF worker Ms. Terri Ellis who met with my family at our home on April 27, succeeding a cordial and informational pre-scheduled visit I had with Central Middle School Principal Richard DeCristofaro, Junior, as a concerned mother and investigative Science/ Technology/ Surveillance/ Defense/ Ethics/ Human Rights journalist on April 12.

I also request that you kindly expunge all record and public notice of these false allegations as related to my name and my child's name and indicate to all you may have contacted in this regard of the egregiously false and invalid nature of this allegation and report.

As I have published earlier, in my professional capacity as journalist and Press Officer for the US-Europe Joint Investigation Team, an international human rights investigative team investigating the misuse of military technologies and systemic corruption, in the JIT Press Release dated April 30, 2018, and in the Follow-Up Email I sent Terri Ellis directly after her visit to our home, both available on my website, as well as in my recent Letter to the Governor, also on my website, our child is an exceptionally talented, accomplished, high-performing, contented, and thriving student who is flourishing under my care and nurturance as an engaged and caring artist, writer, journalist, teacher, and scientist mother, and under the joint care and nurturance provided by my husband and myself as her parents; there is absolutely no neglect here, no grounds for concern whatsoever from any external party, and every indication instead that the anonymous reporter making this incredibly injurious and defamatory allegation against me did so with uninformed or idle malice and, inexplicably, apparent intent to harm my

reputation, my life, and my family.

As a working journalist with a public reputation and public profile to safeguard, I am therefore exploring all avenues open to me at law and in equity to protect my legal rights and professional reputation in the case of this malicious, defamatory, and injurious report which has already and wrongfully initiated a disruptive investigation and has already caused a serious invasion of privacy, harassment, and injurious interference with my family affairs, as well as affected the vitally necessary and well-recognized work of investigative scientific, military, criminal justice, and human rights research and writing/interviewing I do everyday as a well-qualified and experienced journalist, which no public school official or government agency or private corporation—unversed in the investigative Science/Technology/Military/Criminal Justice/Human Rights journalism I am engaged in--can be in a position to judge as accruing from “untreated mental illness.”

In support of my professional expertise and verifiable reportage as an investigative journalist and my dependable character as an outstanding mother and caregiver, several renowned Government whistle-blowers whose work I have reported on and whom I have worked with closely, including NSA Whistle-blower Karen Melton-Stewart, CIA Whistle-blower Barbara Hartwell, and FBI Whistle-blower Geral Sosbee, as well as credentialed community members and human rights advocates deeply concerned about this wrongful and defamatory allegation and unwarranted investigation have provided letters of support, validation, and reference, confirming the authenticity, importance, value, and necessity of my work and character as an investigative journalist, some of which I have made available to Ms. Terri Ellis in person and via email, all of which I will post on my site at a new web page *Ramola D/Public Exhibit: Investigative Journalism is Not Untreated Mental Illness*, for public awareness and continuing public edification.

I thank you for your attention and do not wish to further impose on your time. I do not anticipate hearing further from DCF on this matter, and am sending this letter as a way of closing this matter with the Department of Children and Families and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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