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VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Kashyap Patel Retraction Demand to Olivia Troye

Dear Mr. Binnall:

Thank you for your letter dated December 4, 2024, regarding the threat of your client Kashyap Patel, President Trump's stated nominee to serve as the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to file a civil lawsuit if my client Olivia Troye did not "publicly retract defamatory statements". I respectfully note that many – if not all – of her statements have been previously or similarly stated by a wide swarth of the knowledgeable population.

Be that as it may, you asked that Ms. Troye "confirm [her] intent to retract the statements within 5 business days of receipt" of your letter, and I respectfully comply.

As you know, I am personally well aware of the impulsive nature fueled by your client's appetite to sue individuals, as well as your firm's proclivity to support such lawsuits.

I am reminded of the Italian proverb that a "*lawsuit is a fruit-tree planted in a lawyer's garden*"<sup>1</sup> and I can only imagine the number of apples and oranges growing in your backyard. Whether they thrive or not, of course, is the question. Indeed, as you know, I have motions pending in two federal district courts seeking sanctions against your firm and your clients.

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<sup>1</sup> H. L. Mencken, A New Dictionary of Quotations, 1946

But to answer your specific question as to Ms. Troye's intentions as to a retraction, I think Monty Python expresses it best:



With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

*s/Mark S. Zaid*

Mark S. Zaid

cc: Olivia Troye

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