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November 24, 2008

Rosalyn Forrester

VIA EMAIL to Rosalyn.forrester@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Forrester:

**Re: NOTICE OF LIBEL
Our File No. 300476**

We are the solicitors for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health ("CAMH") and Dr. Kenneth Zucker and Dr. Ray Blanchard. It has recently come to our clients' attention that you are the writer of a petition that is highly defamatory of our clients.

We wrote to you on September 19, 2008, in order to put you on notice with respect to a number of false and defamatory statements that you have published, or caused to be published, in the petition titled, "Against human rights violations of apparently gender variant children and adults", dated May 24, 2008 ("the Petition") which is posted on the website, PetitionOnline.com. The Notice of Libel dated September 19, 2008 was sent to the email address listed at the bottom of the Petition (ontario@ctffr.com). The Notice of Libel has subsequently been returned to our office as undeliverable.

We are now re-sending a copy of the Notice of Libel dated September 19, 2008 to the aforementioned email address we have since found for you. A copy of the Notice of Libel dated September 19, 2008 is enclosed. A copy of the Petition with the words complained of underlined is attached to the Notice of Libel as Appendix "A".

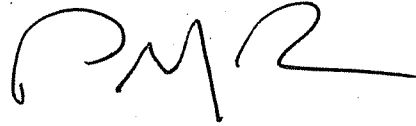
Our clients strongly object to the numerous false and defamatory statements contained in the Petition and demand that the Petition be immediately removed from the website www.petitiononline.com as well as be immediately removed in any other forum in which it is published. The specific statements and their defamatory meanings are outlined in detail in the enclosed Notice of Libel dated September 19, 2008.

The statements in the Petition are calculated to disparage our clients and have been maliciously disseminated by you. As a result, Dr. Zucker and Dr. Blanchard's personal and professional reputations have been severely and

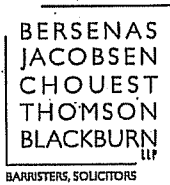
intentionally damaged and continue to be damaged as long as the Petition remains online.

Please contact us immediately and confirm removal of the Petition from the aforementioned website and in any other forum that it may be published. Please be advised that this letter forms part of the Notice of Libel dated September 19, 2008 should be read in conjunction therewith.

Yours sincerely,

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A copy of the Petition, with the words complained of underlined, is attached hereto as Appendix "A".

Our clients strongly oppose the numerous false and defamatory statements contained in the Petition, including the following statements:

- "Whereas CAMH and its servants persistently conflate sexual orientation and gender issues as well as practice forementioned [sic] condemned treatments on gender recalcitrant children..."
- "Whereas K. Zucker and R. Blanchard are renowned worldwide for their disrespect of queer people, harmful self-serving antiquated theories of sexual and gender identity disorders and for their abusive treatment protocols..."
- "Whereas K. Zucker, Blanchard and CAMH are involved in intersex issues and support early surgical assignments, use stigmatizing terminology and have manifestly failed to encourage intersex infant and child genital mutilation..."

- "We further call for the dismissal of the costly and unhelpful practitioners K. Zucker and R. Blanchard."

The above statements as set out in Appendix "A" are false and defamatory and were maliciously disseminated by you. They are calculated to disparage Dr. Zucker and Dr. Blanchard and to harm both of them through the plain meaning of the words complained of and by way of innuendo. These statements were maliciously intended to bear the defamatory meanings, among others, that: 1) CAMH, Dr. Zucker and Dr. Blanchard engage in clinical malpractice and criminal and professional misconduct; 2) CAMH, Dr. Zucker and Dr. Blanchard do not provide adequate patient care and cause harm to individuals; 3) Dr. Zucker and Dr. Blanchard abuse patients; 4) Dr. Zucker and Dr. Blanchard are anti-homosexual; 5) Dr. Zucker and Dr. Blanchard engage in infant and child genital mutilation.

By disseminating and causing the words complained of to be disseminated to the world, you have seriously defamed Dr. Zucker and Dr. Blanchard both through the plain meaning of the words you communicated and by way of the innuendos contained in the articles at Appendix "A". As a result, Dr. Zucker and Dr. Blanchard's personal and professional reputations have been severely and intentionally damaged.

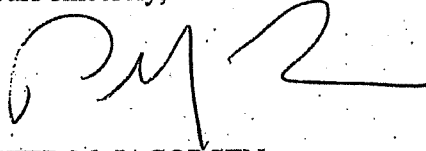
It is our position that the defamatory statements in the Petition exceed the limits of free speech as they are calculated to maliciously attack our clients on the largest scale possible, by disseminating the defamatory statements on the internet. The use of the Petition Online forum is simply a disguised vehicle for attacking our clients in a manner whereby the defamatory statements intentionally reach the largest number of people possible and cause the most amount of damage possible.

Accordingly, our clients demand that you immediately remove or cause to be removed, the Petition as found at Appendix "A" from the website PetitionOnline.com (found at <http://www.petitiononline.com/hrights/petition.html>) as well as remove or cause to be removed, the Petition from any other forums where it may be posted. As long as the Petition remains online (or in any other form of publication), our clients' general damages will continue to increase and your failure to act immediately, now that you are put on notice, could result in an additional award for aggravated and punitive damages.

Please contact us immediately and confirm removal of the Petition from the aforementioned website and in any other forum that it may be published.

Please be advised that this letter is sent to you as a Notice of Libel pursuant to Section 5(1) of the *Libel and Slander Act*, R.S.O. 1990 C.L.12.

Yours sincerely,

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PETER M. JACOBSEN

APPENDIX "A"



**Against human rights violations of apparently gender variant children
and adults**

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To: To the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for Ontario

May 24, 2008

To the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for Ontario

(La version française de cette pétition est sur: <http://www.intersexualite.org/CAMH.html>)

(Para leer esta petición en castellano: <http://www.intersexualite.org/CAMH.html>)

(For the petition in other languages see: <http://www.intersexualite.org/CAMH.html>)

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care - gsmitherman.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org
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We, the undersigned, express our sincere concern regarding human rights violations and the lack of appropriate health care for children and adults living in Ontario who are intersex and/or alleged to be gender variant. We also express our concern regarding the impact that Ontario is having on the care of self-identified transsexual people and of intersex people worldwide.

Whereas the American Psychological Association has repeatedly condemned any types of therapy to alter sexual orientation and has denounced such treatments as unethical. The American Psychiatric Association has assented to this same position,

Whereas the CAMH and its servants persistently conflate sexual orientation and gender issues as well as practice forementioned condemned treatments on gender recalcitrant children,

Whereas K. Zucker and R. Blanchard are renowned worldwide for their disrespect of queer people, harmful self-serving antiquated theories of sexual and gender identity disorders and for their abusive treatment protocols,

Whereas Zucker, Blanchard and CAMH are involved in intersex issues and support early surgical assignments, use stigmatizing terminology and have manifestly failed to discourage intersex infant and child genital mutilation,

Whereas the use of traditional anatomical criteria has sometimes resulted in an unforeseen harmful iatrogenic assignment of a medical sex to a neonate - in contrast with assignment of, and raising in, the other sex which would have resulted in a happier and better adjusted child. And whereas iatrogenic sex assignment of this kind is going uncorrected and so eventually results in an adult or adolescent who self-identifies as transsexual.

We, the undersigned, affirm that for the above reasons intersex and gender recalcitrant children and adults in

Ontario have been denied human rights and denied equality with other Ontarians in matters of health care.

We therefore oppose the continued existence of sexual and gender psychology practice at the CAMH.

We further call for the dismissal of the costly and unhelpful practitioners K. Zucker and R. Blanchard.

We further call for an end to all treatment based on discouragement of self-expression in gender recalcitrant children.

We further call for treatment of self-identified transsexual adults and adolescents to be based on immediate correction of their iatrogenic initial sex assignment promptly followed by voluntary same-sex (not transsexual) somatic treatments in the corrected medical assigned sex.

We further call for the establishment of common waiting lists and diagnoses whenever transsexual and non-transsexual people are to have substantially the same treatment for substantially the same reasons, for example gynaecomastia surgery in transsexual men and in non-transsexual men alike.

We further call for an end to the holding of somatic treatment for self-identified transsexual people hostage to their consenting to psychological and/or psychiatric treatments, since those have been shown to be ineffective or worse. In lieu, a pre-treatment non-specialist psychiatric clearance for absence of morbid psychopathology is suggested.

And therefore we call on the honourable minister to make his mark in history and discharge his duties by courageously and forthrightly implementing these reforms set forth above to the great immediate benefit of the people of Ontario and, in due course, to all of mankind.

Sincerely,


The Undersigned

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