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To the Members of the Compliance Audit Committee,

Thank you for hearing our application for an audit of the campaign finances of Faith Goldy. I am a personal applicant in this matter, but do so in connection with my role as Executive Director of the Canadian Anti-Hate Network.

I regret that I have a prior commitment that requires me to be out of the province on April 29th and unable to address the committee in person. In my stead, my colleague, Bernie Farber will be in attendance, along with recently retained legal counsel, Jack Siegel, of Blaney McMurtry LLP.

Ms. Goldy's intention to violate the fundraising provisions contained in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 is apparent from her own words, contained in an online video solicitation that she herself has published, where she may be heard to clearly say, "I'm accepting donations from defenders of democracy WORLDWIDE." See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ip1qlfFgeOU

In another video she has further acknowledged that "We gathered over \$50,000 through my political campaign in order to have this case heard," thereby confirming that campaign finances were used to pay for her failed lawsuit. See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXVnznVa88A&t=541s (at 9:15 of video)

Under S. 88.8 (3):

"Who may contribute

(3) Only the following persons may make contributions:

1. An individual who is normally resident in Ontario."

Under S. 88.9 (1):

"Maximum contributions to candidates

88.9 (1) A contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$1,200 to any one candidate in an election. 2016, c. 15, s. 51; 2017, c. 10, Sched. 4, s. 8 (8)."

The question before the committee today is not whether Goldy intended to break campaign finance law; that would appear to be implicit in her own words. Rather, the key question is whether it is warranted an audit is warranted in order to determine whether she committed an apparent contravention of the Act, and whether that exercise is in the public interest, given that the Committee has a discretion.

First, who is Faith Goldy?

Formerly a host on SunTV and Rebel Media, Goldy is now a self-proclaimed "propaganda arm" for the alt-right neo-Nazi movement. See: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J71SYNCcRQI&t=4320s</u> (at 1:13:39 of video).

Goldy has said the infamous Fourteen Words on air, a neo-Nazi slogan coined by the neo-Nazi group, The Order, a member of which murdered a Jewish American radio host. She has continued to defend her use of the Fourteen Words. See <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cpHTVvnqul</u> and <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourteen_Words</u>

She appeared on The Krypto Report, a neo-Nazi podcast associated with the Daily Stormer, one of the most popular alt-right neo-Nazi sites which often refers to Jews as "Hooknosed kikes" and runs banner images at one time calling itself the "#1 rape-legalization website." The leaked style guide instructs authors that "All enemies should be combined into one enemy, which is the Jews." See: https://dailystormer.name/the-krypto-report-episode-xxii-the-charlottesville-putsch/ and https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/01/15/inside-the-daily-stormers-style-guide

Ms. Goldy has been banned from Facebook under its new policy against white nationalism. After consulting with experts, Facebook now recognizes that "white nationalism and separatism cannot be meaningfully separated from white supremacy and organized hate groups." She has also been banned from Patreon and AirBnB. See: <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/27/business/facebook-white-nationalist-supremacist.html</u>, <u>https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/facebook-faith-goldy-ban-alt-right-1.5088827</u>, <u>https://twitter.com/faithgoldy/status/999107548371476481 and https://twitter.com/faithgoldy/status/1113909504343724035</u>

David Duke, former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, tweeted her video on Charlottesville. See: <u>https://twitter.com/DrDavidDuke/status/897530989710364672</u>

Her activism also targets the Muslim community, and she has called for another crusade in the Middle East. See: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqeqKzRwN2s</u> (at 1:16 of video)

She endorsed "For My Legionaries", a pro-fascist book dealing extensively with "the Jewish menace" and eliminating the Jews (although she later claimed she never read the book). See: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37oX-LEh5qE</u> and <u>https://twitter.com/sdbcraig/status/981340597947588610</u>

She is on video saying she would like to see NATO troops firing on migrant/refugee boats in the Mediterranean Sea. See: <u>https://twitter.com/nolifeneet/status/975697492561072128</u>

It is the mandate of the Canadian Anti-Hate Network is to monitor, expose, and counter hate groups and hate movements in Canada.

While I would be concerned with the flaunting of provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 by any candidate, in my assessment, Ms. Goldy is the most visible face of the alt-right neo-Nazi movement in Canada. As a result of her leveraging her municipal campaign fundraising activities through a donor base that she herself described as "worldwide," with contributions that could not therefore be properly made, it appears to me that she used her campaign to build her personal brand and to network with like-minded individuals and raise funds for the purposes of her campaign on a worldwide basis. It would be an unsightly stain upon the reputation of our city, province and country to permit the conduct described above to go unexamined, let alone unprosecuted. For all of these reasons, I believe that she has contravened provisions of the Act relating to campaign finances, and that accordingly, a compliance audit is warranted.

Sincerely, Evan Balgord Executive Director Canadian Anti-Hate Network