

Mr. Boyd (and counsel),

This email comes at your invitation. We represent Medbox, Inc. We are informed that you intend to run a story regarding one of Medbox's officers, Vincent Mehdizadeh, including various salacious allegations regarding his irrelevant personal life. Like you, we are extremely concerned with journalistic integrity and want to make sure the facts you are relying on are 100% accurate. Surely you are doing your own due diligence in that regard, not wanting to affix the good name of your publication to libelous product. So are we. As we go down these parallel paths, it seems expedient to put a hold on whatever publication you are contemplating, just to make sure that you are signing your name, and that of the Southern Investigative Reporting Foundation, to a fair and accurate piece. Having been down the defamation road with large publications, we know how uncomfortable things can be on both sides when inaccurate information is published. Your credibility being your most valuable asset, we are sure you agree it makes sense to take whatever time is needed to "get it right."

You have been in communication with Mr. Mehdizadeh. We appreciate that. It shows your commitment to uncovering the truth. We join with you in that commitment and encourage you to not publish anything about Mr. Mehdizadeh, and by extension Medbox, until both of our camps have burned the issues to the ground, so to speak. At that point, we can reconvene and talk about what is right and what is not. Once we have the facts, we welcome any truthful publication. Like you, we are committed to upholding the priceless foundations of freedom inherent in both our industries. Medbox is extremely proud of the strides it has made over the last several years in that regard, especially its recent status as a reporting company. With lots of eyes on Medbox, fair treatment by the media benefits both sides.

Let's work together to make sure your story is 100% accurate. We don't want to sue you for defamation, among other things, and you don't want to be sued. As they say, the only folks who truly win in a lawsuit are the lawyers. While my firm will never say no to a good bit of litigation, we would much rather avoid it, if possible, for our client's sake. That is true here.

Please confirm your commitment to truthful reporting by acknowledging you will join us in making sure the information you currently have is fair and accurate before going to press.

Thank you.

Regards,

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