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VIA E-MAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Barbara Morrill Managing Editor Daily Kos Kos Media, LLC 436 14th Street, Suite1500 Oakland, CA 94612

Re: False and Defamatory Statements Contained in August 29, 2020, Article and Demand that Daily Kos and Kos Media, LLC Immediately and Permanently Cease and Desist from Further Publication

Dear Ms. Morrill,

I write on behalf of my client Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. in reference to your August 29, 2020, article,"Anti-Vaxxer RFK, Jr. joins neo-Nazis in massive Berlin 'Anti-Corona' Protest." The headline and many of the statements in the article are untrue and enormously damaging, and therefore defamatory. In particular, your assertion that "[t]he protest was organized by rightwing extremist organizations- including the AFD party and various anti-Semitic conspiracy groups as well as the neo-Nazi NPD party" is utterly untrue.

Mr. Kennedy went to Berlin for the inaugural meeting of Children's Health Defense Europe, CHD's first international chapter. In addition, he gave a speech at the protest for peace and freedom on August 29, 2020, initiated by the initiative "Querdenken 711". The Querdenken movement is a broad-based, peaceful citizens' movement for freedom, peace and human rights. Among the speakers were doctors, lawyers, clergy of every persuasion, soldiers, police officers, parents, children, world-famous athletes, a regional politician from the Green Party, human rights initiatives, non-profit associations, and associations for the protection of children. As usual, Querdenken took great pains to assure that extremists from every position were excluded—to every extent possible—from the Berlin event that Querdenken organized. Those efforts were successful. This complete absence of extremist influence is evident from the program, from all the footage publicly available on the Children's Health Defense website, on Mr. Kennedy's social media, and in the thousands of photos and videos of the event easily viewed on various platforms of the internet. Any respectable reporter who was interested in accuracy could easily check these sources.

Mr. Kennedy's speech was a screed *against* Nazism. There was no evidence of Nazi iconography anywhere near the protest. The principal stage ornament was a giant mural of Mahatma Ghandi, who is hardly known as a Nazi hero. The event's Master of Ceremonies was a

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Black African born in Ghana. The musical performance included an Indian Hare Krishna monk. The banners were rainbows, peace signs, BLM insignias and the flags of every nation in Europe. The speakers and audience were racially and religiously diverse. The fact that the erroneous nature of your inflammatory "fake news" was so easily discernible attests to your malicious intent. By tarring Mr. Kennedy with Nazism and anti-Semitism, you have covered two of the three most damaging accusations that anyone can levy at a public figure. Every minute you leave this charge online, un-retracted, and every share, imposes untold damage to Mr. Kennedy and his organization.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to take down this false, defamatory article immediately and to issue an appropriate apology to Mr. Kennedy. Only by taking these steps will you avoid the need for legal action. Thank you in advance.

Very truly yours,

P. Kent Correll

cc: Markos Moulitsas Zuniga, Founder and Publisher (by e-mail)