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Dear Professor Lindvaldsen,

I am writing you on behalf of the NARTH Board of Directors to enlist your counsel on a matter which affects NARTH, and which may affect the current litigation concerning SB 1172. Our Executive Vice President, David Pruden, advises us that he already has discussed some of NARTH's concerns with you and encouraged us to contact you for your counsel.

NARTH's Board of Directors has decided that it may be time to be more proactive about two issues. We ask that you advise us if there may be any prudent legal remedies that NARTH may take to address any or all of the following concerns.

- (1) The American Psychological Association's (APA) has failed to correct misinformation provided in legislation like SB 1172, in the courts, and in the media. Specifically, the APA is reported as claiming that there is evidence of harm resulting from clients' participation in sexual orientation change efforts (SOCE). APA – or at least those charged with managing its public image – are acting unethically according to the APA's Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct.
- (2) In declaring that there is no evidence which shows that sexual orientation change efforts (SOCE) are effective and that SOCE have the potential for harm, APA applies methodological criteria inconsistently. APA does not apply the same criteria to studies which support its own claims (i.e., the harmfulness of SOCE and the helpfulness of "gay-affirmative" therapies.) For example, client retrospective self report is used as credible documentation for harm but the same method is not accepted as credible documentation for benefit.
- (3) As an organization, NARTH is being mischaracterized and attacked in the media and the courts with increasing frequency and severity.

This letter is accompanied by a document which provides further information about these two points. Even more information may be provided upon request.

We understand that Liberty Counsel currently is engaged in the primary effort of litigating the concerns about SB 1172, and we intend that this inquiry not detract in any way from this main effort. Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely yours,
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