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Re: OPMC # AL-17-07-4422A

Dear Members of the Board of Professional Medical Conduct,

Let me start by saying I greatly value the work that you do and the role that you play to uphold the standard of care and ethics necessary to ensure patients are safe and well cared for. To do this, while at the same time respecting the tremendous dedication and investment doctors have made to earn the skills to serve our communities and protecting them in our litigious society, is a tremendous privilege and responsibility. Thank you for your work, and the opportunity you give me today to enter into this relationship with you so that we may all grow and better find our way.

“Now I see that owning our story and loving ourselves through that process is the bravest thing that we will ever do” – Brené Brown

I’m writing this letter to you today because I don’t know what else to do. I am at a loss. I could fire off all the things I think you’ve done wrong, well documented, well supported and have you do the same, but I don’t think that is going to get us any further than we are right now.

Currently, I’m experiencing a breakdown in this process. I understand that the current federal case against Keith Raniere, the salacious media claims, the fear with which witnesses are choosing to participate, and not to participate in the investigation, and various political pressures and agendas are coloring this picture for you and have placed a significant doubt in your mind about my competency as a physician and my ethical-moral compass, rightly so.

However, there is another side of this that you have never heard. It has been almost two and a half years and I have not spoken a word; at first because I didn’t want to participate in a dishonorable media system and contribute to the fear and hate, and because I trusted our legal process to uphold truth and justice. I no longer have that same trust in the system and I fear that

anything I share vulnerably and honestly with you will be used to support the salacious media narrative as opposed to the truth.

I have lost my job(s), company, presenting agencies, employability, reputation and credibility, insurability, and much more. I have sold my home and most possessions to make ends meet. I have been offered many times, in intimidating and threatening ways, to surrender my license because I participated in an act, albeit unconventional, that was not the practice of medicine and was between competent, consenting adults. I am innocent of the accusations and have the ability and documentation to prove it, but I have no honest venue, and no resources with which to represent myself.

As a result of prejudiced and unconstitutional decisions made by the Governor, the Commissioner of Health and your investigative committee, it is my belief I cannot trust that anything I disclose to you or them will not immediately be used against me to discredit me further and further a false narrative. I am greatly troubled by the state of our current justice systems and agencies. The bureaucratic processes we have in place (including the first time I got to speak with anyone in the recent interview) don't seem to allow for the possibility to have an open, honest and constructive conversation. I have only been asked presumptive pre-written questions that do not allow for any of the nuance that would shed light on my circumstances and allow the board to make an informed and ethical decision.

I am writing today not because I want to protest, not because I don't want to participate or right a wrong if in fact I have done so, but because I feel I have no other choice.

I would like to be able to restore the workability in our relationship. The only way I know how to do that is to restore the trust between us. I'm not sure what you would need from me in order to feel you can trust my judgement, skills and ethical-moral fiber (I'm hoping this letter is a start).

For me, I need some way I know I can trust you. To this point, I believe I have been used by the governor to be made an example of (and so have you). I have been investigated for something that has nothing to do with the practice of medicine, and I have been bullied and intimidated to surrender my license for something I have not done. In order to proceed, I need to know you are interested in truth and justice, and not influenced by political pressure. I do believe dropping the DOS charges (which are a flagrant misuse of our system) would illustrate to me that you are willing to oppose political agenda, stand for the rights of physicians to engage in whatever personal endeavors they find meaningful between consenting, and listen from an unbiased place.

I would like to bridge the gap between us and make this right. Please work with me so that we can restore the trust and thereby come to a resolution that supports my rights as a physician and stands for the rights of all physicians. If we can do this, I believe we can have a very transformative impact on our system and all the human beings that are hurt by it, and these misunderstandings, regularly.

My Sincerest Efforts for Healing This,

Dr. Danielle Roberts