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Ms. Elena Ruth Sassower
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Box 69, Gedney Station
White Plains, NY 10605

Re: Sassower v. Gannett

Dear Ms. Sassower:

We are the attorneys for Gannett Suburban Newspapers ("GSN").

GSN has forwarded to us copies of your letters to Richard Liebson and Nancy Blair for a reply.

Please be advised that, in light of the past litigation Doris Sassower has pursued against GSN, GSN editors and reporters will not accept calls from you, from Ms. Sassower, or from individuals representing the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. ("CJA"). In taking this step, GSN intends no discourtesy to you, Ms. Sassower, or CJA. However, such discussions are unlikely to give rise to a useful exchange of information, as illustrated by your false contentions that GSN has engaged in "deliberate and malicious suppression" of CJA activities and in "deliberately false, defamatory, and sensationalized reportage."

While you remain welcome to submit press releases from your organization, GSN has a First Amendment right to cover or not cover stories, as it sees fit. Similarly, GSN cannot dictate to you or CJA what should be included in CJA publications. To the extent that your letter states or implies that GSN is obliged to report upon the issues of concern to you and CJA, you are mistaken.

We do not believe that any further correspondence on this matter would be productive. However, if there are further communications, we ask that they be directed to this office rather than GSN.

Very truly yours,



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