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Dear Mr. Jacobsen,

This is in regards to your letter, dated today, regarding my blog, www.studentunion.ca.

As you are aware, my blog publishes news and opinion concerning students' unions in Canada, and more generally concerning student politics worldwide. As part of this coverage, I linked to an article published by *The Eyeopener* that referenced the appointment of Eric Newstadt as Chief Returning Officer of the Ryerson Students' Union; I understand that this article has since been removed from the website of *The Eyeopener*. For this reason, I have deleted my blog entry that references the article in *The Eyeopener*.

Your letter makes a number of statements that are incorrect, including the following:

- 1. You state: "As you know, the reference to the CFS [Canadian Federation of Students] supporting or 'backing' slates in various students' union elections is both false and defamatory." I do not "know" that the CFS has never supported or backed a slate in a students' union election.
- 2. You state that I am "aware" that "the Eyeopener newspaper ... has withdrawn its erroneous comment realizing that the CFS does not, and will not, endorse or 'back' candidates or slates of candidates, in students' union elections." In fact, I am entirely unaware of the motivation behind The Eyeopener's withdrawal of their article. It may very well be that The Eyeopener withdrew its article simply because of an inability to prove the specific allegation contained in that article concerning the alleged "CFS-backed slate[s]" in Ryerson Students' Union elections.
- 3. You state that I "have been advised ... on previous occasions" that "the CFS does not, and will not, endorse or 'back' candidates or slates of candidates, in students' union elections." To my knowledge, I have not previously been so advised.
- 4. You state that "the CFS believes that criticism based on accurate facts is both useful and healthy." Past experience leads me to believe that this is inaccurate.

I am not prepared to undertake not to publish any reference or assertion that the CFS endorses or "backs" candidates or slates of candidates in students' union elections in the future. Should I find conclusive evidence of the above, I am prepared to publish such references or assertions.

In addition, I find entirely curious your assertion that the CFS and you reserve your "right" to have your letter to me not be published or publicly disseminated. I am not familiar with any law that grants you such a right. Furthermore, I fail to see how my publication of your letter could possibly constitute evidence of my "malice." Presumably your client stands behind the statements made in this letter. I intend to publish your letter, so as to notify my readership of the reasoning behind my removal of the allegedly false and defamatory blog entry.

Yours faithfully,

Titus Gregory