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VIA FACSIMILE

General Manager
Station
Station Address
City, State Zip

Dear General Manager,

As counsel to *Friends of Bobby Jindal*, it has come to our attention that your station is airing an advertisement by the Louisiana Democratic Party ("LDP") that is false and distorts a Bobby Jindal article regarding religion. The ad is defamatory, intended to make Mr. Jindal appear to make disrespectful and insulting statements towards all Protestant Christians. We hereby demand that your station fulfill its legal responsibility to operate in the public interest and refuse to air this advertisement.

This advertisement represents an effort by the LDP to attack Bobby Jindal with false statements about his positions on the historic relationship between the Catholic Church and Protestant communities. As the attached annotated script demonstrates, each claim made in the advertisement distorts Mr. Jindal's positions with false and grossly distorted statements. For this reason alone your station must pull this false ad.

The article written by Mr. Jindal, upon which the LDP ad is allegedly based, is a theological discussion, quoting both biblical and patristic sources, regarding the teachings of the Catholic Church, but does not in any manner contain the insulting diatribe alleged in the LDP ad. The closing paragraphs of this article challenge members of Jindal's own Catholic Church, compliment various Protestant groups and thus dispels the LDP's defamatory allegations:

[T]he Catholic Church must live up to her name by incorporating the many Spirit-led movements found outside her walls. For example, the energy and fervor that animate the Baptist and Pentecostal denominations, the stirring biblical preaching of the Lutherans and Calvinists, and the liturgical solemnity of the Anglicans must find expression within Catholicism.

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I am thrilled by the recent ecumenical discussions that have resulted in Catholics and Evangelicals discovering what they have in common, in terms of both theology and morality, and as exemplified by joining to oppose abortion and other fruits of an increasingly secular society, but I do not want our Evangelical friends to overlook those beliefs that make Catholicism unique. The challenge is for all Christians to follow Jesus wherever He leads; one significant part of that challenge is to consider seriously the claims of the Catholic Church.

Your station, consequently, must not allow itself to be used in this way. Under Columbia Broadcasting System v. Democratic Nat'l Comm., 412 U.S. 94 (1973) and its progeny, and Federal Communication Commission precedents, your station is not obligated to air any advertisements from party committees such as the LDP. See National Conservative Political Action Committee, 89 F.C.C. 2d 626 (1982). These precedents hold that non-candidate groups such as the LDP do not have a guaranteed right of access to air their advertisements on your station.

Your station and its reporters make every effort to fairly and accurately report on the efforts of outside groups seeking to influence this year's election. It would be ironic if your station now allows itself to be used as a tool of groups such as the LDP to engage in the very activities that your reporters seek to bring to the light of day.

Accordingly, we hereby request that your station stop airing this advertisement immediately. If you are unwilling to do so, we request an explanation of the basis of that decision in law or station policy.

With this letter, our client reserves all rights, remedies and recourse to which they are surely entitled in connection with the broadcast of the advertisement referenced herein, and no action or inaction by our client shall be deemed to constitute a waiver, relinquishment or other impairment of such rights, remedies or recourse.

We look forward to your prompt attention to our request. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

Glenn M. Willard

Attachment

Station	Ownership	General Mgr	Saluation	General Sales Mgr	Station Address	City	State	Zip	St
KSLA	Raycom Media	James Smith	Mr. Smith	John Clark	1812 Fairfield Ave.	Shreveport	LA	71101	
KTAL	Nexstar Broadcasting	Scott Thomas	Mr. Thomas	Sheryl Olive	3150 N. Market St.	Shreveport	LA	71107	
KTBS	The Wray Family	George Sirven	Mr. Sirven	George Sirven	PO Box 44227	Shreveport	LA	71134	
KAQY	Monroe Broadcasting Inc*	Joe Currie	Mr. Currie	Caroly Clampit	3100 Sterlington Rd	Monroe	LA	71203	
KNOE	NOE Corp.*	Roy Frostenson	Mr. Frostenson	John Matherne	PO Box 7067	Monroe	LA	71211	
KTVE	Piedmont Television	Mark Cummings	Mr. Cummings	Chris Tingle	200 Pavillion Rd.	Monroe	LA	71292	
KARD	Nexstar Broadcasting	Mark Cummings	Mr. Cummings	Chris Tingle	200 Pavillion Rd.	Monroe	LA	71292	
KALB	Media General	Les Golman	Mr. Golman	Thomas Pears III	605 Washington St	Alexandria	LA	71301	
KLAX	Pollack/Belz Broadcasting	Ken Nolan	Mr. Nolan	Ken Nolan	1811 England Dr.	Alexandria	LA	71303	