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Dear Dr. Brehm,

I was able to speak to your support staff in Maryland this afternoon. They were of great help, and suggested I call and email you directly with my concerns, in hope we are able to connect over the next few days. I understand you are at Indiana University, when not in Maryland and overseeing tasks of the American Psychology Association (APA). I am sure you must know Dr. John Bancroft, who has recently retired as CEO of the Kinsey Institute, as well taught for many years at Indiana University. I have come to know him Over the last many years, as he now resides in London (UK).

As the new president elect for 2007, I am sure you have been extremely busy trying to get a handle on all aspects of APA business. I will try to do my best to be as specific as possible in this correspondence, in hopes to engage with you in further discussion as a follow-up to this letter.

In January 2006, I was sent an email from Division 44 Director, Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Office, Clinton Anderson. As were several women and men, academic or professionals from around the globe, who are key person(s) who are driving effective change in education, research and healthcare. Where each one of us submitted comments of effective change, practices, research and as well suggesting a revamping of several members solely elected by Mr. Koocher himself. Which has brought tremendous concern as Mr. Koocher and Mr. Anderson are well aware of, of such an impact has had on this particular process, and processes in the future.

Dr. Brehm, I write you August 7th 2007, now 1 1/2 years later from when this all began. Of which, in correspondence sent by Mr. Anderson the comments and revisions made to the document by this select APA Task Force, was to be received by us March 2006. This was then extended to July 2006, then to September 2006 and so on. These correspondence were sent by Mr. Anderson, claiming they needed more time, skirting many of the comments and concerns made to him to ensure our full engagement in this process. In March 2007, Ms. Christine Burns (UK), Joshua Mira Goldberg (CANADA) and me (CANADA) sent correspondence to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Koocher as well, stating (15) months later we are still waiting to hear from you and to receive the initial draft from when promised. At this time, we heard nothing from Mr. Koocher, and little

from Mr. Anderson. Conceivably making us come to the conclusion, of which many professional person(s) wrote dismayed by what was happening, and referring to the process being concealed by the task force, as we approached this very professionally documenting many historical problems, and some stemming from this select group on this newly selected APA Task Force. In a sense clammed up, not knowing what to do, because what we brought to the table was concise and accurate, and panelists could not contend with it -

This is all we can assume has happened, hence the ridiculous delay -

As a professional design engineer, and Canadian Olympic athlete, currently training for the Beijing Olympics, I have played a very large part over the last several years with my colleague Mianne Bagger, and fellow academic and WPATH board member Jamison Green, on driving home through the Olympic Movement and elite sport, the profound ignorance in sport which mirrors that of our global society quite profoundly, as well as the “control system”, in this case given by “social law”, which again is a systemic problem of conservative society, like the business of the IOC, the APA is in this area of practice historically is no different.

In many of my presentations to elite sport person(s), IOC, Commonwealth Games, World Anti Doping Agency and Canadian government and other global partners, agrees the “social scientists”, which the psychology community at large, continue to proclaim expertise in something that is mostly physiological based, and have no medical or physiological training. But still, time and time again, as we’ve seen even this past few weeks in the media, self-proclamation of expertise, which for decades has provoke incredible ignorance and dread non-medical practices, failing to create needed medical support, research and standards and assured healthcare strategy.

Now through this education process, that medical experts feel that they have let people down and gave the issues to “social scientists” though *social law*, because conservative values got in the way of truly understanding gender variance/intersexed person(s) and proclaiming them as second class citizens, defects or mentally ill or disorder. Historically, specific academic members of the APA, in specific positions at John Hopkins University, Northwestern University, and sister research hospital Centre of Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). And have abused their position, assumed notoriety as well religious relationships to publish to drive their personal agendas. Which in the end, this is *NOT* about healthcare whatsoever, but bottom line dollars for them to pursue their own careers and personal portfolios, at the very cost of human lives and society as a whole, that need the support and medical services to lead normal and successful lives in the global society of which we all live in each and everyday.

In just recent days, with the support of the Canadian government as well, as the Canadian Centre of Ethics in Sport (CCES) as Canada has one of the world leading scientific bodies, I was asked with Jamison Green to create a document to be presented to WADA’s scientific community, and “stakeholders” (which are physical countries who invest millions of dollars into anti-doping and Olympic programming), to target the needs

of transitioned and intersexed women and men, participating in global sport. This is a first in sport history that this has happened, and such discussions have gone forward with such leading medical expertise from around the world. This is an enormous accomplishment, and has profound future effects in global sport on these issues, but as well as society as a whole. As you can see too, and important to note, *NO* APA members nor John Hopkins, Northwestern or CAMH were consulted. I was contacted by the director last week of WADA in Montreal, and will be universally posted on WADA's website, thus adapted into the global doping program in protection and services to support these special athletes needs in mainstream sport, which will be supplemented out to medicine outside of sport. This is typically the starting point of change.

This really begs question, how and what people now understand about the APA's standards and abilities to reform care and practices in this field. Presumably as well, how the medical field sees this community as a viable field of practice, knowing the harm and discontinuity it has placed on society, as these issues are NORMAL, and it is the APA's failure to address it appropriately and come to the table and do what is right, knowing the profound history the APA has had, not months, not years but decades. Too the point, where I have in correspondence from many WPATH board members admitting the problems occurring within the APA in this particular field, and the APA's failure to address it appropriately, at the cost of peoples and families lives.

Though there is corruption in every professional field as well medicine. But, there is no other field I can think of, coming from a well-known medical/legal family myself, that a profession actually puts down a client or patient seeking medical help or assistance with their gender variance/intersexed issues.

Dr. Brehm, I promised you I would keep this letter short and to the point. I hope you will consider these points, as many of us will be speaking at the upcoming WPATH symposium in Chicago this September. I think it would only make sense, and certainly of the best interest of the APA to have a draft put forward, as the symposium is host to global participants in this field.

I hope you are able to address this as soon as possible, and that by coming to you directly with great concern of what has taken place to date, and the seriousness of this matter that I will look forward to hearing from you more promptly then what has been expressed to-date by other APA members, and elaborate on the next steps to be taken.

Wish you a safe summer,

With professional regards,

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cc,

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