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Clearwater, FL 337--

VIA EMAIL: e-news@kalami.us; kalami@kalami.net

Re: Demand to Immediately Cease and Desist Publication of False and Defamatory Statements Concerning Christos Marafatsos

Mr. Lykomitros,

We represent Christos Marafatsos (“Mr. Marafatsos”) with respect to the article published on your website on or about June 7, 2026, under the byline “K” and titled “Ο... "λομπίστας" στις ΗΠΑ και τα "λαμόγια Ελλάδας" (in translation, “The... ‘Lobbyist’ in the USA and the ‘Crooks of Greece’”), currently available at <https://kalami.us/2026/ellada/marafatsos1.html> (the “Article”). This demand extends to the Article and any other post repeating the statements addressed below:

The Article contains numerous statements of fact about Mr. Marafatsos that are false and defamatory on their face. Among other things, the Article falsely states or clearly implicates that Mr. Marafatsos:

- Leads or is president of a so-called “sham” organization called “Greek Voices for Trump” – in fact, this has been a self-financed coalition of supporters that Mr. Marafatsos has funded from his own resources since 2015, and which has been publicly acknowledged by President Trump on multiple occasions;
- Received European Union funds, facilitated by former Greek Development Minister Adonis Georgiadis, to build two hotels in Greece, including one in Laconia – Mr. Marafatsos owns no hotels and has received no funds, deals, or grants from the Greek government or the European Union;
- Has not properly registered as a lobbyist in the United States and may not report his earnings to the IRS – Mr. Marafatsos is a registered lobbyist who files all required activity reports and has always timely filed his taxes;

- Leads an unregistered or “100% fake” nonprofit entity organized to deceive the public – “Greek Voices for Trump” has never held itself out as a nonprofit corporation or formal organization of any kind;
- Paid \$100,000 to the Ecumenical Patriarchate to obtain the honorary title “Archon Didaskalos tou Genous” in November 2025 – Mr. Marafatsos received this honor without payment of any kind;
- Is implicated in, or connected to, “strange dealings” by the U.S. Ambassador to Greece that are the subject of a State Department complaint – a characterization without factual basis that Mr. Marafatsos categorically denies as false and defamatory.

Facts

The Article headline and body repeatedly group Mr. Marafatsos with “λαμόγια” (crooks/scoundrels) and accuses him, by clear implication, of operating an unregistered and undisclosed foreign lobbying scheme, evading U.S. tax obligations, and profiting from corrupt foreign government payments. These are not statements of opinion or fair comment, they are assertions, presented as established fact, that impute criminal and unethical conduct to Mr. Marafatsos in connection with his profession and business.

Each of the statements identified above is false, was published without adequate verification or good-faith basis, and has caused and continues to cause serious harm to Mr. Marafatsos’ reputation, business relationships, and standing in both the United States and Greece.

Legal Analysis

Defamation in Florida requires five elements: (1) publication; (2) falsity; (3) actor must act with knowledge or reckless disregard as to the falsity of the statement; (4) actual damages; and (5) statement must be defamatory.¹ Defamation *per se* is clearly false on its face when it charges that someone has committed a felony or “an infamous crime.”²

Your accusation constitutes, *inter alia*, libel *per se* under Florida law. Defamation or libel *per se* exists, in relevant part “if, when considered alone and without innuendo, [the written publication] charges that a person has committed an infamous crime...”³ The sole point of the publication is to accuse Mr. Marafatsos of fraud and corruption. To accuse someone of such is to accuse them of a felony under federal and Florida state law.⁴

¹ *Block v. Matesic*, 789 F. Supp. 3d 1131, 1154 (S.D. Fla. 2025), appeal dismissed, No. 25-12540, 2026 WL 810430 (11th Cir. Mar. 24, 2026). *See also* *Jews For Jesus, Inc. v. Rapp*, 997 So. 2d 1098, 1106 (Fla. 2008).

² *Id.* at 1155 (quoting *Richard v. Gray*, 62 So. 2d 597, 598 (Fla. 1953)).

³ *Paulson v. Cosmetic Dermatology, Inc.*, Case No. 17-20094-CIV-Scola, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 88031 (S.D. Fla. June 8, 2017).

⁴ 18 U.S.C. § 1956; 18 U.S.C. § 1957; Fl. Stat. § 896.101.

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Accordingly, on behalf of Mr. Marafatsos, we demand that, within two (2) days of the date of this letter, you:

- Remove the Article from kalami.us/net and any affiliated site, archive, or social media account under your control;
- Publish a clear and conspicuous written retraction of the false statements identified in this letter, in the same section and with comparable prominence to the original Article; and
- Cease from any further publication or republication of the false statements identified above, or any substantially similar statements, concerning Mr. Marafatsos.

Preservation Obligations

In light of the legal obligations at play here and in anticipation of litigation, we demand that you and all involved reporters affirmatively preserve, and not destroy, delete, hide, or misplace documents, communications, and materials of all kinds, without limitation, regarding the creation of the Articles. Our client is prepared to pursue all legal and equitable remedies necessary to, *inter alia*, end the ongoing publication of these false, defamatory, and malicious statements.

We are taking this matter very seriously and will be forced to pursue legal and/or equitable remedies if you do not comply with these demands. Please respond to me directly at 202-466-5964 or CSpies@dwlaw.com within two (2) days to confirm your compliance with these demands.

Sincerely,



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