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Inspector General
Corporation for Public Broadcasting
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Dear Inspector General:

I write to you as a last resort to prevent a grave miscarriage of truth and justice that will be perpetrated on the general Public Broadcasting network. I have previously tried to address this through communication with the principle parties - Dominique Lasseur of Tatge-Lasseur Productions, Dana O'Neill of Connecticut Public Television and Michael Lunsford of the Mary Kay Ash Foundation - from myself and my legal representative, Mr. Dennis Roberts.

Despite receiving documents that contradict the content of what will be aired they have persisted in their agenda to include my child, Fatima Busaat Loeliger, in this program which will be shown in PBS national markets on October 20th. Already various domestic abuse organizations and other entities interested in the content contained in this biased and one-sided documentary are heavily publicizing this upcoming program.

This so-called documentary - "Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories" - purports to portray harsh children who were "removed" from their "protective" mothers by court systems and professionals (placed with abusive fathers) and an attack on a controversial psychological entity known in both legal and psychological circles as "parental alienation." There is significant participation by mothers and their children, including my child and her mother, Sadiya Alifire.

When I accidentally discovered my daughter's involvement in this project last spring I immediately contacted Mr. Lasseur. My position, both legally and parentally, was and is to have my daughter's presence in the program be removed. I have asked for nothing else and have refused to publicly argue false allegations with my child on national television. There are several reasons for why I believe this is a more than reasonable request. First, I have never abused my daughter nor is there any evidence or court finding that I have ever harmed her. Secondly, her mother was the parent actually found to have abused three children, including Fatima, in her home during the years 1997-1998. She had previously harmed Fatima twice, as reported to her psychologist at the time, and spent time in jail after assaulting me. Lastly, there are likely real victims and organizations being portrayed on this program whose proximity to these false allegations, when they are exposed, that will suffer embarrassment and a loss of credibility.

In my opinion, if the message is more important than the truth then it is clear that my child, and possibly others, are being exploited for the so-called, "greater good." I have had a number of men and women in the anti-domestic violence community suggest as much. Much of their message is to hold the judicial system and the media to a standard of truth and justice that protects victims from further harm. They can not, therefore, claim some exemption from the truth just because an agenda is served in the presentation by an adolescent who is bright, well spoken and extremely presentable and photogenic.

I press my concerns at this last moment by countering the false allegations and hoping to protect my daughter from lifelong harm from the memorialization of such misrepresentations on a permanent medium. I also believe that the presence of an actual child abuser, Fatima's mother, in this program is contrary to best interests of all concerned. This person has never taken responsibility for her abusive actions and never accepted court ordered therapy to specifically address the violence. If the public television world wishes to participate in her attempts to wrongfully cleanse her past by inducing her vulnerable child to falsely "out" her father than I have wrongly believed in CPB's higher principles in journalism for more years than I can remember.

I appeal to you, as a long time supporter of public television and radio to stop this process. It will only take the removal of my child from the program to satisfy me. Whether her mother, with whatever message the producers allow her, remains in the program is no concern of mine. Sans this action, I will continue to pursue any and all legal means at my disposal to protect my child and my considerable reputation as a physician in women's health care from any further damage. I would appreciate a reply from you well before the presentation of this program, with proof that Fatima is no longer portrayed.

You may call me at any time on my cell phone, [REDACTED]

Sincerely,


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