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Accuracy in Media
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Dear Accuracy in Media,

I write this demand letter on behalf of my client, Austin Franco.

Your organization (“AIM”), a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, sent a letter to Mr. Franco dated July 22, 2026. (Attachment A). This letter impersonated a different non-profit, Justice in the Classroom (“JIC”), and offered services ranging from legal representation, grant assistance, public relations guidance, to “other services.” The letter contained a business card with contact information for an individual named Hope Parker, who posed as JIC’s partnership coordinator based in Alexandria, Virginia. As the genuine JIC has publicly stated, this scheme was a fraud to gain access to Mr. Franco for purposes of making a surreptitious recording.

AIM’s conduct violates the District of Columbia Consumer Protection Procedures Act (“CPPA”), D.C. Code § 28-3901 (2026), in multiple ways. As the D.C. Court of Appeals found in *Byrd v. Jackson*, violations exist whether or not a formal contractual relationship exists or money changed hands. *Byrd v. Jackson*, 902 A.2d 778, 781 (D.C. 2006). AIM purported to offer services, making them a merchant as defined in § 28-3901(a)(3)(A). Mr. Franco meets the definition of a consumer in § 28-3901(a)(2)(A) because, as AIM’s fraudulent letter repeatedly states, he is in high demand for the services offered therein. Examples include: “Your experience being harassed online for exercising

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free speech is vastly unjust and our team would like to offer assistance,” and “Our program officer...would love to discuss our ability to support you through this challenging time.”

AIM’s letter and attendant deception violated at least five subsections of D.C. Code § 28-3904. AIM triggered Section (b) because it represented itself as an entirely different non-profit offering services. AIM infringed Section (h) because it offered services with no intent to actually provide them to qualified individuals and Section (s) because it passed off its services as those of Justice in the Classroom. AIM violated Section (a) because services cannot have their inherent qualities if they do not exist. Lastly, AIM violated Section (t) by Ms. Parker pretending to be based out of Virginia when she was AIM’s employee based in D.C.

The D.C. CPPA authorizes recovery of treble damages, attorney fees, and punitive damages. D.C. Code § 28-3905(k)(2) (2026). Accordingly, Mr. Franco demands the following damages:

Claim	Damages
D.C. Code § 28-3904(a),(b),(h),(s),(t)	Statutory minimum damage (\$1,500 per violation): \$7,500 Punitive damages: \$50,000 Attorney fees: \$3,200 (subject to increase)
Total:	\$60,700

AIM’s conduct as described above was antithetical to the honest journalism our country so greatly needs. If Aim fails to accept responsibility for its conduct, Mr. Franco will promptly and vigorously pursue his legal remedies.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A: AIM's fraudulent letter to Franco, dated June 22, 2026



June 22nd, 2026

Dear Mr. Franco,

Please allow me to extend our heartfelt apologies for your situation. Your experience being harassed online for exercising free speech is vastly unjust and our team would like to offer assistance.

Justice in the Classroom supports disadvantaged educators as well as oppressed students. We offer grant funding, legal representation, public relations guidance, and other services that may be of use to you.

Our program officer in the beltway area would love to discuss our ability to support you through this challenging time.

Free speech is vital to our country and thank you for being bold enough to use it.

Please reach out at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hope Parker".

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Attachment B: Justice in the Classroom's disavowal of AIM's misappropriation

