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Tim Ballard Timeline of Relevant Events

*Note: We present this information in the spirit, the Ballard family hopes, of locking arms with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, in rooting out any negative influences that may have contributed to the concerns expressed herein.

2002 – 2013 – Tim Ballard works as a special agent and undercover operator with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), child crimes unit, and served as an operator of the U.S. Child Sex Tourism Jump Team.

2011 – Tim publishes The American Covenant – One Nation Under God, Vol. I. Sold by Deseret Book successfully through 2023 when Deseret Book took them off the shelves around the time of the Church's Sept. 15, 2023 defamatory statement.

2011 – Tim publishes The American Covenant – One Nation Under God, Vol. II The Constitution, The Civil War, and Our Fight to Preserve the Covenant Today, also sold by Deseret Book until the Church's defamatory statement.

2012 – Tim publishes The Covenant – One Nation Under God, America's Sacred & Immutable Connection to Ancient Israel. Also sold by Deseret Book until the Church's defamatory statement.

2014 – Tim publishes, via Deseret Book, The Lincoln Hypotheses "A Modern-Day Abolitionist Investigates the Possible Connection Between Joseph Smith, The Book of Mormon, and Abraham Lincoln." This became a Best Seller and was sold by Deseret Book until the Church's defamatory statement.

2014 – Tim establishes Operation Underground Railroad to provide vital covert operation services that government and law enforcement worldwide often cannot provide for itself in combatting child sex trafficking.

2015 – Tim is featured on the front cover of Church-owned LDS Magazine, with a multi-page article featuring him and Operation Underground Railroad. The article strongly suggests the Church endorses Tim and OUR.

2016 – Tim publishes, via Deseret Book, The Washington Hypotheses "A Modern-Day Abolitionist Explores the Possible Connection Between The American Covenant, Latter-Day Temples, and George Washington." This became a Best Seller and was sold by Deseret Book until the Church's defamatory statement.

2018 – Tim publishes, via Shadow Mountain/Deseret Book, Slave Stealers – True Accounts of Slave Rescues Then and Now (Forward by NFL Head Coach Mike Tomlin). This became a Best Seller and was sold by Deseret Book until the Church's defamatory statement.

2020 – Tim publishes, via Church-owned Covenant Communications, The Pilgrim Hypotheses "Exploring the Possible Connections Between the Restoration of the Gospel, The Gathering of Israel, and the Pilgrims Who Founded America." This became a Best Seller and was sold by Deseret Book until the Church's defamatory statement.

2022 December to May 2023 – Female (JJ) begins heavily pursuing position to work with Tim Ballard and become his couples ruse partner on operations. Ultimately she is rejected from operations after seeking an inappropriate, personal relationship with Tim, which was against all protocol. Having been rejected and scorned, she resorted to false reports to OUR and Church officials about purported misconduct by Tim. *See* Appendix A for more details.

2023, March 17 – Angel Studios signs a deal to acquire the distribution rights to Sound of Freedom.

2023, June – Tim agreeably separates from OUR due to unfounded, unproven, and false allegations of sexual impropriety by a female former ops partner who, documented communication shows, was enamored and obsessed with Tim (refer again to Appendix A). OUR agrees to pay Tim hundreds of thousands of dollars as severance. As early as December 2022, Tim had already begun discussions with the board to separate with OUR so he could focus on Sound of Freedom and other related projects, so he didn't feel the fight against JJ was worth it. (In 2019, Tim had voluntarily separated from OUR to pursue other interests, until OUR begged him to return in 2020, as OUR was "falling apart" without him.)

2023, July 4 – Sound of Freedom premieres to the public in theaters. It is a dramatization based on actual missions which goes on to break many box office records. Tim's work of saving children from sex trafficking becomes widely known, opening up many hopeful avenues to expand efforts to expose trafficking rings and dismantle worldwide trafficking networks.

2023, July-August – For a brief period of time, the movie and its main character Tim Ballard are publicly and widely showered with accolades, and many people are energized to help battle sex trafficking. The following politically related events also occur:

- While Tim was at President Trump's home in Bedminster, President Trump asked Tim to run for senate in Utah to fill the seat being vacated by Mitt Romney, and, to help Trump campaign for president, with Tim focusing on the anti-trafficking and border issues that Trump supports. Shortly after the meeting, Tim interviewed President Trump for Tim's podcast.

- Senator Mike Lee also asked Tim to run for the senate seat, and vowed to help him campaign.
- AG Sean Reyes also endorsed and vowed to support Tim in a run for senate.
- By early September, 2023, the facts that Tim was considering a run for the senate and was supporting President Trump's campaign were leaked to the public (initially via the Sean Spicer Show).
- The day after the Sean Spicer Show disclosures about Tim, Tim's family received a credible tip that up to $10 million had been committed to [redacted] to smear Tim to ensure he is never elected and is unable to help President Trump get elected. ([redacted] is known as a group that has orchestrated much of the legal attacks on President Trump in recent years).
- The fruits of what may have been [redacted] destructive efforts hit quickly and forcefully.

2023, July-September – Sources confirm that a number of women approach the Church to report Tim's alleged immoral conduct.

2023, September 15 – The first public statement ever about allegations of "morally unacceptable" conduct by Tim came from the Church. Specifically, Doug Anderson of Church Communications releases the following statement:

President Ballard and Tim Ballard (no relation) established a friendship a number of years ago. That friendship was built on a shared interest in looking after God's children wherever they are and without regard to their circumstance. However, that relationship is in the past. For many months, President Ballard has had no contact with the founder of Operation Underground Railroad (OUR). The nature of that relationship was always in support of vulnerable children being abused, trafficked, and otherwise neglected. Once it became clear Tim Ballard had betrayed their friendship, through the unauthorized use of President Ballard's name for Tim Ballard's personal advantage and activity regarded as morally unacceptable, President Ballard withdrew his association. President Ballard never authorized his name, or the name of the Church, to be used for Tim's personal or financial interests.
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President Ballard loves children, all over the world. It has been his mission and life's work to look after them, care for them, and point them to their Savior.

- ***CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS MEDIA RELATIONS DIRECTOR DOUG ANDERSEN, 9/15/23***

This statement was released directly to anti-Church Vice News, as well as Church-owned Deseret News and KSL, and other media outlets, and was published with no warning to or prior discussion with Tim. Tim learned of it after it had been widely published, while he was in the Eastern United States conducting an American Covenant Tour, passionately testifying to crowds of the divine nature of the Book of Mormon, and its influence in the

foundational principles of the covenant land in America. He was shocked by news that the Church he had consecrated his entire life to published a false hit piece attacking his character.

The Church presumably profited from the false statement through its related entities, Deseret News and KSL, via views and clicks of advertisements on the story's page.

Appendix B details the falsehoods in this statement.

Appendix C details some of the devastating impact on Tim, Katherine, their family, and their mission to rescue God's children from sex slavery, that resulted from the defamatory September 15 statement, and shows how the statement has been widely published and republished multiple times, including in nearly every lawsuit and legal hearing Tim has been forced to participate in.

The statement has been published and republished multiple times. Appendix E cites examples. It has been cited repeatedly by the multiple women and one man who were emboldened by the statement to falsely sue not only Tim, but also Katherine and many others associated with Tim. It emboldened Tim's executive assistant to use her login credentials to access Tim's and OUR's confidential electronic documents, including clearly-marked attorney-client privileged documents, and not only file them publicly with the Utah courts, but also to release them to the media and blast them to the entire world. The false statement emboldened all opportunists to believe Tim and his family were about to be annihilated, and that any means to finalize that annihilation were acceptable. Note that, if the women were truly assaulted by Tim (they were not), why would they need to sue his innocent wife Katherine and others? The only reason to do so is to take down the entire enterprise to the benefit of traffickers and their clientele, and to the tragic harm of enslaved, innocent children.

2023, September 15 – Katherine Ballard called Elder Ballard. Elder Ballard denied any knowledge of the Church statement, and confirmed he had never felt betrayed by Tim and did not sever the relationship.

2023, September 17 – New Stake President Jared Hall, is called to preside over Tim's stake. It may be noted that Tim met very frequently with the prior stake president to seek counsel and guidance as one of Tim's spiritual advisors who had been with him through his tenure as stake president.

2023, September 21 – Tim, who was in California for business, was notified he had to be in Utah for a disciplinary council meeting to take place September 25. He requested the hearing be rescheduled to accommodate his schedule, as the Church handbook allows, but the request was denied.

2023, September 24 – Matt Cooper called Elder Ballard. Elder Ballard denied any knowledge of the Church statement, and confirmed he had never felt betrayed by Tim and did not sever the relationship.

2023, September 25 – In the early morning hours before the discipline council, Celeste Borys, who will later be induced to join other women in falsely claiming "assault" by Tim, writes a letter to Church officials confirming, among other things, that "I have been working with Tim Ballard for almost one year. I have felt safe being Tim's partner in every operation I have been on; I have never been taken advantage of. He has always respected me and all the other operators around me. Tim has devoted much of his life to helping everyone around him."

2023, September 25 - A "disciplinary council" was held involving only stake presidency members. The stake clerk was not present. Tim was not informed he could request the participation of the high council. Tim was given no information in advance of any allegations, and minimal information at the hearing. Many policies clearly established in the Church's General Handbook, Section 32, were disregarded. The council was not held with love.

Appendix D is a September 15, 2024 Letter from the Ballards to the Church, detailing the proceedings of what seemed (and still seems) to have been a pre-determined, unjust, defamatory council, and which completely defies and disobeys LDS canonized scripture, as found in Doctrine and Covenants, Section 102. It should be noted that, because President Hall refused to give any details about the allegations (thus making it impossible for Tim and Katherine to defend themselves), he stated that all he needed to justify the excommunication was the September 15, 2023 Church statement, which he declared, without proof, came directly from President Nelson.

2023, September 27 – Church sends letter to Tim announcing decision that his "membership be withdrawn . . . for repeated violations of the law of chastity and conduct unbecoming a member of The Church." The letter promises: "The outcome and decision of the membership council will be kept confidential among your bishop and local leaders."

Podcasters, one claiming up to ten sources from within the Church, reported of the excommunication before the letter reached the Ballards. One showed a "screenshot" of the Ballard family within the confidential Church Tools database, which showed Katherine Ballard as "head of household" and did not list Tim, which they claimed proved the excommunication occurred. Anti-Mormon podcaster, John Dehlin, publicly announces that he received a copy of the excommunication letter from a well-known LDS Church official.

The specifics of who leaked what to whom, how, and when will be determined through appropriate depositions and other discovery mechanisms.

2023, September 28 – Attorney Suzette Rasmussen holds a press conference on the Utah state capital grounds, claiming she represents unnamed and unnumbered women who falsely claim to have been groomed and manipulated by Tim and OUR.

2023, End September to Early October – Celeste Borys accesses Tim's emails without authorization, takes multiple attorney-client and confidential communications, and later publishes them to the world. She is facing sanctions proceedings and potential criminal charges as a result.

2023, October 9 – Five women, through attorneys Suzette Rasmussen and Alan Mortensen, file a lawsuit against Tim, OUR, and many others associated with them (the strategy appears to have been to bully and/or bribe associates to make false allegations, and sue them if they refused). They even sued "Children Need Families Foundation," a non-profit headed by Katherine Ballard to provide funding and assistance for adoption of vulnerable children to loving families. See Appendix D Appeal Letter for specifics about this and other lawsuits, claims in which have been discredited. The lawsuit alleges "the Mormon Church excommunicated Ballard."

2023, October 10 – Celeste Borys (who already admitted Tim did nothing wrong) and her husband (from whom she was seeking a divorce), through attorneys Suzette Rasmussen and Alan Mortensen, file a lawsuit against Tim. The allegations have been discredited. See Appendix D.

2023, October 15 – Tim and Katherine Ballard submit a detailed Appeal letter to the First Presidency (which was later updated and edited via the September 15, 2024 Appeal letter to the First Presidency).

2023, December 6 – Celeste Borys files amended complaint, now also suing Katherine Ballard, Tim's wife, for allegedly conspiring with Tim to sexually assault and defraud Celeste and her husband, and other frivolous claims which were ultimately dismissed. They did so because, as they allege, Katherine had the gall to defend her husband against false allegations and to "appear on the Rod Arquette Show" to discuss her opinions and knowledge. Anyone who speaks out in favor of Tim's innocence gets sued.

2024, February 23 – Moya, a now convicted sex trafficker, using the same attorneys who have represented all other false accusers, sued Tim, Katherine, and others for defamation and other claims for saying things that purportedly implied Moya was what she was – a sex trafficker. Katherine was dismissed and the others soon will be in light of Moya's conviction and failed appeal.

2024, September 15 – Tim and Katherine submit the Appendix D updated Appeal Letter. The date of this appeals letter was not a coincidence.

2024, October 27 – Tim agreed to a meeting request from his stake president, Jared Hall. Tim brought his ministering brothers with him, and President Hall reacted violently, insisting that Tim was not allowed to have anyone with him in a meeting. The incident is documented in the enclosed, signed statement (See Appendix F)

As to President Hall's conduct, the handbook specifically allows for Tim to bring someone with him for such a meeting. President Hall insists he was not bound by the handbook during the "disciplinary council" (which really was not a disciplinary council) or during the interview. President Hall apparently believes he had the authority to override the canonized scripture found in D&C 102 regarding disciplinary councils.

2025, February – Charlie Smith, counselor to the stake president, Jared Hall, had previously insisted repeatedly that the stake president had independently judged that Tim needed to be excommunicated. Tim and his team had convincing indications to the contrary. In February, Charlie Smith confirmed the same. Specifically, he came to Tim and Tim's former bishop Mark Stott, and tearfully confessed he and others had lied to them regarding the highly questionable "disciplinary council". He admitted the stake presidency was instructed by higher-up Church officials to excommunicate Tim, and to pretend it was the stake president's decision to do so. Apparently, they were told to disregard the handbook (and D&C 102). Bishop Mark Stott will attest to this conversation.

Developments in the multiple cases filed against Tim and others are all favorable to Tim. We strongly believe they will eventually crater. Tim's claims against his defamers are strong and are likely to prevail. Furthermore, Tim has been asked to provide information as a witness in multiple countries, including inside the state of Utah, in ongoing criminal investigations against several of the accusers and their attorneys. Crimes being investigated include, for examples, computer crimes (accessing and publishing confidential data without authorization), perjury, bribery, and being accomplices to child trafficking. Charges appear to be imminent.

The Ballards have not yet sued the Church, nor do they wish to. They remain faithful. They attend church regularly. Katherine works at the temple. Tim goes to the temple with Katherine once per week, and sits in the waiting room while Katherine attends. They have a son out on a mission. The Church is sacred to them and to their family, and they have not wanted to sue. But they have been through the jaws of hell, and have waited a long time for proper treatment from the Church. That treatment has not manifested. To the contrary, Doug Anderson recently "doubled down" on the statement to reporter Nancy Ross, who is now working with Fox News on a breaking story about all of the above. Lionsgate has indicated it is working on a multi-episode docuseries about this entire story. Though Tim and Katherine did not approach Lionsgate, they agreed to be interviewed, to defend their good names and their mission to rescue children. Tim has no creative control nor will he be compensated for his participation. How the church will be portrayed in these stories is up to Lionsgate, and may turn on what decisions the Church makes now.

In the meantime, the facts that are rising to the surface are highly concerning, and are of great importance to both Fox News and Lionsgate. Recently, a lawsuit was filed by Pedro Florez in Utah against the attorneys who have been suing Tim (Alan Mortensen and Suzette Rasmussen) and against Celeste Borys. Among other things, Mr. Florez claims he was coerced and defrauded

by the Defendants in attempts to convince him Tim had done bad things, even though Mr. Florez had been rescued from trafficking years ago by Tim's efforts; he claims they attempted to bribe him to sue Tim and others, and then he was placed in danger when he refused the bribe. We suggest you pull a copy of that complaint and review it. It includes allegations that Mr. Florez was raped by the LDS missionary who baptized him at age 9 (note: Tim pleaded with Mr. Florez to leave the Church name out of his filing, and thus the filing does not mention that the missionary was with the Church). We understand Colombian authorities have requested records from the Church to determine who baptized Mr. Florez, and that the Church has claimed the baptismal records exist but do not disclose the name of the baptizing elder. Colombian authorities are now investigating the Church for a possible cover-up for a dangerous pedophile. We understand this may result in legal action against the Church by Colombian authorities to discover that information.

The Ballard family is now resolute in their belief that, barring a prompt public retraction of the defamatory statement and an appropriate settlement, suing the Church is the best way to help resolve these highly concerning issues, and right any wrongs that are occurring within the walls of the Church. The Ballard family does so in the spirit of locking arms with the Church and fighting what hopefully will be viewed as a common enemy, as the Ballards believe the Church has been victimized both by people from within and from outside the Church. The Ballard family wishes to privately settle these issues with the Church prior to a lawsuit being filed, in a way that will protect the reputation of the Church, fully resolve past issues, and eliminate the risk of the same problems arising again in the future.

Very truly yours,

Mark L. Eisenhut
For [redacted]
A Professional Corporation
Attorneys for Tim and Katherine Ballard

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APPENDIX "A" TO CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION
DETAILS OF FALSE ALLEGATIONS BY INITIAL COMPLAINANT

2022, December – Female (JJ) begins heavily pursuing position to work with Tim Ballard and become his couples ruse partner on operations.

2023, January – JJ persistently and passionately requests to become couples ruse partner of Tim on an operation.

2023, January 28-February 2 – Tim via undercover persona Brian Black dirty texts with JJ to train JJ for how to talk on ops, and to test if JJ is able to handle the vile language of the dark sex trafficking world.

2023, February 8 – JJ, now on an op in Cozumel, MX as Tim's couples ruse partner, breaks from role, proclaims her love for Tim, tells Tim they are going to blend their families, etc. Tim reaches drastic conclusion that operation has to be canceled as JJ is far to great of a risk. Discreetly to avoid alarming JJ, Tim informs undercover team to abort the operation, performs hours of counter surveillance to avoid detection while making his way back to the safe house, and the mission is ultimately successfully aborted. It was aborted because of JJ.

2023, February 20 – JJ texts that she "Can't wait to work with" Rachel Ballard, who is Tim's assistant and daughter-in-law.

2023, March 16 – JJ texts Tim noting that she knows he is dropping his wife off at the LA Airport, and asks to talk with him after. JJ blows up Tim's phone trying to talk with him. Based on communications she had with others, JJ likely was concerned that Tim was conducting an operation with a different female ruse partner.

- In this general time frame, David Jacobs (DJ), who is in the process of possibly getting a divorce, tells Tim he has a crush on JJ.

2023, March 17 – Angel Studios signs a deal to acquire the distribution rights to Sound of Freedom. Sound of Freedom had been sidelined for years in Disney's "do not release" cellar. Note: Sound of Freedom will start to expose to the entire world the vile, dark and despicable underworld of child sex trafficking. Pay attention to the events that unfold from here on,

as the Sound of Freedom breaks worldwide box office records, and then the champion of Sound of Freedom is engulfed in the jaws of hell, which was enabled almost single-handedly when influences from within Tim's own church betrayed him, and defamed him to the world.

2023, March 20 – JJ leaves VM for Tim, including the following: "I know I've been blowing up your phone lately, and I'm annoyed with myself. … I know you know this has been heavy for me. … I had so many thoughts come to my mind over the last few hours…and they feel inspired. … What we experienced was so much light, and then when it was over we just hid it. … But maybe there's something we can be doing with it now, that we SHOULD be doing with it now … It's not the same as whatever's coming. … And then…ops. … I just want you to know I'm open to that still, too. I know…there's some things from last time that maybe you felt like this isn't the right place for JJ."

- Tim responds via text, indicating he is no longer doing any ops (trying not to cause JJ to think she's been rejected). Tim notes: "You think I'm doing ops like I was before, even though I said I was not. I'm guessing u think that because Mike asked u to order henna."
- JJ responds: "… You're right that ordering henna for you and a female did seem that way, but I didn't at all see it as you going against what you said you were going to do before. I know that you will always do what you are called to do by God. … I trust you. And I will never see you as deceitful in any way. … I would really love to talk anytime and am serious I will drive down just for that. Just tell me when."

2023, March 22 – JJ talks with Janet Russon, discloses her belief that God told her she will marry Tim. Janet suggests she prepare for the possibility that such marriage will never happen.

2023, March 24 and on – JJ continues to press to be a couples ruse partner again with Tim.

- JJ, without telling Tim, goes to London with DJ, does "practice" as ruse partner at strip clubs, etc. (When Tim later learns of this, he views it as totally unauthorized and inappropriate, especially because DJ is not an actual operator and there was no law enforcement involved, as is always required.)

2023, Early April - After the London trip (which Tim did not know about), DJ invites Tim to go to the gym with him. DJ reveals to Tim that he went to London with JJ. Tim was shocked, asked why he'd do that, told DJ that JJ is "crazy." DJ said he saw JJ as a beat up housewife who needed a break, so he invited her. Tim suspects they had relations in London.

- At some point after gym, JJ tells Tim she went to London, was concerned about breaking couples ruse rules.

2023, April 10 - Tim voicemail exchanges with JJ. Tim, assuming JJ is concerned because of breaking "rules" with DJ or others while in London, tells JJ he was concerned she went

to London without telling Tim, but tries to help JJ feel better by explaining the "rules" are just meant to protect against liability and she need not worry if she broke them. JJ says she went to London because she "knew" she was supposed to go, claims she mentioned it to Tim before going (she didn't). She says the concern about the rules is not a big concern, just a small issue, and there are more important issues she really wants to talk with Tim about.

2023, April 10 – JJ texts Tim. She claims to be "divinely guided. . . I need you to hear me out on all of it. . . . I would never bring anything to you that I didn't feel God was asking of me. I'm driving down today. Not for work. No one knows I'm coming. But we need to talk in person. And in private. I rented an Airbnb in American Fork . . ."

- Tim did not agree to meet privately with JJ. He reported the situation to trusted friends and family, and to the Utah County Sheriff, asking for protection of his home, with particular worry that his wife Katherine could be targeted in light of the passionate claims by JJ that she and Tim were to marry and blend their families.

- Celeste Borys writes to JJ, accusing her of lying. Celeste is upset because JJ was acting jealous of Celeste, manipulating and lying about Celeste, making it sound like Celeste was having inappropriate contact with Tim on operations as his couples ruse partner. Celeste says these are lies.

2023, April 11 – JJ, Tim, and Janet meet at public office with David Jacobs outside the office door. Tim has concerns now that JJ may start claiming Tim did inappropriate things with JJ. Tim says to JJ, if there is anything you believe we did that is inappropriate, any sexual contact, any breaking of covenants, please say it here in front of Janet. JJ assures Janet they did not. At end of meeting, Tim leaves, quietly asks Janet to ask JJ the same question again outside of Tim's presence. Janet confirms she did ask JJ again, and JJ reconfirmed she and Tim never had any sexual contact whatsoever.

- However, after this meeting, it was clear to JJ that there was no possibility of a relationship with Tim. JJ is now a woman scorned, and knowing further pursuit of a passionate love affair with Tim is futile, she turns her attention to the energies exhibited thousands of years ago by Potiphar's wife against Joseph of Egypt.

2023, April 24 – Tim instructs Matt Osborne to immediately remove JJ from access to the travel platform. He is upset that someone, likely JJ, took his assistant (and current couples ruse partner) Celeste off of the platform. JJ likely removed Celeste out of jealousy, as JJ was "stalking" Tim via tracking his flights and travel plans.

2023, April 25-29 time frame – JJ claims to OUR's HR department that Tim allegedly manipulated her into having inappropriate sexual contact with him. She claims that all she wants is for Tim to be removed from doing any further operations. This would likely calm

her jealous concerns of him being on operations with other women. This false allegation will soon mushroom into much more.

2023, June – OUR agrees to pay Tim hundreds of thousands of dollars as severance, and Tim agrees to pursue new endeavors, including continuing to encourage support of OUR and its operations. Tim chose not to "fight" the JJ allegations, as he had already been planning to separate from OUR (he had done so once prior, and came back at OUR's urgent requests). Tim wanted to pursue other projects, including his promotional tours for Sound of Freedom.

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APPENDIX "B" TO CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION

Full Statement issued on 9/15/23 to VICE Magazine and later repeated via numerous local and national television, print, and electronic media outlets, with reference to the Church issuing the statement:

> *President Ballard and Tim Ballard (no relation) established a friendship a number of years ago. That friendship was built on a shared interest in looking after God's children wherever they are and without regard to their circumstance. However, that relationship is in the past. For many months, President Ballard has had no contact with the founder of Operation Underground Railroad (OUR). The nature of that relationship was always in support of vulnerable children being abused, trafficked, and otherwise neglected. Once it became clear Tim Ballard had betrayed their friendship, through the unauthorized use of President Ballard's name for Tim Ballard's personal advantage and activity regarded as morally unacceptable, President Ballard withdrew his association. President Ballard never authorized his name, or the name of the Church, to be used for Tim's personal or financial interests.*
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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS MEDIA RELATIONS DIRECTOR DOUG ANDERSEN

False Statements in the media release:

Statement:

> *President Ballard and Tim Ballard (no relation) established a friendship . . . However, that relationship is in the past. For many months, President Ballard has had no contact with the founder of Operation Underground Railroad (OUR). . . .*

False: Katherine Ballard spoke with Elder Ballard the day of the statement immediately after its release, and he was totally unaware of the statement, denied any involvement in it, and confirmed he had not felt betrayed by Tim. Nine days later, Matt Cooper had nearly the same conversation with Elder Ballard. Tim Ballard had spoken with Elder Ballard shortly before the statement came out.

Statement:

. . . it became clear Tim Ballard had betrayed their friendship, through the unauthorized use of President Ballard's name for Tim Ballard's personal advantage . . .

False: Tim never betrayed the friendship, and Elder Ballard never said he felt betrayed. Tim received no "personal advantage" beyond Elder Ballard's genuine friendship and support.

Statement:

...and activity regarded as morally unacceptable . . .

False: This reputation-destroying, financially ruining allegation was unfounded and has thus far been proven false. The multiple lawsuits referencing and emboldened by the Church's statement regarding Tim's immoral behavior, and Tim's leaked excommunication as a supposed consequence of such behavior, have been dismissed one-by-one for various reasons, including lack of evidence, without proceeding to trial. Most of Tim's accusers are women that had been cut from the OUR program or never made it on operations, facts which could have been reviewed with the Church had the Church consulted with Tim prior to issuing the statement. All indications are that another significant case, the hearing for which occurred a few months ago, is to be dismissed shortly, with significant perjury implications for Tim's accuser.

Statement:

President Ballard never authorized his name, or the name of the Church, to be used for Tim's personal or financial interests.

President Ballard, of his own volition, publicly discussed his strong support of Tim Ballard and his efforts to combat child sex trafficking, as well as the books he authored and the concepts set forth in them. Tim denies he ever used Elder Ballard's name for seeking donations or any other financial benefit. The fact that Elder Ballard's public support of Tim's work may have resulted in additional support for Tim's work against child sex trafficking cannot logically be construed as unauthorized use of Elder Ballard's name.

Statement:

> *In addition, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints never endorsed, supported or represented OUR, Tim Ballard or any projects associated with them.*
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> False: Following is a sampling of work Tim has done for the Church or entities owned by the Church. More projects can be named upon request.
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> - Tim had multiple best-selling books published and/or sold by Deseret Book. (See the full timeline for release dates.)
> - He was a paid speaker at Time Out for Women multiple times.
> - He was on the cover of LDS Living Magazine.
> - M. Russell Ballard gave at least two public speeches discussing projects he was working on with Tim.
> - He consulted with and helped Elder Bednar write the dedicatory prayer for the Port-au-Prince, Haiti temple, and provided security for Elder Bednar at that event (at Tim's own cost).
> - He consulted with Elder Renlund on charitable giving to help survivors of human trafficking.

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APPENDIX "C" TO CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION
CATEGORIES OF HARM CAUSED BY THE FALSE STATEMENT

Lost Book Sales

Lost $1m Guaranteed Simon & Schuster Publishing Deal

Lost Speaking Engagements

Lost Sound of Freedom II Profits

Lost Donor Dollars for Rescuing Children

Extreme Emotional Harm to Tim

Extreme Emotional Harm to Katherine and Ballard Children

Financial Devastation/Deep Debt due to the Church-Statement-Fueled Lawsuits, with risk of bankruptcy, loss of personal residence, and related stress

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SEE ATTACHED APPEAL LETTER

To: Russell M. Nelson, President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and his counselors, President Dallin H. Oaks, and President Henry B. Eyring

From: Tim & Katherine Ballard

Re: Amended Appeal to membership council decision to excommunicate Timothy Blain Ballard

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Dear First Presidency,

Introduction

Almost one year ago, Timothy Blain Ballard was unjustly excommunicated from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Church that he has held dear in his heart and devoted his entire life to serving. We, Katherine and Tim Ballard, loyally married for 25 years, parents of nine children (two of whom were adopted through our life's work), in unity and love, write to request relief from this heartbreaking, life-altering, unjust excommunication.

Tim's life work has been devoted to freeing children and women enslaved in the dark and vile world of sex trafficking. He has pursued this work with the support and full knowledge of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and its highest leaders. Both of us have been faithfully and fully devoted to the Church throughout our lives, and have vociferously defended the Church and all it stands for at every opportunity. And we have remained devoted to this day despite facing "the very jaws of hell" as administered to us via imperfect people representing the Church, and others.

Tim has also devoted much of his time to studying and writing about important gospel topics, particularly the covenant between God and those who reside in this blessed land known as the United States of America. Tim has worked hard to encourage our nation to embrace and recommit to its part of that covenantal relationship. This has been a great spiritual and missionary effort, with the full endorsement of the late

President M. Russell Ballard and other Church officials.[1]

Katherine, while fully devoted to raising our family, has supported Tim in his missions, and in furtherance of them, helped establish "Children Need Families," an adoption granting organization that has helped to facilitate the adoptions of at-risk and endangered children with loving families throughout the world.

The "Jaws of Hell" from Within

In October 2016, in the presence of both President Ballard's son-in-law, Brad Brower, and Church social media consultant Ken Krogue, President Ballard administered a priesthood blessing to Tim in which he prophesied that within 10 years time, Tim would become a household name and that the jaws of hell would open up against him. Both Brother Brower and Brother Krogue will attest to this.

In fact, as the Sound of Freedom movie which was based on aspects of Tim's life became a global success, both President Ballard and Brad Brower contacted Tim to confirm the fulfillment of the "household name" prophecy (over 100 million people have thus far seen the film). The three of them queried about what the "jaws of hell" might be. Little did they know that it was coming within weeks, and coming from within via some of our own misinformed Church leaders.

On September 15, 2023, without any warning to or prior discussions with either of us[2], the Church, through its media relations director Doug Anderson, released a statement to Vice Magazine and others that defamed Tim. The statement was so out of the norm,

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[1] Indeed it was President Ballard who initially reached out to Tim to meet with him after he was so impressed with Tim's book, the American Covenant. Thereafter, O.U.R. was born in part out of President Ballard's request that Tim try to rescue the son of a bishop in Haiti who had been kidnapped.

[2] Weeks prior on one brief occasion, our former Stake President Shawn Richards approached Tim and indicated he heard there was a group of women claiming Tim had been sexually immoral with them, and asked for Tim's response. Tim said he denied it fully, and asked who was making those allegations, and what was being alleged. President Richards said he was not given any details, did not know the names of the women, and did not know what was alleged. Previously, Tim had counseled multiple times with President Richards about his undercover operations, how and why he uses female operators to accompany him on some operations, and how to maintain proper boundaries in so doing. President Richards expressed approval and even gratitude that Tim used this technique to avoid any potential need to have sexual contact with prostitutes and traffickers he encounters in his line of work. President Richards has shown sincere concern for Tim and our family, has visited us regularly, and has expressed grave concern over how the Church handled this statement and later excommunication.

and so shocking, that we were convinced it could not have come from the Church we know and love. Unfortunately, it appears that maybe it did (although not from President Ballard, despite it sounding as if it had his blessing). We should note, however, that several people contacted the Church to inquire about the statement, and were consistently told that it is not a statement by the Church, and if it were a statement by the Church, it would be published in the Newsroom section of the Church website, which it is not, and never has been. Others who contacted the Church about the statement were given the runaround (unfortunate for our Church that prides itself on transparency with its members). We have recordings of several such calls to the Church. Governor Cox of Utah, on the other hand, claims to have received special treatment (the Church is a "respecter of persons"?), and publicly declared: "I reached out to the Church personally and was assured that it did come from the Church, that it had been vetted through all the normal Church processes," according to the Salt Lake Tribune. The lack of transparency by the Church as to this simple topic – of whether this was an official statement by the Church, who authorized it, etc. – calls into question the integrity of the entire process leading to Tim's excommunication.

Nonetheless, the statement asserted that, while Tim and President Ballard "established a friendship a number of years ago," "that relationship is in the past," that "President Ballard withdrew his association," and that "for many months, President Ballard has had no contact with" Tim. These statements are all false. President Ballard contacted Tim shortly before this statement came out to remind him of the "household name" prophecy (as stated above). And, Katherine called President Ballard after this statement came out. President Ballard took Katherine's call. He was surprised, and confirmed he was not aware of the accusatory statement, or of any Church disciplinary action. Katherine's call to him was President Ballard's first time to hear of the statement and he was not consulted about it. He was sympathetic and reaffirmed his love for us. He did not feel betrayed, as falsely depicted in the statement. He suggested we respond accordingly. This amended appeal is following his counsel. President Ballard remained a friend of Tim and of our family until the day he passed, and we consider him a friend to this day.

The September 15 statement also claimed, "Tim Ballard had betrayed their friendship, through the unauthorized use of President Ballard's name for Tim Ballard's personal advantage and activity regarded as morally unacceptable." This statement is untrue on all counts. Tim never used President Ballard's name for personal advantage, nor is he aware of any "morally unacceptable" behavior of concern to President Ballard, who he met and consulted with regularly. However, if there is any criticism that President Ballard expressed to others, we are more than willing to hear those concerns, and make any necessary amends. Unfortunately, the only betrayal we know of is the one

conveyed by the September 15 statement, namely, the betrayal of Tim by the Church he loves. We have been fasting often and praying nearly nonstop since the date of that statement that our Church, which we still dearly love, will reconcile with Tim.

The statement further claimed, “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Sants never endorsed, supported or represented OUR, Tim Ballard or any projects associated with them.” This statement is false. President Ballard, in his official capacity, spoke highly of Tim and his work, and fully supported and encouraged him in it. Tim was featured on the Church’s website (until references to him were removed when the statement was issued), and his books were promoted and sold by Deseret Book (until they were abruptly removed after the statement, without any discussion with us). Tim was also paid by the Church to speak at Time Out For Women for three straight years. The Church fully supported Tim and his mission, and seemed to endorse him in all of the above ways.

As you can see, we are airing these concerns and grievances directly and hopefully privately with you, the Church, and are not blindsiding you by first going to the press with these allegations without prior consultation with you. We are doing unto you as we wish you had done unto us.

We are concerned for the Church and the potential liability it bears for making such a set of false and defamatory statements, which have caused enormous amounts of harm not only to our family, but to many others, including children who should have been but were not saved from sex trafficking. We are also concerned at the appearance and potential conflicts of interest inherent in the Church having sent the false September 15 statement to its own media outlets (Deseret News, etc.), attracting views to the financial benefit of the Church, while harming others. There was a talk given at the April 2024 General Conference by Elder Gerard entitled “Integrity: A Christlike Attribute” that we recommend all who review this situation should review.

While President Ballard prophesied that the “jaws of hell” would open against Tim and our family, we never anticipated this process would start from within our own beloved Church.

We feel compelled to ask, would Jesus Christ want his Church to treat Tim and his family in this way, even if Tim was guilty of any serious transgression (which he is not)? How did Jesus treat the woman at the well, or the woman caught in adultery that was about to be stoned? Did Jesus make a statement to the Jerusalem press publicly condemning the sins? Should the Church that goes by His name do things that Jesus would not do? How do those stories compare with the stones the Church (through its

imperfect representatives) cast at Tim, without even finding out from us if there is perhaps any truth to the accusations for which Tim has been stoned?

We have another important question: was a man named Gordon Bowen involved at all in influencing or generating the statement? We understand he was involved in helping design the most recent Church logo, and has advised the Church on other matters. We also understand he had close ties to President Ballard's office (as he is apparently a relative to President Ballard). However, we also understand he has been accused by multiple victims of horribly vile acts, including some of the most horrifying acts of pedophilia imaginable, and that he was excommunicated. While we have no personal knowledge of Mr. Bowen or the accuracy of allegations against him, many of the accusations against him are publicly available, and are very detailed. We would be happy to provide them to you if you are not aware of them. We are very concerned that someone that may have dark intentions could have been allowed by the Church to influence the September 15 statement, Tim's excommunication, or any other aspect of the Church.

The Hasty Excommunication of Tim was Shocking and Unjust

As will be discussed in more detail below, at the hastily-scheduled excommunication hearing, the sole accusation worthy of excommunication was that Tim allegedly engaged in full penetration sexual intercourse with one unnamed person (it is possible the Stake President was concluding there was more than one, as he did not specify anything to us). We were not informed of who the person or people are that Tim did this with, who the witnesses are, or what was said to lead the Stake President to believe that sexual intercourse outside of the marriage covenant occurred. While we understand that certain confidentialities may need protection at times, there is no logical reason to withhold from Tim the identify of a woman who claims Tim had sexual intercourse with her. It would make sense to withhold such information from the public, but not from Tim who stands accused. The Stake President referenced but refused to disclose text messages as evidence of inappropriate banter. Had we known what text messages he was relying on at the time, we could have gone through them and explained the context and background. Through investigation, we now believe we know what text messages the Stake President relied on. We believe he had incomplete, cherry-picked messages. We could easily have gone through them with him and explained the context and background of them. They do not evidence any inappropriate behavior. They were not sent by "Tim" per se, as they were explicitly by and in the name of Tim's undercover persona, and were necessary for undercover operations and training. There were clear disclaimers regarding the purposes of them (which were likely excluded from what was provided to the Stake President). Out of context, they would be highly inappropriate, but in context, they are work-related, just like a male doctor viewing and touching naked females is work-related, and not the

basis for excommunication. But we were not shown the actual messages, nor were we given an opportunity to understand any specifics or respond to them. Tim deserves an opportunity to see the text messages the Stake President relied upon, to know what he was told by accusers, and to respond accordingly to an unbiased council.

We state unequivocally: no sexual intercourse, or other inappropriate sexual relations outside of our marriage occurred.

After the hearing, we received a letter announcing the decision to excommunicate Tim. In it, the Church promised to keep the proceedings and its outcome confidential: "The outcome and decision of the membership council will be kept confidential among your bishop and local leaders."

Nonetheless, the decision was immediately leaked from someone within the Church. It could only have been leaked by a person of authority who had the ability to access such information. In fact, this news was reported by John Dehlin and others before we received the letter or knew of the excommunication. We have, nonetheless, continued to maintain the Church's decision in confidence, and have neither confirmed nor denied the decision publicly, instead asking for privacy for our family and for the Church we love.

The "Jaws of Hell" from Elsewhere

Vice Magazine (now defunct), which has been traditionally quite hostile to the Church and the doctrines it stands for, was not the only media outlet to receive and report on the Church's statement. The statement was published far and wide, and had an immediately disastrous impact on our family. Sources of revenue dried up almost immediately, and multiple lawsuits from varied walks of life soon ensued against us. Deseret Book removed all of Tim's books. Speaking engagements were canceled. Longtime friends withdrew. We are currently in a position where we owe more in attorneys' fees than we have in assets, and have little means currently to recover financially. We are fortunate to have attorneys who have continued working for us, trusting we will find means to pay them soon enough. However, one set of attorneys withdrew for lack of payment, and another set has threatened to do so soon.

As you may know, both of us (yes, Katherine as well as Tim) have since faced multiple false lawsuits, claiming we (not just Tim, but Katherine also), somehow conspired to sexually assault and defame women. While there are lots of reasons why people may be motivated to make false allegations, and the scriptures clearly warn that such may be our lot as the last days approach, we both strongly, confidently, and before God with our eternal well-being on the line, proclaim innocence.

We are fully willing to be honest, open and candid about all that we have said and done. And, if anything about what either or both of us have said or done is offensive to God, requiring repentance, or worthy of Church discipline, we are eager to know what corrections we need to make, and we will humbly and willingly repent.

As it stands, Tim has been given no path to reconciliation with his beloved Church. He is not even fully clear as to what he was accused of doing.

The Ensuing Lawsuits Are Frivolous and Are Being Dismissed Rapidly

After the news of the excommunication hit, in October 2023 and thereafter, multiple lawsuits were filed, all by the same attorneys. A quick summary of the case status for each case, with more discussion to follow, is as follows:

1. Whitehead Case – Dismissed entirely in Tim's favor.
2. Righter Case – Dismissed entirely in Tim's favor.
3. Moya Case – Dismissed as to Katherine. Subsequently Ms. Moya was convicted of "pimping" children for sex. We anticipate the conviction will result in the entire case being dismissed in Tim's favor.
4. Lynch Protective Order – Dismissed entirely in Tim's favor.
5. Borys Protective Order – Her Motion to Enforce was dismissed entirely in Tim's favor. The remaining issue is waiting to be heard in early October, but based on the Lynch outcome, we anticipate it will be dismissed in Tim's favor.
6. Borys Case – Motion for terminating sanctions is awaiting hearing, tentatively scheduled for October 7, which we hope will result in a dismissal entirely in Tim's favor.
7. 5 Women case – At early stages, but Lynch protective order suggests the early momentum will be in Tim's favor. This case is essentially on hold pending outcome of the Borys terminating sanctions, which may result in termination of this matter as well.

One lawsuit was by Kely Johanna Suarez Moya, a now-convicted child sex "pimp" (the apparent translation of her crime for which she was convicted). Ms. Moya claims Tim and others defamed her by releasing the movie Sound of Freedom and associating her with one of the characters in the movie. She resides in Colombia. She was arrested as the result of a raid of a Colombian trafficking ring by U.S. and Colombian law enforcement. Tim was involved in helping gather the undercover intelligence that law enforcement needed. Ms. Moya and her attorneys falsely claim Tim has not actually done work to save children entrapped in the despicable world of child sex trafficking, and that the sex trafficking activities carried out by Ms. Moya were actually a "cosplay" show put on by actors paid by Tim and OUR (which flies in the face of the truth,

including that many of the victims rescued from that operation were subjects for many years of the aftercare facility assigned to the operation). Ms. Moya made statements to the press claiming she is innocent, and that Tim mistreated her. And her attorneys went so far as to state publicly in the press that Tim is the sex trafficker, not Ms. Moya. These claims are false and offensive.

After a lengthy trial in Colombia, on Monday September 2, 2024 Ms. Moya was convicted of child sex "pimping" (Ms. Moya's attorneys claim she was convicted of "pimping," and that this is somehow different from "trafficking). The trial proved, now beyond question, both of the following:

1. The foundational claim by Ms. Moya and these other women – that Tim and OUR have not done real work to help victims of child sex trafficking – is false. Tim and those he works with have devoted their lives to such work, and it should not be surprising that there are forces in high places with lots of power that would like to put a stop to such work; and
2. Tim has been truthful in his claims about Ms. Moya, while the many accusers, all represented by the same attorneys, have been dishonest.

Prior to the conviction, the Utah Court dismissed Ms. Moya's defamation claims against Katherine entirely. We anticipate the entire case will be dismissed now in light of the conviction.

Another lawsuit was filed by Suzanne Whitehead (through the same attorneys), who claimed to be the victim of "outrageous and intolerable" conduct that "offended the generally accepted standards of decency and morality." Ms. Whitehead had spent lots of time and effort attacking OUR and Tim publicly on social media and elsewhere, falsely claiming they were frauds. The allegedly "outrageous" conduct, it turns out, was nothing but polite discourse by civil people (and Tim was not accused of communicating with her at all). The "outrageous" communications included nothing more than the following: (1) a gentle email from Emily Evans of OUR to Ms. Whitehead stating "we welcome a conversation" and inviting her to "please come meet with our team"; (2) a text message from Attorney General Sean Reyes to Ms. Whitehead's organization (not to her directly), stating he "would love to talk for a few mins about how we can work together more on the anti-human trafficking fight"; and (3) messages from a Utah entrepreneur who supported OUR also to Ms. Whitehead's organization (not to her directly), expressing concerns about the unfair criticism and, after hearing about the recent contact by Sean Reyes, saying, "Yes speaking with Sean would be a good idea and helpful to both sides I believe. He's a great guy." Unsurprisingly, the Court reviewing these allegations dismissed the case entirely, ruling there were no

allegations that amounted to “outrageous conduct by Mr. Ballard or O.U.R.”.

Three other lawsuits were filed. Two of them were initially filed anonymously by women falsely claiming to have been sexually assaulted by Tim, with allegations making it sound as if they consented, but only after they were duped into believing the sexual activity would help save children. The other one, by Ms. Bree Righter, falsely claimed that: (1) She suffered an injury during O.U.R. training, and Tim was responsible for the injury for various reasons, including that he refused to get her medical attention; and (2) another male undercover operative sexually assaulted her at Tim’s request.

The case by Ms. Righter was dismissed entirely. As to the injury, Ms. Righter claimed she participated in OUR training which “was a RUSE,” and a “cosplay,” meaning it was just actors duping participants into thinking OUR was a legitimate organization. In fact, the training was real, and there were no actors on the scene. Ms. Righter also falsely alleged: “Ballard was present and refused to call an ambulance because he wanted no record of the event occurring at OUR’s training.” In fact, Tim was not present at all for the training, and had nothing to do with her alleged injury. Ms. Righter did not stop at her invented allegations about her training, but went on to claim she was sexually assaulted by a male operator (not Tim), and that Tim was liable because he “attempted to goad” the operator “to be more sexually aggressive” with Righter. This is absolutely false. Fortunately, the case was dismissed.

The first of the two anonymous cases was filed by five women, all of whom have now made their identities known. One of the five, Kira Lynch, later filed a request for a sexual violence protective order based on a falsely-alleged rape by Tim. Even though she had not seen Tim for over a year, she suddenly decided (at the same time as Ms. Borys – discussed below) that she needed a “sexual violence protective order” because Tim was so dangerous. There was a hearing conducted in court to consider whether Ms. Lynch could prove the assault. Evidence was presented by Ms. Lynch and by Tim (both through their counsel). Ms. Lynch had made wholly inconsistent allegations, having revised her claims more than twice, and only recently invented the ”rape” allegation (she had described the same scene multiple times previously as not having included anything approaching rape). Ms. Lynch’s newly (and falsely) alleged incident of “penetration” was made nearly three years after it supposedly occurred. A female Commissioner presided over the hearing in which Ms. Lynch was required to present evidence proving the incident. At the hearing, the Commissioner ruled (and the female judge presiding over the Commissioner also affirmed) as follows:

> . . . my biggest concern is I have to find by a preponderance of the evidence that what she said is more likely than not. I cannot dismiss the inconsistent

> statements. . . . [T]he inconsistent statements prevent me from finding, by a preponderance of the evidence that [Petitioner] is entitled to a Protective Order.

Thus, the fact that Ms. Lynch had materially changed her story each time she restated it showed she was not being honest. We had lots of other evidence proving she was being dishonest, and had documents and witnesses prepared to testify of her many dishonest statements. Ms. Lynch was not honest, and her case was dismissed.

Another case was filed by Celeste Borys (who has also disclosed her identity). Like Ms. Lynch, she has made irreconcilably inconsistent allegations. She submitted at least two versions of her story that had no claim of sexual penetration. Then, at the same time Ms. Lynch invented her claim of sexual penetration, Ms. Borys did the same. The two women seem to have colluded to suddenly claim they were raped. Ms. Borys had served as Tim's Executive Assistant. Before suing Tim, she confirmed in written and recorded statements (text messages, emails, and at least one podcast) that Tim was innocent of allegations made by other women, and that he had always treated her gentlemanly and appropriately. After quitting, and in financial straits (she sent text messages to a friend of hers confirming her dire financial circumstances and her marital discord), she sued Tim and others, using the same team of lawyers as all the others. She then unlawfully accessed Tim's personal email and electronic files, copied many of them, used them in her amended complaint, shared them with other women to use in their amended complaints, and published them to the press. None of the documents show any guilt. Rather, they show Tim's LDS religious beliefs (which they attempt to position as weird), personal relationships with various people such as Glenn Beck and Sean Reyes, highly confidential communications he had with lawyers, and other things unrelated to the women's' claims. Ms. Borys is not only likely to lose because her allegations are false, but she is now facing terminating sanctions for her potentially criminal conduct.

Claims in The Lawsuits Directly Refute The Apparent Basis For Tim's Excommunication

Each of the three lawsuits alleging sexual assault touts the fact (that was supposed to be confidential) that Tim has been excommunicated. Specifically, the following verbatim language appears in two of the three lawsuits:

> ***. . . upon learning of the COUPLES RUSE and how Ballard used it, the Mormon Church excommunicated Ballard.***

See 5-Women Complaint, Par. 120; Borys Complaint, Par. 124. Note, by the way, how they and their attorneys are disrespectful in refusing to refer to the Church by its proper and preferred name. As we stated above, Tim has neither admitted nor denied the

excommunication, in hopes of maintaining the confidentiality the Church requested and promised regarding it.

Importantly, in the originally-filed versions of all three lawsuits, each of the women explicitly claimed there was never any sexual "penetration." Rather, they claimed that the alleged assault was based on touching that was consensual, but that the consent was purportedly secured via the women's mistaken belief that the touching would help save children from trafficking. Thus, each of the three lawsuits explicitly alleged they:

> ***. . . participated in several sexual acts with the exception of actual penetration . . . .***

See 5-Women Complaint, Par. 82; Borys Complaint, Par. 70; Righter Complaint, Par. 73.

Thus, each of the women explicitly stated no sexual penetration ever occurred. Consistently, none of the women claimed in their October complaints that Tim ever engaged in sexual intercourse with them. Some of the women filed amended complaints a month later in November 2023. Still not a single allegation of sexual intercourse. Many months later, the two women discussed above again amended their claims, this time changing their allegations to include sexual intercourse – completely contrary to what they had previously alleged. Ms. Lynch's newly (and falsely) alleged incident of "penetration" was made nearly three years after it supposedly occurred. As mentioned above, her protective order case was dismissed in its entirety based on her inconsistent (untruthful) claims.

We have similar evidence to refute all other claims made against each of us. For examples, as to the 5-women case:

1. Kira Lynch – fully discussed above.
2. Amy Davis initially alleged Tim did not touch her but made her feel uncomfortable, but more recently now apparently alleges he touched her against her will. The alleged conduct was in October 2021. She does not allege sexual intercourse. The truth is she was invited to a training, and was dismissed from the training after she failed to check in on Day 1 or to attend on Day 2, even though she was in the training venue at OUR's expense. When Tim went to inquire why she was not attending, she acted highly inappropriately, and Tim immediately reported her conduct to OUR officials who dismissed Amy from the training. They did it in a discreet way, without accusing her of anything. Thereafter, she continually texted Tim, saying she was "sad we can't train together," "I really respect and admire you," "I trust you," and "maybe we can talk in person?" She said she felt "rejected" and

that she "was impressed with" Tim. She was "sad I can't see you [Tim]." She continued to reach out via text to Tim for nearly a year thereafter. All of her communications are completely contrary to somebody who was sexually assaulted. She did not raise any claims against Tim until 2 years later.

3. Sasha Hightower/Brady submitted a statement that is not abundantly clear as to why she is now claiming "assault," as she describes facts that are not true, but that also do not amount to sexual assault. Nonetheless, she is on video shortly after the alleged incidents of "assault" during operations in Mexico, saying that Tim acted very appropriately, and described in detail an operation they were on together, where she came up with an idea during an operation which fooled traffickers to believe she and Tim engaged in sexual relations, but she stated unequivocally that "nothing happened," they had merely fooled the traffickers, which made the traffickers comfortable. Sasha was then successful in extracting information from them. That information would have helped save approximately 50 children from sex trafficking, but due to details revealed in her public filings, the operation was concluded prematurely. Nonetheless, it still resulted in a takedown in the summer of 2024 which saved 14 children and apprehended multiple traffickers. The Mexican authorities expressed gratitude to Tim for his participation and help in the operations.
4. Krista Kacey was with OUR for many operations, and became a trainer of other women and men who were to become operators for OUR. There are multiple text messages and video recordings of Ms. Kacey that strongly show any allegations of sexual assault by Tim are unfounded. In her own written statement she says in various ways that she would "refuse" and "wouldn't go along" when Tim allegedly requested her to do immoral acts.
5. Mary Hall – She claims she was introduced to OUR by Sasha in October of 2021; first went to OUR's gym on October 28, 2021; and in a follow-up meeting on November 1 Tim touched her sexually (it sounds like while she was fully clothed) while telling her what she might have to do if she were to become an operator. She claims Matt Cooper walked in when this was happening. Matt confirms this never happened. Tim confirms it did not happen. Mary claims the last she ever communicated with Tim or Matt was November 11, 2021.

The truth is, other than to the very limited extent necessary for Operation Underground Railroad undercover operations, Tim did not engage in any sexual relations with these women. And the limited contact he had was always fully consensual, and appropriate for the undercover work. [Note: there was one instance when Ms. Borys, in the middle of an intense situation during an operation, initiated more touching of Tim than was necessary, but that was not at Tim's request, and he told her afterwards that she should not have done that.] As is evidenced by her stealing of electronic documents

from Tim, Ms. Borys has a tendency to do and say what she believes will help her the most in the moment, regardless of truth or morality.

The Women Whose Cases are Being Dismissed Are of Questionable Character

As outlined above, three lawsuits include claims of sexual assault that have no credibility; of the two related protective order cases, one has been fully dismissed due to Ms. Lynch's dishonesty, and the other by Ms. Borys will likely be dismissed for the same reasons when it is heard in early October; there was the Ms. Whitehead lawsuit which is fully dismissed; and there is the Ms. Moya lawsuit that is partially dismissed and will likely be fully dismissed now in light of the conviction of Ms. Moya, who has been sentenced to 19 years in jail.

The accusers are losing consistently in court whenever we have an opportunity to be heard.

The cast of characters successfully recruited to sue us includes, as just a few examples:

- Ms. Lynch, while married, seduced a counselor in her ward's bishopric and engaged in a sexual relationship with him, including full sexual intercourse;
- Ms. Borys prior to suing claimed her husband was abusing her and locked her out of access to finances. She texted to her friend that she was "in love" with Tim but was frustrated that Tim was unavailable because he was married, and then suddenly joined her husband in suing Tim. Thereafter, she broke into Tim's private electronic documents and stole them;
- Ms. Borys's husband until the lawsuit against us was filed was consistently accused by his wife of abuse. His wife consistently stated to others (we have text messages) that she wanted to divorce him because of the abuse;
- Ms. Moya is a convicted child sex "pimp"; and
- Other characters of ill-repute who we can further articulate if necessary.

All parties are represented by the same attorneys.

The Same Women Make False Allegations Against the LDS Church

In their various filings, the women make various allegations (which are false) against the Church, including that President Ballard performed a secret temple ceremony for Tim, that he plotted with Tim to deceive members of the Evangelical denominations, and other unflattering allegations. One specific allegation is that the LDS Church shared tithing records with Tim and Operation Underground Railroad. The Church made the effort to publicly call out the tithing allegations as false. [See Nov. 6, 2023, "Church did not provide tithing records to Tim Ballard, Operation Underground

Railroad, spokesman says."] That "spokesman" was the same Doug Anderson who allegedly published the false and harmful statement about Tim on September 15, 2023. The "sources" that made false allegations about the Church are the same "sources" who have made allegations against Tim. Why would the Church unilaterally accept as true the allegations against Tim, when it knows those sources are prone to making false allegations? We suggest and request that it is time for a fair look at our evidence which points to Tim's innocence.

Joseph Smith Also Had Detractors

We do not seek to equate Tim with our beloved prophet of the restoration. However, we sense that much of what Tim and our family have experienced at the hands of the Church this past year can be attributed to administrative decisions within the Church that are focused on how to protect the public perception of the Church. We suspect that women or spokespeople for them approached the Church with coordinated accusations about Tim and President Ballard, and threats of lawsuits or public denouncements which scared administrators into hasty unilateral action. Hopefully it is starting to come into view that the intentions behind these accusations are not beneficial to the Church or its mission, nor are they oriented towards spreading truth and light to the world. The women and their attorneys have repeatedly used the Church's actions (September 15 statement and leaked "excommunication" news) as "proof" that Tim must be guilty. While protecting the reputations of the Church and its ecclesiastical leaders is a worthy goal, it is not one that would have boded well for Joseph Smith, just as it has not thus far boded well for Tim or our family. To this day, Joseph Smith is still accused of being a fraudster, an adulterer, and all sorts of other claims of ill repute. What are the reasons that Joseph Smith faced, and still faces, such horrible accusations? Was it because he was shining light into dark places that did not welcome the light? Was it because he stirred up the powers of hell by ringing in the voices of heaven? Tim has battled his entire adult life to save women and children from the darkest and most wretched places on earth, and at the same time has worked to spread the gospel, especially through his multiple books about "The American Covenant," which were best sellers at Deseret Book until they were abruptly removed. Is it possible the "jaws of hell" have attempted to destroy him with the same energy, and for the same reasons, as they attempted to destroy Joseph Smith? Is it possible that the "jaws of hell" could include false accusations against Tim, just as they did against Joseph Smith? Tim is not Joseph Smith nor is he a prophet, and we acknowledge we have many weaknesses, but we hope you will allow us a prompt path for Tim to be exonerated, and to reconcile with the Church without expecting him to admit to things which are untrue. Frankly, had the Church leaders adhered to the written Church policies, much of the ensuing persecution would likely have been averted. We pray that you will afford him a fair and just process.

Appeal of Unjust Ex Communication

With that said, we are writing in follow up to our previous appeal of the decision by our Stake President in a membership council held September 25, 2023, wherein the Stake President decided to withdraw Tim's membership. We proclaim Tim did not commit the sins for which this penalty was applied, and appeal to the First Presidency due to Tim's innocence, procedural deficiencies, opinionated hasty judgment, and willful ignoring of exonerating evidence. The deficiencies include the following:

- **Brand New Stake President Scheduled Hasty Council**: The Stake President who conducted the council was brand new. He was called on September 17, 2023. The notice for Tim's council was dated 4 days later, September 21, 2023. And the council itself was scheduled only 4 days later, on September 25, 2023. The Stake President was unacquainted with Tim and our family. We had never met him (to the best of our recollection). He insisted on the timing of the council, and despite our requests refused to include any high counselors, most of whom would have been much more acquainted with Tim and our family.

- **Violation of 32.10.1 (Consultative Scheduling)**: The brand-new Stake President scheduled the membership council with only 4 days' notice. The handbook provides that the "Stake President schedules a membership council at a time that is convenient for the person." It also allows for "written statements from persons who could provide relevant information." Our Stake President made no attempt to schedule the council at our convenience, and in fact, refused to do so. Tim was out of state and unavailable to participate, but the Stake President refused to move the date, and forced Tim to fly into town for the council. The limited time also hindered our ability to gather evidence, especially with Tim needing to travel both to and from the council, and four days is hardly sufficient to gather adequate statements from witnesses, or secure them to appear and speak, which the Stake President also refused to allow (see below).

- **Further Violations of 32.10.1 (Notice of Right to Witnesses)** The notice is supposed to say, "You may provide written statements from persons who could provide relevant information. You may invite such persons to speak to the council in your behalf if approved in advance by the Stake President or bishop. You may also invite [the ward Relief Society president or the elders quorum president] to be present and provide support." Instead, the notice said the opposite as to witnesses speaking or supporters attending: "Your wife

Katherine may attend the council with you and may speak to the council on your behalf . . . Legal counsel, personal witnesses and supporters beyond those referred to above may not be present." Tim was thus told in writing that he could not invite his elders quorum president to support him at the council, or have witnesses speak on his behalf. And the Stake President held true to that initial message. At the hearing, he refused Tim the opportunity to provide witnesses, and he did not afford Tim the opportunity to have others in the council with him. One of Tim's key witnesses waited in the parking lot, but the Stake President did not allow this witness to participate.

- **Further Violation of 32.10.1 (Notice of Misconduct)**: The notice is supposed to "summarize the misconduct in general terms, but . . . not give details or evidence." The Stake President took the "not give details" to the extreme, particularly in light of the next violation of not meeting with Tim in advance. There were two bullet points in the Stake Presidency's letter: repeated violations of the law of chastity, and conduct unbecoming a member. Given it was dated only six days after the September 15 statement made by Doug Anderson to Vice (alleging misuse of President Ballard's name for personal gain), Tim assumed it was primarily related to that, and we focused our preparation accordingly. Intercourse with an unnamed woman or women was the furthest thing from our minds as we hurriedly prepared for the council. As you can likely understand, if Tim is truly innocent, as he is, he would have no way of guessing what false accusations might be hurled at him. Only someone who is guilty would know what accusations they will face without being told. And in light of the right to gather written statements and bring witnesses, we would have needed to know a lot more to know what statements and witnesses to gather. Instead of being allowed to participate in a fair and just process, we were invited blindfolded to a firing squad. It is not possible to defend yourself against unstated accusations, made by anonymous and unnumbered people, with zero details as to what allegedly happened and when. The process was akin to how tabloid magazines approach their articles. Tabloids are not known to seek truth, but rather to get to a pre-determined outcome allowing them to print a salacious story regardless of truth or merit.

- **Violation of 32.4.2 (No Interview Before Council)**: 32.4.2 deals with "Serious Sins That Are Not Confessed or Are Denied." It includes this statement: "If a member denies committing a serious sin that the bishop or Stake President has information to support, a membership council may still be held." This strongly implies that a bishop or Stake President should communicate with the accused member before holding a council, to

determine, at the very least, whether the member denies the alleged sin(s). And, such a meeting would likely provide the accused member with at least some information about what sin the church leader suspects the member committed. No interview was conducted ever with Tim: not before the September 15 shocking public chastisement, not before the September 21 letter calling for the council, and not before the council on September 25.

- **Further Violation of 32.4.2 (No Interview Before Council)**: Though we have no way of knowing what the Stake President read on the internet (which also presents an issue of fairness), we know the general character of the then-recent articles about Tim, many of which were entirely untrue and almost all of which present a narrative slanted against him. The Stake President never invited Tim for a prior interview, never asked for information from Tim prior to the council, never asked for witnesses, and never consulted Katherine. With the gravity of the case against Tim, we feel the Stake President should have taken ample opportunity in advance to gather *all* of the facts, instead of limiting himself to claims published by Tim's detractors.

- **Further Violation of 32.4.2 (No Interview Before Council):** While the Stake President neither provided Tim with the evidence against him that the Stake President had gathered nor met with Tim and Katherine before the council, it is evident that a member of the Area Presidency and the Stake President gave considerable time to Tim's accuser(s) in advance of the membership council.

- **Further Violation of 32.10.1 (Artificial Unjust Time Restraints)**: The membership council letter indicated the Stake President would only allot 30 minutes for Tim to speak on his behalf. The handbook provides no such limitation, and 30 minutes seems inordinately short in light of the seriousness and number of the accusations which we learned about for the first time (vaguely) at the council.

- **Exaccerbation of 32.4.2 Violation and Violation of 32.9.7 (Bias)**: The Stake President commented that he had spent days researching information to prepare for the council, and informed several others of this, including a high counselor, two former bishops, and a Stake auxiliary president. Those individuals recommended a delay to give time for the Stake Presidency to have at least some consultation with the Ballard Family. No attempts were made by the Stake Presidency to meet with the Ballard family in advance of the council. The Stake President also stated that he had enough information regarding Tim to make a decision, and did not need to meet with Tim to make

a decision if Tim could not make the scheduled time for the council. The Stake President had reached this conclusion without even seeing any of Tim's initial exonerating evidence (which was responsive to what we thought were the accusations), which was submitted to the Stake President at the actual time of the council. Such comment of readiness to judge Tim without seeing Tim's side of the evidence suggests the Stake President entered this council with significant bias against Tim. After the council, when Tim at last better understood the allegations against him, he gathered and provided additional information. The Stake President took it but said that he already "had all of the information he needed," and stated that the decision had already been made. Stake Presidents are counseled to consult with the Office of the First Presidency when they cannot be impartial (32.9.7).

- **Further Violation of 32.9.7 (Bias)**: The Stake President also entered the counsel significantly biased due to the September 15 Statement from the Church which called Tim an immoral man. This public statement on Tim's character is an unprecedented move by the Church. The Stake President indicated that he placed significant weight on this statement. In fact, the Stake President went so far as to claim in the council that President Nelson personally endorsed the September 15 statement. And yet, when people have called the Church administrative offices to inquire about the statement, the Church has consistently stated the statement is not an official communication from the Church. We have reason to believe that the prophet had no knowledge of the statement prior to its release. Of course, if the Statement was influenced at all by someone guilty of horrifying acts of pedophilia, it should not have been a statement from the Church at all, whether official or unofficial. Regardless, the Stake President's beliefs about the statement rendered it impossible for him to officiate over a non-biased membership council. Of note, the Church released its press statement without seeking any explanation from Tim prior to the release. The Stake President then mirrored the Church's behavior of not consulting Tim to seek his side of the story, or to seek evidence, prior to the membership council.

- **Further Violation of 32.9.7 (Bias)**: The Stake President also indicated he was aware that Deseret Book had removed Tim's books. Of course, Deseret Book did so without seeking any comment or defense from Tim. This biased the membership council.

- **Further Violation of 32.9.7 (Bias)**: Tim's child rescue operations at times have required him to enter places where pedophiles and sex workers were

present, including strip clubs, massage parlors etc. This is unfortunately where trafficked children often are (and where Tim's undercover operations had often taken him). This necessity presented perhaps the largest challenge during the in-person portion of the council. In an attempt to honor his covenants, Tim has always consulted with his bishops, Stake President, and even your recently-passed colleague, President M. Russell Ballard (with whom Tim met regularly) regarding the boundaries necessary to maintain the companionship of the Spirit while still accomplishing the rescue mission. Tim even received priesthood blessings from President Ballard on several occasions. Although imperfect, Tim has endeavored to keep the Spirit with him on operations. However, the Stake President in this council claimed that just the action of Tim entering a strip club broke covenants regardless of the reason. The Stake President said something to the effect that there is "no reason to break a covenant for a grandiose scheme". While generally correct, the statement feels much like many of the misguided religious people of Jesus Christ's day, who knew many rules and laws, but often lacked the ability to follow the Spirit. The Stake President said it was this admission alone—that Tim enters strip clubs—that proved that Tim was willing to break covenants, cross lines, and that the ends do not justify the means. This reasoning lacks a basic understanding of child rescue missions and even of basic gospel principles. If followed universally, this would condemn law enforcement who enter such places, or military members who kill in the line of duty, and even gynecologists who touch women for medical reasons. What if a strip club patron suffered a heart attack – would it violate covenants for an emergency worker to enter the strip club to help the victim? Of course not. Jesus Christ entered places rife with sin not to participate in the sins, but to rescue souls. Tim has done his best, within the challenges presented by the dark world he fights, to keep his focus on rescuing souls.

- **Further Violation of 32.9.7 (Bias)**: As mentioned, the Stake President never interviewed any of the many witnesses willing to testify on Tim's behalf, and evidently did not watch or give credence to the video testimonials provided to him prior to him finalizing his decision. The Stake President could not have reviewed and qualified the dozens of pages of evidence we provided him during the council and due to the ambiguity of the allegations the evidence was not all entirely relevant. And he certainly never considered, nor even heard any evidence, of the potential motivation of any accusers. The women suing Tim have all cited, repeatedly, to the Church's statement and the alleged excommunication that followed. They had ulterior intentions for getting Tim disciplined, and the Stake President was completely oblivious to these

dynamics. Note: There is a misconception that Tim has become immensely rich on the back of the film “Sound of Freedom” when in fact he received a relatively small sum.

- **Violation of 32.4.3 (Wait For Information Before Acting)**: The Stake President had indicated that his leaders wanted a membership council to convene and come to a decision as soon as possible. This may have led to the Stake President's rushed process and failure to allow for witnesses or for Tim to prepare a proper defense. The handbook instructs that: “At times a priesthood leader may need to wait to act until more information becomes available.” (*Handbook*, 32.4.3). In our case, we have the information and witnesses, but were not allowed sufficient time and opportunity to present this information. While Tim’s accusers were apparently given an abundance of time, Tim was afforded no such time. If permitted, and if he was allowed to know of the accusations against him, he would have presented mountains of evidence proving his innocence. We are willing and able to present such evidence at any time.

- **Violation of 32.9.2 (No High Council Participation):** Section 32.9.2 offers the presence of the high council, especially in cases with contested facts, and where the high council can provide value and balance. This did not happen, despite at least one high council member’s request, and our request.

- **Violation of 32.4.4 (Confidentiality)** The Church promised us that it would keep the proceedings and its outcome confidential: “The outcome and decision of the membership council will be kept confidential among your bishop and local leaders.” Section 32.4.4 states clearly and unequivocally: “Breaching a confidence betrays members’ trust and causes them to lose confidence in their leaders.” The outcome of the council was leaked and made public by John Dehlin via Mormon Stories. He stated this came from a senior, well-known member of the Church. He reported on the outcome before we learned of it. Our trust was betrayed.

- **Violation of 32.3 (Loving and Caring)** The handbook instructs leaders to be “loving and caring” during this process (32.3). And of course, D&C 121 likewise instructs that when “we undertake to . . . exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men, in any degree of unrighteousness, behold, the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the priesthood or the authority of that man.” There was no feeling of love or care anywhere in the

process, starting with the September 15 attack statement, and continuing to and beyond the bizarre, militaristic, one-sided membership council. The Stake President stated repeatedly this was a Church Court and not a civil or criminal one and as such he had no requirement to adhere to any judicial principles and protocols. While his repeated statement is partly true, it is lacking the spirit of seeking truth and righteousness, and instead exudes unrighteous dominion.

- **Objection of High Counselor** A high counselor in our stake, who we know personally, approached the Stake President to voice concerns over the lack of adherence to the Handbook rules (as indicated above) and lack of apparent fairness to Tim. The concerns were valid. The Stake President did not receive the concerns well, causing distress to the high counselor. Due to the Stake President's apparent stubbornness and hard-heartedness, the high counselor tendered his resignation as a member of the high council. The Stake President then became upset, and demanded the high counselor turn over his temple recommend. Just as the high counselor was telling him he would gladly turn over the recommend, a large picture of Jesus Christ fell from the wall. The high counselor remarked something to the effect of, "it seems we know what the Savior feels about this excommunication."

Conclusion and Plea for Fairness

President Nelson and dear members of the First Presidency, we have long sustained you and will continue to do so. We love the restored gospel of Jesus Christ and have valiantly proclaimed it throughout our lives. We are confident that the sexual harassment claims against Tim will be finally determined to have no basis, and we are prepared at any time to prove this. The women accusing Tim have been largely exposed as false accusers, and Courts have consistently been dismissing their claims. The main theme of the accusers – that Tim has been a fraud from the outset and does not actually rescue children from dark places – has been definitively refuted. Ms. Moya has been convicted of child trafficking. The dark forces behind the claims against Tim, and their unfortunate influence on the Church's decisions, have taken a heavy toll on Tim's and others' ability to continue saving children.

We hope you know that Tim has always loved the Church, and still does, unwaveringly. He accompanied Elder Bednar to Haiti, and even consulted to help Elder Bednar with

the dedicatory prayer for the Port-au-Prince temple.[3] He has accompanied President Ballard on multiple occasions. We have been married faithfully for 25 years and have 9 children, two of which were adopted from a rescue mission in Haiti. Although Tim has expressed surprise and dismay at how he has been treated recently by people associated with the Church, he has always, to this day, defended the Church and born testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel it teaches, and of the prophets who lead it. Despite being dragged through the abyss at the hands of some misguided mortal beings, we have remained loyal and faithful to the Church and the gospel. We ask that Tim be treated the same.

Tim wants nothing more than to be reinstated to full membership rights within the church he loves.

Again, we love you and revere you as prophets, seers, and revelators. We have defended your predecessor prophets, especially Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, despite the persistent attacks of the world on their character. We know many in the world have made up their mind about these men based on an unwillingness to look beyond the scandalous claims made against them. Please give us the chance to present our evidence to likewise give Tim a fair opportunity to defend his own character. We believe in the principle that "good information helps provide good inspiration," and are saddened that this principle was not followed in the stake membership council.

May God continue to bless you and guide the great work of the gathering of Israel on both sides of the veil.

With love & devotion,



Tim & Katherine Ballard

[3] To further confirm this, when football player Chad Lewis complimented Elder Bednar for the great dedicatory prayer, Elder Bednar commented along the lines of: "well, I have Tim Ballard to thank for helping me with it." Elder Bednar also asked Tim to help provide personal security for him in Haiti, which Tim did voluntarily at his own expense, with the help of a team.

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APPENDIX "E" TO CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION
REVERBERATIONS OF THE FALSE CHURCH STATEMENT

The following are only a few examples of the numerous articles, blogs, videos, and social media posts that excitedly published the Church's false statement and purported excommunication that immediately followed it.

Vice Magazine, September 15, 2023:



KSL, September 15, 2023, referring to Vice Article:

Tim Ballard considers run for Senate amid renewed controversy

By Suzanne Bates and Brigham Tomco, Deseret News | Posted - Sept. 15, 2023 at 4:32 p.m.



Tim Ballard, founder of Operation Underground Railroad, testifies in Washington Wednesday. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said Friday it never endorsed or supported the group, Ballard or any projects associated with them. (House Homeland Security Committee)



Ballard, whose career was the inspiration for recent box-office hit "Sound of Freedom," has also been the source of controversy and the subject of an investigation that did not result in any charges. Vice reported on Friday that Tim Ballard had allegedly claimed his work and other projects were endorsed by President M. Russell Ballard, acting president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The two men share the same last name but are not related.

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investigation. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints released a statement in response to the report, first published by Vice. The full statement from the church reads:

"President Ballard and Tim Ballard (no relation) established a friendship a number of years ago. That friendship was built on a shared interest in looking after God's children wherever they are and without regard to their circumstance. However, that relationship is in the past. For many months, President Ballard has had no contact with the founder of Operation Underground Railroad. The nature of that relationship was always in support of vulnerable children being abused, trafficked, and otherwise neglected. Once it became clear Tim Ballard had betrayed their friendship, through the unauthorized use of President Ballard's name for Tim Ballard's personal advantage and activity regarded as morally unacceptable, President Ballard withdrew his association. President Ballard never authorized his name, or the name of the church, to be used for Tim's personal or financial interests.

. . .

When the Deseret News reached out for comment, Tim Ballard said he had just seen the Vice News story and would reach out through a representative.

The Deseret News broke the news in May that the Davis County Attorney's Office had closed its investigation of Operation Underground Railroad and would not pursue any potential charges related to the organization.

Fox 13 September 17, 2023:

NEWS > FOX 13 INVESTIGATES

LDS Church takes down articles promoting Tim Ballard, Operation Underground Railroad

Removed the same day of Church issuing a statement condemning Ballard for "morally unacceptable" behavior

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The statement was in response to documents obtained by VICE News, detailing a criminal investigation into Tim Ballard and his nonprofit; "Tim is fully convinced that he is supposed to be the 'Mormon Messiah and lead people back to the church.'"

The documents reportedly outline how prosecutors believe Ballard communicated with a psychic to speak to the prophet Nephi "to get intel" on how to rescue children.

OUR was reportedly under criminal investigation for communications fraud and witness tampering, and at least a portion of that investigation has concluded.

The Church's condemnation of Ballard was released to several media outlets but was not posted on the Church's official website.

ABC4, September 15, 2023:

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints denounces claims made by OUR former leader Tim Ballard

by: Aubree B. Jennings
Posted: Sep 15, 2023 / 05:08 PM MDT
Updated: Sep 18, 2023 / 09:42 PM MDT

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SALT LAKE CITY (ABC4) — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints issued a statement denouncing claims of the Church's connection to Tim Ballard, calling his activities "morally unacceptable."

The Church said Tim Ballard, the founder and former CEO of the well-known non-profit Operation Underground Railroad, "betrayed" religious leader President M. Russell Ballard's friendship (no family relation).

SL Tribune, September 15, 2023:

In rare public rebuke, LDS Church condemns Tim Ballard's 'morally unacceptable' behavior

Utah-based faith says the anti-human trafficking activist, who may seek Mitt Romney's Senate seat, "betrayed" his friendship with a senior apostle.

The strongly worded public rebuke, rare for the church, came as Tim Ballard is said to be prepping a run for Utah's soon-to-be open U.S. Senate seat next year.

VICE first reported Tim Ballard, who is not related to the 94-year-old church leader, said the two were close associates and even partners in for-profit business ventures that would help him monetize the celebrity status he had gained through his exploits rescuing human trafficking victims.

October 9 "WW" Complaint by 5 anonymous women (who have since been named):

- "the Mormon Church excommunicated Ballard"

Oct. 10 Borys Complaint:

- "the Mormon Church excommunicated Ballard"

Nov. 2, 2023 WW amended Complaint:

- Referring to the statement: "very public distancing recently of the Mormon Church from Tim Ballard"
- "the Mormon Church excommunicated Ballard"

Dec. 6, 2023 Borys FAC

- "the Mormon Church excommunicated Ballard after a disciplinary counsel where Ballard claimed that he did nothing wrong"
- Pasted copy of stolen confidential email from Glenn Beck discussing the Church's September 15, 2023 statement

Nov. 27, 2023 Whitehead Complaint

- Pasted copy of stolen confidential email from Glen Beck discussing the Church's September 15, 2023 statement

Feb. 23, 2024 Moya Complaint

- "Ballard was excommunicated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints . . . ."
- "On September 15, 2023, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints publicly denounced Ballard for his immoral behavior"

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APPENDIX "F" TO CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION

SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT RE: MEETING WITH STAKE PRESIDENT, JARED HALL

Meeting 10/27/24

At 3:00 PM Tim Ballard had a meeting with the Stake President Jared Hall. Section 31.1.4 of the general handbook states, *"Always give the member the option of having someone else be present during an interview or meeting."*

President Hall refused to allow Tim to bring [redacted] and [redacted] as his ministering brothers as per his attorney's guidelines to ensure there is a witness to the interactions given the current court proven misrepresentations he has been experiencing, and to help Tim feel comfortable in the interview.

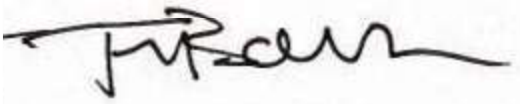
The interaction is as follows:

Tim Ballard's ministering brothers explained to the stake president the reason that Tim was allowed to meet with the Stake President with someone accompanying him.

Multiple times, President Jared Hall refused to allow [redacted] to complete the reference in the handbook.

He stated he wanted to meet with Tim alone and that this was not a disciplinary council and therefore he is not eligible to have another party present.

He then raised his finger shaking with anger and stated to [redacted] and [redacted] " You two out" and said again "I will only talk to Tim". Tim, [redacted] and [redacted] then left. Tim, [redacted] and [redacted] remained calm the entire time. Tim & [redacted] drove away in a separate vehicle than [redacted] before [redacted] drove out of the parking lot, Presidents Hall and Smith came out and spoke further to [redacted] [redacted] then completed the reference to the handbook, to which Pres. Hall said that only pertained to membership councils, to which [redacted] referenced it pertains to all interviews and meetings. Presidents Hall and Smith said that Hall can override that. President Hall commented with frustration how we've previously mentioned that he didn't follow the handbook. [redacted] asked Pres. Hall if Tim's wife would be allowed in the interview, and he said no. A conversation ensued, and President Hall apologized for how he treated [redacted] & [redacted] though President Hall insisted no meeting will happen with him unless it's a one-on-one meeting.



[redacted] and Tim Ballard