



March 6, 2014

via Express Mail

Prof. Tyrone B. Hayes
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Re: False and defamatory statements regarding Dr. Tim Pastoor

Dear Professor Hayes:

I write regarding the false and defamatory statements that you have been making about Dr. Tim Pastoor, a respected scientist employed by Syngenta. Specifically, on February 21, 2014 during an interview on the *Democracy Now!* program, you claimed:

Tim Pastoor, for example, before I would give a talk, would literally threaten, whisper in my ear that he could have me lynched, or he would—quote, said he would “send some of his good ol’ boys to show me what it’s like to be gay,” or at one point he threatened my wife and my daughter with sexual violence. He would whisper things like, “Your wife’s at home alone right now. How do you know I haven’t sent somebody there to take care of her? Isn’t your daughter there?”

You also claimed that Dr. Pastoor was following you and hacking into your email. You made similar accusations during a July 20, 2013 podcast with the Center for Environmental Health. As you know, your outlandish accusations are absolutely false, and appear calculated to incite maximum public hatred and contempt toward Dr. Pastoor. While it is true that Dr. Pastoor has attended some of your *public* speeches and lectures — which were advertised on your website and elsewhere — you have grossly mischaracterized that benign fact and insinuated that he stalked you, by using language like “following me around.” Indeed, that is exactly how Amy Goodman interpreted your story during your *Democracy Now!* interview when she said, “You could bring criminal charges if you’re being threatened and stalked in this way.” False accusations of threatening, stalking, hacking, and scientific fraud are defamatory *per se*. This letter serves to put you on formal written notice that Dr. Pastoor is aware of your defamatory statements.

Dr. Pastoor demands that you immediately stop spreading lies about him, that you issue a public apology and retraction, and that you provide a copy of that statement to him, *Democracy Now!*, and the Center for Environmental Health. Dr. Pastoor reserves all rights and remedies against you and all individuals involved in the publication or perpetuation of defamatory statements about him and will take all appropriate steps to protect his good name.

You should be aware that until these issues are resolved, there may be serious sanctions for the destruction or alteration of any paper or electronic documents relating directly or indirectly to these issues, Syngenta, and/or Dr. Pastoor.

If this correspondence is in any way unclear, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Nadel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alan" being more prominent than the last name "Nadel".

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