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To whom it may concern:

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I'm writing this about Raquel Saraswati. At this time, she has given permission for me to share my perspective as an insider regarding what has happened to her.

I am making this statement as a professional woman with a Hispanic family background, who is respectful of peoples' orientation, heritage, and belief systems. I have had my own practice for 23 years. The nature of my work involves concentrated focus on many areas of my client's lives.

I have been Raquel's executive and personal Coach regularly for over a year and a half. I have worked with her during her long days and late nights. We have worked together via messaging, group calls and individual sessions. Based on this experience, I can say the following statements as fact:

She has always visually presented as a person of color, every time that I've seen her.

She has been completely honest; I have never experienced one inconsistency with what she has shared with me. This includes her devotion to her Muslim faith, and her personal and professional background.

She is a loving, genuine human with a big heart, along with her history of dedicated work, both professionally and personally as an impassioned human rights advocate.

This year, she was suddenly accused of things that she is not guilty of. For weeks, she was viciously and mercilessly attacked, and deeply humiliated via traditional and social media, both nationally and worldwide. Many egregious statements and stories were asserted about her that were glaringly absent of truth.

Subsequently, this put her life at risk, and caused her great loss. Her privacy was violated, she was threatened, blackmailed, hacked, stalked, and surveilled. She lost her DEI job, some of her friends turned against her, and her health was compromised.

Imagine for a moment that you just want people to be treated fairly, so much so that you make it your life's work. Suddenly, multitudes of people all over the world turn on you, led by people who you should have been able to trust. You are accused of being someone who you never have been; shamed, demeaned, ridiculed, threatened, accused of actions and intentions that you've never even considered.

Some of your friends and associates who you have helped in difficult times either turn on you publicly, demand answers, or just avoid you. While you are dealing with that, imagine having to live every day, every hour, not knowing what attack or deadly accusation will come next.



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This can be devastating for anyone. I was stunned by the deluge of hate that was suddenly forced on Raquel. This should never have happened.

I have seen extensive proof that these allegations are false, including content that she may not choose to share publicly. I have seen records and communication that she has kept private.

As a dedicated, kind, brilliant, peaceful defender of human rights, Raquel has done and will continue to advocate for people, regardless of their color, beliefs, or orientation.

She is the kind of person that the world needs more of. Raquel Saraswati needs and deserves our support now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris M. Lyon", located below the "Sincerely," text.