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VIA EMAIL

Minnesota American Legion Baseball
Attn: Tim Engstrom, Director of Communications
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Re: *Demand to Cease and Desist from Further Defamatory Conduct Related to MNL Prospect Series*

Dear Mr. Engstrom and Mr. Schaub:

This law firm represents MNL Prospect Series, a Minnesota non-profit corporation f/k/a MN Legion Prospect Series (the “Series”). The purpose of this letter is to provide you with notice of your unlawful conduct and demand that Minnesota American Legion Baseball (“MN Legion”) cease and desist from making any further false or defamatory statements related to the Series. If MN Legion is represented by counsel, please forward this communication to its attorneys. Nevertheless, all further communications should be directed to my attention.

I understand that MN Legion previously authorized the Series’ use of the “Legion” brand, served as a major financial supporter of the Series, and officially and publicly supported its events. Due to what appear to be entirely “interpersonal conflicts,” it appears the MN Legion terminated its affiliation with the Series during the fall of 2024. While I understand the MN Legion’s desire to ensure that the Series does not hold itself out as affiliated with the MN Legion or otherwise continue to use “Legion” in connection with its events, MN Legion’s claims that the Series has violated MN Legion’s intellectually property rights – which were expressly authorized – are misguided.

Further, and more concerning, is that MN Legion, through each of you, has since engaged in a smear campaign in making false and defamatory statements against the Series. Specifically, on or about November 14, 2024, I understand that Mr. Engstrom circulated a communication to members of the Minnesota baseball community in which he called the Series a “phony competitor” and asserted that it had a goal of “stealing” teams, coaches, and players from the MN Legion. As

you are well aware, these statements are wholly untrue, and the meeting minutes from when the Series proposed its “zip code” teams idea – a concept utilized by American Legions throughout the country – support the position that the Series wanted to work *with* MN Legion, not compete against it. The Series was formed and has been managed with a sole purpose to *benefit* the MN Legion, until the MN Legion decided it did not want to continue this relationship. Your disparaging communications have harmed and are likely to continue to harm the reputation of Series. As such, the Series demands that you immediately cease and desist from any further unlawful communications referencing the Series. Should these communications continue, my client will have no other choice except to pursue appropriate legal action. Our hope, however, is that the parties can simply move forward without personal animus getting in the way of each of their shared missions to give back to the baseball communities in which they operate and provide opportunities to the top baseball talents in the State.

Please be advised, however, that in the event MN Legions continues its course of unlawful action, nothing herein shall limit or reduce any of the Series’ rights, remedies, or defenses, each of which it expressly reserves

In the event you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Nathan R. Snyder