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Honorable Senior Judge Susan Oki Mollway,

My name is T J and I am writing to share with you how my family was torn apart by the teachings and actions of Liana Shanti.

In early 2021 my wife, A , started following Liana Shanti through social media platforms and quickly became involved with her teachings. She began listening to a course titled *Healing From The Pain of Narcissistic Relationships*. Through this course and the influence of Liana Shanti, A became convinced that every person closest to her — her father, mother, sister, and even me — was a narcissist and should be cut out of her life. In August 2021 she completely cut off communication with her father, mother, and sister. That month was the last time A allowed our three young children to see their maternal grandparents, with whom they had strong, loving bonds. Shortly thereafter she filed for divorce. Although A expressed on social media that she was having reservations about going forward with the divorce, she was told by Liana Shanti that she must proceed, and she complied.

In December 2021, despite my attempts to repair the damage, A moved out of the marital home, taking our three children with her. I have since learned that Liana systematically convinces her followers to take children away from their fathers, in some cases even moving them to other countries. Months later, Liana coached A on how to fully isolate the children from me by involving the police. In October 2022, A called the police on me, claiming that I had assaulted her and threatened to hurt her. She then communicated to Liana with excitement about successfully having me arrested, which was celebrated by Liana via social media. After investigation, the assault charge was fully dropped, but still, she had succeeded in cutting off all contact between the children and me for a period of three months. Since the arrest, Liana has been repeatedly posting my mugshot on social media, saying that I am an abuser and a dangerous person, asserting that I assaulted A . Liana does not care about the truth of the matter; she uses slander to exploit and manipulate situations to gain more attention on social media.

Another concerning aspect of Liana's teachings is the propagation of conspiracy theories. She instructs her followers to isolate themselves and their children from people who have received the COVID-19 vaccine. Due to this, A has isolated our children, preventing them from visiting their friends' houses if anyone in the household had been vaccinated. A also teaches the children that all vaccinated people should be avoided, even feared. This paranoia has further strengthened A 's resolve to completely remove the children from public school. Due to a court order, she has not removed the children from school, but she continues to express her strong desire to do so in order to protect the children from perceived harm in the public school.

Liana Shanti's teachings have torn my family apart. My children have been isolated from a strong and loving support system, which includes myself as their father, grandparents, and

friends. There are already signs that their mental health has been compromised by the events that have taken place, primarily due to the negative influence of Liana Shanti. The effects will continue to worsen for my family and other families whose parent(s) have been deceived and controlled by Liana Shanti as long as she continues to operate as she has.

Respectfully,

T J