



TO: All news editors  
FROM: Rory Goree, President, Greyhound Pets of America

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Phoenix, Arizona -- Rory Goree, National President of Greyhound Pets of America, has filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers against Attorney Ann Hochberg. Goree alleges that Hochberg improperly attempted to intimidate six New England greyhound adoption groups on behalf of anti-racing organization Grey2K ahead of the November Massachusetts ballot question to ban greyhound racing.

Letters signed by Ms. Hochberg were sent in June 2008 to GPA chapters in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, as well as three other greyhound adoption groups in the area, demanding that the groups provide her with three years of IRS Form 990's and Massachusetts Form PC's, documents that must be filed by nonprofits every year. Hochberg sent a follow-up letter to some of those groups in September, again demanding the information and threatening the groups with exposure to fines of up to \$10,000.

Ms. Hochberg, who is an attorney with the Boston law firm Broude & Hochberg, also sent a letter to an individual greyhound adoption volunteer, informing her that if her GPA chapter did not comply with the demand for information, she would be turned in to the IRS. This volunteer was not on the board of GPA Massachusetts and had no power to provide the documents demanded.

When asked by some of the adoption groups to identify her client in this matter, Hochberg refused. Grey2K's website, however, describes Ms. Hochberg as "our Boston attorney."

The Form 990's requested by Ms. Hochberg are easily obtained at several well-known websites, including Guidestar. A direct link to Guidestar is provided on Ms. Hochberg's firm's own website.

The Form PC's requested by Ms. Hochberg, as well as the Form 990's, are available for public viewing at the Non-Profit Organizations/Public Charities Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General at 100 Cambridge Street in Boston—a short walk from Broude & Hochberg's Federal St. offices.

Since receiving these easily obtainable documents cannot be the real reason for Hochberg's letter, Goree stated in his complaint, "My belief is Grey2k and the

Dog Protection Act organizations may be using Ann to attempt to silence voices that may not agree with the tactics and propaganda they are presenting.”

These local volunteer “mom and pop” adoption agencies, devoted to finding homes for retired racing greyhounds, do not have resources to fight a downtown law firm and, Goree believes, were regarded by Grey2K as susceptible to an intimidation campaign of threatening lawyer’s letters.

All of these groups appear to have been targeted because of their participation in a yearly event that is hosted by and held at the Raynham and Wonderland facilities. Known as “The Greyhound Adoption Expo: Back on Track,” the event allows retired racers and their owners to revisit their former workplaces, and also to reconnect with the trainers and handlers who worked with them there.

At each Greyhound Adoption Expo, two adoption volunteers are chosen to work as “kennel helpers for a week,” in order to get an inside look at the conditions the dogs live and work under. Volunteers from four of the targeted groups had participated in the kennel helper program and had stated in videos depicting their experiences that they found the greyhounds very happy and well cared for in the racing kennels.

Kathy Morrill, President of GPA Massachusetts, wrote an editorial in her organization’s newsletter urging her group’s supporters to keep an open mind about the ballot question to ban racing. GPA is neutral on the question of greyhound racing. Morrill argued in her article that many claims made by the groups supporting a racing ban were inaccurate based on her long experience working with these dogs and with the local racetracks.

According to Goree, “Apparently Grey2K doesn’t want voters to hear the voices of these people, who work to help greyhounds every day. It isn’t just people employed by the racing industry who oppose their ballot question to ban racing. A lot of greyhound adoption people believe that racing is a great life for these dogs, who are bred to run, and that they they have another great life when we find them homes after they retire. If voters knew that they might not be so quick to destroy the sport.”

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