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14 15 16	NORTHLAND FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC, INC., Plaintiff,	Case No.: 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN DEFENDANTS' STATEMENT OF GENUINE DISPUTES PURSUANT TO L.R. 56-2
<ol> <li>17</li> <li>18</li> <li>19</li> <li>20</li> </ol>	vs. CENTER FOR BIO-ETHICAL REFORM, <i>et al.</i> , Defendants.	Date: June 4, 2012 Time: 1:30 pm Courtroom: 10C Hon. James V. Selna
21 22	Pursuant to L.R. 56-2, Defendants hereby submit the following response to	
23 24 25	Plaintiff's "Separate Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law."	
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# PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF FACTS AND DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE

3 1. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Plaintiff Northland Family Planning Clinic, Inc.
4 ("Northland") runs three family planning clinics in the greater Detroit area of
5 Michigan.

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that Plaintiff runs threeabortion clinics in the greater Detroit area of Michigan. (See Defendants'Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law ["DSMF"] at  $\P 1$ )<sup>1</sup>

2. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: In late 2009, Northland created a video entitled "Every Day, Good Women Choose Abortion" (the "Northland Video").

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that Plaintiff created the Northland Video in 2009. (*See* DSMF at ¶ 2).

3. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Northland created the Northland Video with the intention that it be used as an outreach, counseling, and educational tool.

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that Plaintiff has used and currently does use—the Northland Video for counseling and as an educational tool to "de-stigmatize" abortion in the minds of its patients and in the collective mind of the public. As Renee Chelian, Plaintiff's witness designated pursuant to Rule 30(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, further testified, "certainly one of the reasons it's posted on [Northland's] website" is so that Plaintiff can use it to "de-stigmatize" abortion. (DSMF at ¶¶ 3-9). Chelian

<sup>1</sup> Defendants' Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law (Doc. No. 40-2) was previously filed in this case in support of Defendants' motion for summary judgment and is incorporated herein by reference and citation.

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further testified that the Northland Video had no other purpose than to destigmatize abortion. (Chelian Dep. at 36:21-37:4 at Ex. 1 attached).

4. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: The Northland Video is a unique and innovative work that tells women who have had or are considering having an abortion that abortion is not uncommon and that they are good women regardless of the choice they make.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants dispute the claim that the Northland Video is "unique and innovative" and note that the cited testimony does not support Plaintiff's statement. Defendants further state that the cited testimony makes plain that the purpose of the Northland Video is to "de-stigmatize" abortion. (DSMF at ¶ 7, 9). Moreover, Plaintiff's designated "expert"<sup>2</sup> acknowledged in her sworn testimony that there was nothing unique or creative about the "goodness" narrative advanced by the Northland Video. (R.A. Dep. at 100 at Ex. 2 attached).

5. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Northland's founder, Renee Chelian, and her employees spent considerable time and creative effort in drafting the script for the Northland Video.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement that Renee Chelian and her employees "spent considerable time and creative effort" in

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Defendants object to Plaintiff's designation of R.A. as an expert on any matter relevant to this litigation, and indeed on any matter simply. However, R.A., as a "good friend" and "colleague" with a long-standing "business association" with Renee Chelian (R.A. Dep. at 76-77; 78; 102-04 at Ex. 2), and as someone familiar with the "Good Woman" theme used in the Northland Video, testified that the "Good Woman" narrative was not developed or created by Plaintiff. (R.A. Dep. at 100 at Ex. 2).

developing the Northland Video in that the cited testimony does not support this
characterization. Moreover, Plaintiff's designated "expert" acknowledged in her
sworn testimony that there was nothing new or creative about the "goodness"
narrative advanced by the Northland Video, only that it was used in a video.
(R.A. Dep. at 100 at Ex. 2).

6 6. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Ms. Chelian said that "[t]he effort to de-stigmatize
7 abortion is the chance to talk about our own goodness and what kind of women
8 choose abortion services, the words that women tell us when they come into the
9 clinic, the things they write in journals that we have for them, to reclaim our own
10 goodness."

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants do not dispute Plaintiff's statement that
 this is what Renee Chelian said.

7. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Northland's copyright is registered with the U.S. Copyright Office.

15 <u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants assert that the document speaks for
16 itself.

8. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Northland posted the Good Women Video on its own website and on the video sharing website YouTube in January 2010.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute that the citation stands for the proposition asserted by Plaintiff. Nonetheless, Defendants do not dispute that Plaintiff has posted and continues to post the Northland Video on the Internet for the public, their clients, and other abortion clinics and their clients to view at no cost and places no restriction on how and under what conditions the third-parties may view or link the Northland Video or for what purposes. (DSMF at ¶¶ 4, 4, 9, 49-50).

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9. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: In January 2011, Defendant TAG, acting with and through Holmberg, created a copy of the Northland Video.

Defendants' Response: Defendants deny that Eric Holmberg "created a copy of the Northland Video." Defendants assert that Eric Holmberg made fair use of portions of the Northland Video to create the TAG Video, which is a critical parody of the Northland Video. (DSMF at ¶¶ 13-19, 56).

10. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: In January 2011, Defendant TAG, acting with and through Holmberg, made a video from footage taken from the Northland Video ("TAG Video").

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants assert that Eric Holmberg made fair use of portions of the Northland Video to create the TAG Video, which is a critical parody of the Northland Video. (DSMF at ¶¶ 13-19, 56).

11. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: The TAG Video is approximately two minutes long.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants assert that the TAG Video speaks for itself, and they further assert that the evidence cited by Plaintiff demonstrates that Defendant TAG used approximately 1 minute of the Northland Video, which itself exceeds 4 minutes, in TAG's video, which is approximately 2 minutes long. (DSMF at  $\P$  13-19, 56).

12. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: The TAG Video incorporates approximately one minute of images from the Northland Video.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants assert that the TAG Video speaks for itself, and they further assert that the evidence demonstrates that Defendant TAG used approximately 1 minute of the Northland Video, which itself exceeds 4 minutes, in TAG's video, which is approximately 2 minutes long video. (DSMF at ¶ 13-19, 56).

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13. Plaintiff's Statement: The images in the TAG Video alternate between images from the Northland Video and images that depict alleged abortions. 2

Defendants' Response: Defendant asserts that the TAG Video speaks for itself. Defendants further assert that the TAG Video is a critical parody and thus conjures up those parts of the Northland Video essential for this purpose since parody emerges from the joinder of reference and ridicule. (See DSMF at ¶ 13-19, 56).

Plaintiff's Statement: The TAG Video's audio is entirely made up of audio 14. from the Northland Video.

Defendants' Response: Defendant asserts that the TAG Video speaks for itself and that because the TAG Video is a critical parody, it conjures up those parts of the Northland Video, including its audio narrative, that are essential for this purpose since parody emerges from the joinder of reference and ridicule. (DSMF at ¶¶ 13-19, 56).

Plaintiff's Statement: The TAG Video uses the segments in the same order 15. as they appear in the Northland Video.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute this assertion in that the Northland Video does not have segments depicting images of aborted babies. (*Compare* DSMF at ¶ 2 [Northland Video] *with* ¶ 15 [TAG Video]).

Plaintiff's Statement: Northland's logo and a copyright mark remain 16. prominently displayed in the TAG Video.

Defendants' Response: Defendants assert that the TAG Video speaks for itself and further assert that the TAG Video is a critical parody and thus conjures up those parts of the Northland Video essential for this purpose since parody emerges from the joinder of reference and ridicule. Specifically, the TAG Video Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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purposefully parodies and ridicules the very fact that Northland is the party engaging in fraudulent misrepresentation and sought to copyright such fraud. That is, the TAG Video is not attempting to make a generic statement regarding abortion, but is rather parodying and criticizing Plaintiff's specific fraudulent message and modality as expressed in the reference. (*See* DSMF at ¶¶ 13-19, 56). 17. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: The TAG Video closes with the phone number for Northland Family Planning superimposed on a still photo of alleged fetus parts.

Defendants' Response: Defendants assert that the TAG Video speaks for itself and that Plaintiff's phone number is superimposed on a photo of actual fetus parts. Defendants further assert that the TAG Video is a critical parody and thus conjures up those parts of the Northland Video essential for this purpose since parody emerges from the joinder of reference and ridicule. (DSMF at ¶¶ 13-19, 56).

18. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: TAG and Holmberg uploaded the TAG Video to YouTube on or around January 7, 2011.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute that the evidence cited by Plaintiff states that the TAG Video was uploaded on YouTube on or around January 7, 2011. Defendants further assert that Eric Holmberg uploaded the TAG Video on the private side of his YouTube channel; therefore, neither TAG nor Holmberg ever made the TAG Video available to the public for viewing. (DSMF at ¶¶ 15-16).

19. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Mr. Holmberg emailed the link to the TAG Video to an unknown number of persons, including Defendant Gregg Cunningham ("Cunningham").

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Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it 1 mischaracterizes the testimony. In his deposition, Eric Holmberg stated, "My 2 recollection again was that I sent it to Greg, and Greg alone, but it's possible that 3 a few other friends and close collaborators—I might have sent this to them as 4 well. I don't recall." Holmberg further stated that he only recalls sending the link 5 to one other person in addition to Gregg Cunningham. (Holmberg Dep. at 45:17-6 20; 55:3-16). 7

Plaintiff's Statement: The TAG Video was posted to a high-traffic anti-20. 8 abortion blog called JillStanek.com on January 7, 2011. 9

Defendants' Response: Defendants deny Plaintiff's assertion of fact in that 10 it is not supported by the proffered evidence. The cited printout describes a video produced by CBR, not TAG. Moreover, the TAG Video was only ever posted by Eric Holmberg on the private side of his YouTube channel, and YouTube immediately took it down. (DSMF at ¶¶ 15-16).

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21. Plaintiff's Statement: Cunningham directed Defendant Don Cooper ("Cooper") to post the TAG Video to the home page of Defendant CBR's website.

Defendants' Response: Defendants assert that the document (email message) speaks for itself. However, the evidence shows that the TAG Video was immediately removed from YouTube; therefore, it was never posted on CBR's website. (DSMF at ¶¶ 16, 34).

Plaintiff's Statement: In January 2011, Cunningham, acting on behalf of 22. CBR, directed a contractor to make a video using the Northland Video.

Defendants' Response: Defendants admit that Gregg Cunningham, on 24 25 behalf of CBR, directed the creation and production of the CBR Video. Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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Defendants further assert that the evidence presented by Plaintiff further shows,
without contradiction, that Defendants' purpose was to create "a parody video,"
and that Cunningham used his own creativity and innovation to produce CBR's
parody video, which itself is a creative work. (Wilcox Decl. at Ex. L; *see also*DSMF at ¶ 23, 25, 37-45, 47, 57).

6 23. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Cooper helped the contractor to get a copy of the
7 Northland Video.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants admit that Donald Cooper provided some assistance with the CBR Video and that at all times he was working under the supervision and direction of Gregg Cunningham and that he, Donald Cooper, did not have the right and ability to direct, control, or supervise any infringing activity. (DSMF at ¶¶ 25-26).

24. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Cunningham said that a video based around the Northland Video would be "a classic" and "worth its weight in gold."

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's characterization of the facts. The evidence shows that Gregg Cunningham stated that the CBR "parody video" would "become a classic" and that bringing this "concept" for the video to his attention "is potentially worth its weight in gold"—a figure of speech used to convey the sentiment that the concept was exceedingly creative, if not brilliant.

25. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: The resulting video ("January 25 Video") is primarily
composed of unaltered footage from the Northland Video, plus an opening screen
citing a bible verse, images of alleged abortions, and a sample of a song called
"Natural One."

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Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's characterization of 1 the CBR "parody video." Defendants assert that the CBR Video speaks for itself. 2 Moreover, the evidence presented by Plaintiff (Exhibit L to the Wilcox 3 Declaration) further illustrates the transformative nature of the CBR Video. As 4 the undisputed evidence shows, the CBR Video transforms the Northland Video 5 by adding graphic images of aborted fetuses to certain parts of the video, a jarring 6 music score, a scripture citation to 2 Corinthians 11:13-14, which warns viewers 7 that Satan masquerades as "an angel of light," and an introduction quoting George 8 Orwell, which condemns the use of lies to obscure murder, so as to criticize, 9 comment upon, disparage, parody, mock, and disagree with the message 10 conveyed by the Northland Video. (DSMF at ¶¶ 40-44). The CBR Video criticizes, comments upon, disparages, parodies, mocks, and disagrees with both 12 the deceptive message and the deceptive manner of Northland's staffer who 13 narrates the Northland Video. According to Defendants and commonsense, 14 Northland's consistent theme that abortion is "normal" and in every instance and 15 circumstance a "good" thing always sought by a "good woman" is patently false. 16 Every aspect of the staffer's attire, demeanor, syntax, and intonation is calculated 17 to reinforce this deception. The same is true with the flowers on her desk, the soft 18 background music, and the framed art on her walls. CBR's Video comments 19 upon, disparages, parodies, mocks, and rebuts all this duplicity with an accusatory 20 literary quote in its introduction, jarring music in its score, and graphic imagery in its video refutation. (DSMF at  $\P$  47). Plaintiff admits that Defendants' videos 22 "changed," "ruined," and "distort" "every bit" of the intent, meaning, and 23 message of the Northland Video. (DSMF at ¶ 41). Plaintiff admits that the 24 25 purpose of its video was to "de-stigmatize" abortion, while Defendants' videos Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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plainly "stigmatize" abortion and seek to "shame and anger and disgust anyone who's watching [them]." (DSMF at ¶ 42). Plaintiff admits that Defendants' videos "ruined" and "changed" "every bit" of the intent, meaning, and message of the Northland Video by, *inter alia*, "add[ing] shame and sickening images" of abortion and by "add[ing] music, other words and footage." (DSMF at ¶¶ 41-44). 26. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: The January 25 Video uses the segments of the Northland Video in their original order, and Cunningham's written instructions suggest sequential intercutting of existing videos, with no conscious editorial choice to pair certain abortion footage with certain parts of the Northland Video.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's assertion in that it mischaracterizes and misstates the evidence. Contrary to Plaintiff's assertion, the cited exhibit plainly shows that considerable thought and "editorial choice" went into the creation of the CBR Video to ensure that it was a highly effective parody, which it is. In fact, the CBR Video is itself a creative work, as the evidence cited by Plaintiff demonstrates. (Wilcox Decl. at Ex. L; *see also* DSMF at ¶¶ 40, 57).

27. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Northland's logo and a copyright mark remain prominently displayed in the January 25 Video.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants do not dispute that the Northland logo and copyright mark appear on the CBR Video. However, Defendants also assert that "Center for Bio-Ethical Reform" and CBR's website, "abortionNo.org," are prominently displayed on the CBR Video, as Plaintiff's evidence shows, and thus leave no doubt as to who created the video. (DSMF at ¶ 25).

23 28. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Defendant Seth Gruber ("Gruber"), acting on behalf
of CBR and at the direction of Cunningham and Cooper, posted the January 25
Video to a website called Pro-LifeTube.com on or around January 25, 2011.

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Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's characterization of the evidence. The undisputable evidence shows that Seth Gruber was acting at all times relevant here under the direction, supervision, and control of Gregg Cunningham. Gruber did not have any authority to act unilaterally or independently on behalf of CBR. He had no right or ability to direct, control or supervise any of the activity related to the CBR Video. (DSMF at ¶¶ 25-26).

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29. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Bullis owned and operated Pro-Lifetube.com at the time the infringing videos were uploaded.

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that Todd Bullis was, at one time, the owner of Pro-Lifetube.com. Defendants further assert that Bullis sold the website to CBR around the time that Plaintiff sent a letter claiming that the CBR Video posted on the website violated Plaintiff's copyright. (DSMF at ¶¶ 27-32).

30. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Subsequently, Cunningham directed the contractor to add a quote from George Orwell to the January 25 Video, creating the January 27 Video.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants assert that Gregg Cunningham directed that a George Orwell quote be added to the CBR Video, which is a critical parody of the Northland Video. (*See also* DSMF at ¶¶ 25, 40).

31. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Gruber, acting on behalf of CBR and at the direction of Cunningham, posted the January 27 Video to Pro-LifeTube.com.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's characterization of the evidence. The undisputable evidence shows that Seth Gruber was acting at all times relevant here under the direction, supervision, and control of Gregg Cunningham. Gruber did not have any authority to act unilaterally or Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN independently on behalf of CBR. He had no right or ability to direct, control, or
 supervise any of the activity related to the CBR Video, including posting the
 video on any website. (DSMF at ¶¶ 25, 26).

4 32. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Gruber also posted embedded links to the January 27
5 Video in at least three places on the CBR website ("CBR Blog Video," "CBR
6 Audio/Video Page Video," "CBR Standalone Video") and included a thumbnail
7 link on the CBR homepage ("CBR Homepage Video").

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants do not dispute that pursuant to the direction, control, and supervision of Gregg Cunningham, who was acting on behalf of CBR, Seth Gruber embedded links to the CBR Video on the CBR website. (*See also* DSMF at ¶ 26).

33. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: In posting the embedded links to the January 27 Video, Gruber created two additional versions of the Video that are available for download on their own separate pages on CBR's website ("CBR Quicktime Video" and "CBR WMP Video," collectively with the January 25 Video, January 27 Video, CBR Blog Video, CBR Audio/Video Page Video, and CBR Standalone Video, the "CBR Videos").

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement, which is not supported by the evidence. Seth Gruber did not create two additional versions of the CBR Video. Moreover, Gruber did not have any authority to act unilaterally or independently on behalf of CBR. He had no right or ability to direct, control, or supervise any of the activity related to the CBR Video, including producing additional versions of the video. (DSMF at ¶ 26).

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34. Plaintiff's Statement: Neither CBR nor any of the individual defendants 1 sought permission to use the Northland Video or the music in any of the CBR 2 Videos. 3

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Defendants' Response: Defendants assert that they did not seek permission from Plaintiff to make fair use of portions of the Northland Video to produce their videos because such permission is not required. Defendants further assert that they had permission as a matter of law to use portions of the Northland Video to produce their videos under 17 U.S.C. § 107. Defendants' assertions are supported by the evidence cited by Plaintiff. (See also DSMF at ¶ 18-19, 23, 40, 56).

Plaintiff's Statement: Defendants have admitted that the CBR Videos 35. contain approximately 2 minutes and 2 seconds of the original 4 minute, 41 second Northland Video, or 43% of the original.

Defendants' Response: Defendants assert that the evidence shows that CBR used 2 minutes and 2 seconds of the Northland Video's 4 minutes and 41 seconds of footage in CBR's 4 minute and 13 second video. Thus, less than half of the CBR Video is comprised of content taken from the Northland Video. This percentage is the content quantum minimally required to meaningfully criticize, comment upon, disparage, parody, and rebut the most deceptive elements of Northland's most misleading advertising claims. (DSMF at ¶ 25, 52).

36. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: The CBR Videos are each just over four minutes 20 long, so the Northland Video footage accounts for approximately half of the CBR Videos. 22

Defendants' Response: Defendants assert that the evidence shows that 23 CBR used 2 minutes and 2 seconds of the Northland Video's 4 minutes and 41 24 25 seconds of footage in CBR's 4 minute and 13 second video. Thus, less than half Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

of the CBR Video is comprised of content taken from the Northland Video. This 1 percentage is the content quantum minimally required to meaningfully criticize, 2 comment upon, disparage, parody, and rebut the most deceptive elements of 3 Northland's most misleading advertising claims. (DSMF at ¶ 25, 52). 4

37. Plaintiff's Statement: Each place on the CBR website where a CBR Video 5 is posted has a link to a donation page. 6

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it mischaracterizes the evidence. As the evidence shows, the donate links on CBR's website are generic requests for donations, similar to most nonprofit websites, and are neither tied to nor directed toward the CBR Video. CBR has no commercial purpose for the CBR Video. (DSMF at ¶¶ 45-46).

Plaintiff's Statement: CBR has sent multiple appeal letters and newsletters 38. that publicize the CBR Videos while soliciting donations.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it mischaracterizes the evidence. Defendants have not done any direct fundraising so as to benefit financially from the CBR Video. (DSMF at ¶¶ 45-46). Any requests for funding directly related to the CBR Video was a request to help defer the costs of defending against this frivolous lawsuit. (DSMF at  $\P$  45-46).

39. Plaintiff's Statement: "Every time" Cunningham meets with potential donors, he shows them at least one of the CBR Videos.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it mischaracterizes the evidence. Gregg Cunningham testified as follows: "Q. Did CBR show any version of the 'angel of light' video at any group meetings? A. Every chance we get. Everywhere we go." (Cunningham Dep. at 134:3-5). 25 "Every time I do a fundraising pitch I show the 'angel of light' video." "Q. And Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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why do you do that? A. Because it's part of what we are doing and because 1 we've been sued by a high net worth rapacious abortion provider and that lawsuit 2 is—is a burden to us financially and so we—quite naturally, if we're going to 3 mount a defense that-that allows us to exercise our rights of defense, we've got 4 to be able to raise the fund that it takes to do that." (Cunningham Dep. at 156:7-5 16; see also 156:17-157:10; DSMF at ¶¶ 45-46). 6

40. Plaintiff's Statement: On March 18, 2011, Northland's counsel sent letters to Bullis as owner of ProLifetube.com, and to Cunningham and Cooper as director and manager of CBR, informing Defendants of the infringing nature of the CBR Videos and demanding that the CBR Videos, and any similar videos, be removed from their websites.

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that Plaintiff's counsel sent the subject letters. Defendants further assert that CBR and Gregg Cunningham, through counsel, responded by informing Plaintiff's counsel that any use of the Northland Video by any Defendant was plainly "fair use." (Answer to Am. Compl. at ¶¶ 48-49).

41. Plaintiff's Statement: Bullis did not respond to the demand nor remove the CBR Videos.

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute Plaintiff's statement. 19 Defendants further assert that Todd Bullis did not remove the CBR Video 20 because he sold the website to CBR and thus no longer had control over the website. (DSMF at  $\P\P$  27-32). 22

Plaintiff's Statement: CBR sent a reply through counsel refusing to remove 42. the CBR Videos.

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Defendants' Response: Defendants assert that CBR and Gregg Cunningham, through counsel, responded to Plaintiff's threat to file a frivolous 2 lawsuit stating, "The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your March 18, 3 2011, letter threatening legal action against our clients for exercising their 4 constitutionally and statutorily protected right to freedom of speech is both wrong 5 and futile." The letter further describes Defendants' fair use defense. (Answer to 6 Am. Compl. at ¶¶ 48-49). 7

43. Plaintiff's Statement: In 2010, Northland had discussions with individuals at other clinics, including [C.K.] and [E.B.], about permitting those clinics to use the Northland Video or create custom versions of it.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute this statement in that it grossly misrepresents the facts and it offers self-serving opinions as a substitute for facts. 12 Renee Chelian testified about these discussions as follows: "Q. And what was the 13 substance of those discussions with [E.B.]? A. How to use – how she would use 14 the video for her patients. A. And was there any discussion about the price she 15 would be paying for the video? A. No. . . . Q. Was there any discussion with 16 [E.B.] regarding any of the terms of a sale of the video to her? . . . A. No." 17 (Chelian Dep. at 39:14-25 at Ex. 1). "Q. Did any of these discussions with these 18 unnamed individuals include discussions of how much you would charge for 19 licensing [the Northland Video]? A. No. . . . Q. Did you discuss an actual license 20 agreement with these individuals? A. I think you've already asked me that and I think I said no. Q. So you simply had discussions with individuals about using 22 the video, but it never included a discussion about a licensing agreement? A. 23 No." (Chelian Dep. at 104:20-23; 105:4-11; see also 102:23-25; 103:1-2, 5-12; 24 25 106:12-18 at Ex. 1).

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44. Plaintiff's Statement: However, after [C.K.] and [E.B.] became aware of 1 the Infringing Videos, they were no longer interested in using the Northland 2 Video. 3

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that 4 C.K. has not provided any testimony in this matter whatsoever and the assertions 5 set forth in E.B.'s declaration are self-serving and contradicted by the facts in that 6 Plaintiff never had any substantive discussions about, or interest in, selling or 7 licensing the derivative use of the Northland Video, and Plaintiff continues to use 8 the video as a counseling and educational tool. (See DSMF at  $\P$  4). E.B.'s 9 assertions lack any credibility in that they are transparently fabricated for 10 purposes of this lawsuit. (See, e.g., Chelian Dep. at 38:16-17; 39:14-25; 42:3-16; 102:23-25; 103:1-2, 5-12; 104:20-23; 105:4-11; 106:12-18 at Ex. 1) (admitting 12 that Northland never sold or licensed the Northland Video, never had any 13 discussions about any of the essential or even non-essential terms of a sales or 14 licensing agreement, such as the price at which Plaintiff might be willing to sell 15 or license the Northland Video or the price the supposed purchasers or licensees 16 might be willing to pay to acquire the rights to the Northland Video; and 17 moreover, Plaintiff never had any discussions regarding any of the other terms of 18 a sale or license of the Northland Video). Most tellingly, there was not a single 19 email, letter, note, or draft of any discussion whatsoever of the use, much less the 20 sale or license, of the Northland Video by C.K. or E.B., or any third-party prior to the appearance of Defendants' videos, much less any kind of an agreement from 22 Plaintiff to any third party. (Chelian Dep. at 42:3-16 at Ex. 1). Indeed, according 23 to Plaintiff's own documents, the only interest expressed in a writing to actually 24 25 use the Northland Video occurs only *after* the CBR Video is produced and Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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published and only after Plaintiff and its colleagues became aware of the video. 1 (Muise Decl., Ex. A [NFP 000038] at Ex. 3). The final blow to this fabrication's 2 legal relevance is the fact that one of Renee Chelian's own colleagues reassures 3 her after the CBR Video is posted that there is no likelihood that any reasonable 4 person would confuse Plaintiff's "Good Woman" messaging with the CBR 5 Video. (Muise Decl., Ex. A [NFP 000048-B] at Ex. 3). And the reason is 6 patently obvious: Defendants' videos turn the "Good Woman" narrative on its 7 head and are so clearly a transformative critique of the reference work that they 8 stand as the quintessential exemplar of the power of parody and the propriety of 9 fair use. (See DSMF at ¶¶ 15, 18-19, 25, 40). 10

45. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: In addition, Ms. Chelian had planned to use the Northland Video at speaking engagements and seminars but determined that the existence of the Infringing Videos prevented her from doing so.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants dispute this self-serving statement in that it is contradicted by the fact that to this day Plaintiff posts the Northland Video on its website and on YouTube to convey its pro-abortion message to the public and to potential clients, and it uses the Northland video to counsel its clients. (DSMF at ¶¶ 3-4, 49-50). Moreover, one of Renee Chelian's own colleagues reassures her after the CBR Video is posted that there is no likelihood that any reasonable person would confuse Plaintiff's "Good Woman" messaging with the CBR Video. (Muise Decl., Ex. A [NFP\_000048-B] at Ex. 3). And the reason is patently obvious: Defendants' videos turn the "Good Woman" narrative on its head and are so clearly a transformative critique of the reference work that they stand as the quintessential exemplar of the power of parody and the propriety of fair use. (*See* DSMF at ¶¶ 15, 18-19, 25, 40).

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46. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Holmberg admitted that he copied the Northland
 Video by capturing it from YouTube.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's characterization of
the evidence it cites. Defendants further assert that Eric Holmberg used portions
of the Northland Video to create the TAG Video, a critical parody of the
Northland Video, for nonprofit, noncommercial, educational, and parodic
purposes. (DSMF at ¶¶ 13-19, 56).

47. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Holmberg admitted editing the copy of the Northland Video by combining approximately half of it—including its "most pertinent minutes"—with images of alleged abortions.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's characterization of the evidence it cites in that the evidence demonstrates that Defendant Holmberg *created* the TAG Video (Holmberg Dep. Ex. 39), which was a separately created work that made fair use of portions of the Northland Video. (DSMF at ¶¶ 15, 19). 48. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Holmberg posted the unauthorized derivative work on YouTube.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement because it is an inaccurate representation of the evidence (*i.e.*, that Holmberg posted an "unauthorized derivative work"). Rather, the evidence demonstrates that Eric Holmberg posted the TAG Video—which was a separately created work that made fair use of portions of the Northland Video—on the private side of his YouTube channel. Consequently, at no time did Holmberg make the TAG Video available to the public for viewing. (DSMF at ¶¶ 13-16, 19).

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49. Plaintiff's Statement: Cooper worked with other CBR employees to copy the Northland Video from Northland's post on YouTube and saved an unauthorized copy to CBR's server, "Adam."

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it mischaracterizes the evidence (*i.e.*, that Cooper saved an "unauthorized copy" of the Northland Video). Rather, the evidence demonstrates that the Northland Video was available to the public on the Internet and that Defendants' use of the Northland Video was not "unauthorized" as a matter of federal law under the fair use doctrine (17 U.S.C. § 107). (DSMF at ¶¶ 3, 18, 40, 49, 50, 56).

Plaintiff's Statement: At Cunningham's direction, CBR created at least 50. 10 two unauthorized works derivative of the Northland Video. 11

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it 12 misrepresents the facts (*i.e.*, that CBR created "two unauthorized works derivative" of the Northland Video"). Rather, the evidence demonstrates that the Northland Video was available to the public on the Internet, and that Defendants' use of the Northland Video was not "unauthorized" as a matter of federal law under the fair use doctrine (17 U.S.C. § 107). (DSMF at ¶¶ 3, 18, 40, 49, 50, 56).

51. Plaintiff's Statement: CBR made copies of the modified videos by 18 uploading them to Pro-Lifetube.com, made copies available for download from 19 CBR's own website, and linked to these videos from at least six different 20 locations on the internet.

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that the CBR Video, which made fair use of portions of the Northland Video, was and remains posted on various locations on the Internet, including CBR's website and Pro-

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LifeTube.com. (See also DSMF at ¶ 39) (stating that the CBR Video is not made 1 available for sale or download). 2

52. Plaintiff's Statement: Bullis admitted to uploading a copy of at least one of 3 the Infringing Videos to Pro-Lifetube.com and reconfiguring the resolution of an 4 Infringing Video. 5

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it mischaracterizes the evidence. Todd Bullis stated in the cited evidence that he "did not change the resolution at all." As the evidence shows, Bullis had no part in the creation of the CBR Video. (DSMF at  $\P$  27).

Plaintiff's Statement: Bullis owned and operated Pro-Lifetube.com at the 53. 10 time the Infringing Videos were uploaded.

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that Todd Bullis owned Pro-LifeTube.com at the time the CBR Video was first uploaded to the website. However, Defendants further assert that Bullis sold the website to CBR shortly after the video was posted, and thus he has no control over the website or the posting of the CBR Video. (DSMF at ¶¶ 29-32).

54. Plaintiff's Statement: Bullis admitted to editing thumbnails of the Infringing Videos and to viewing portions of the Infringing Videos.

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that Todd Bullis "briefly watched parts of the video after [he] heard about it." (Bullis Dep. at 56:12-13). Defendants further assert that the evidence cited shows that Bullis was asked if he could edit a "thumbnail" for the CBR Video. Bullis did not create or produce the CBR Video nor did he contribute in any way to the creation or production of this video. (DSMF at  $\P$  27).

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55. Plaintiff's Statement: The Infringing Videos contain Northland's conspicuous copyright notice. 2

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that the Northland 3 copyright mark appears on the CBR Video. However, Defendants also assert that 4 "Center for Bio-Ethical Reform" and CBR's website, "abortionNo.org," are 5 prominently displayed on the CBR Video and leave no doubt as to who created 6 the CBR Video. (DSMF at  $\P$  25). 7

56. Plaintiff's Statement: Moreover, Bullis knew of the infringement at least as of the date he received Northland's March 18, 2011 DMCA takedown notice.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it is not supported by the evidence. Defendants assert that because fair use is not a copyright infringement as a matter of law, Todd Bullis never "knew" of any "infringement." Furthermore, at best, the evidence cited, Exhibit W to the Wilcox declaration, simply sets forth an incorrect *allegation* of infringement by Plaintiff. (See also DSMF at  $\P$  28).

57. Despite this knowledge, Bullis did nothing to Plaintiff's Statement: 16 remove the Infringing Videos from his website or to prevent further infringement. 17

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it is not supported by the evidence. Defendants assert that because fair use is not a copyright infringement as a matter of law, Todd Bullis never had "knowledge" of any "infringement." Moreover, Bullis sold the Pro-LifeTube.com website to CBR and thus had not authority or control over the website. (DSMF at  $\P$  27-32). 58. Plaintiff's Statement: Bullis did not adopt or implement any infringement policies as required by 17 U.S.C. § 512(i).

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Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that 1 Todd Bullis testified that he had a policy of not permitting the posting of any 2 material that would "break the law" and that all uploaded videos must be lawful. 3 (Bullis Dep. at 29:14-25; 34:11-35:22). In addition, Plaintiff's "statement of fact" 4 is in fact an incomplete statement of the law. Section 512(i) does not "require" 5 anything. It is a safe harbor provision that precludes liability if its conditions are 6 met. Failure to follow these conditions does not create liability or a violation of 7 copyright law. Perfect 10, Inc. v. CCBill LLC, 488 F.3d 1102, 1109 (9th Cir. 8 2007) (stating that "nothing in the language of § 512 indicates that the limitation 9 on liability described therein is exclusive"). Further, nothing in the record 10 evidences that Bullis does not qualify under the § 512(i) safe harbor provision. (Bullis Dep. at 29:14-25; 34:11-39:9); see also Perfect 10, Inc., 488 F.3d at 1109 12 ("The statute does not define 'reasonably implemented.' We hold that a service 13 provider 'implements' a policy if it has a working notification system, a 14 procedure for dealing with DMCA-compliant notifications, and if it does not 15 actively prevent copyright owners from collecting information needed to issue 16 such notifications."). One, based on the record cited by Plaintiff, it is evident that 17 Plaintiff successfully provided Bullis with a "take down notice," and without any 18 difficulty, thereby evidencing a "working notification system." Two, the record 19 cited herein by Plaintiff evidences "a procedure for dealing with DMCA-20 compliant notifications" (*i.e.*, the statute does not require the publication of the procedures prior to receipt of the take-down notification). And three, there is 22 nothing in the record even suggesting that Bullis "prevent[ed] copyright owners 23 from collecting information needed to issue such notifications." In fact, Bullis 24 25 posted the CBR Video, which included, when viewed by the public, the name of Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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the publishing party, CBR, and CBR's website address, abortionNo.org. (See 1 DSMF at ¶ 25 [CBR Video]). There is nothing in the record to suggest that 2 Plaintiff had any difficulty determining who needed to be provided the take-down 3 notification and how to contact them. Defendants further assert that because the 4 CBR Video made fair use of the Northland Video, there was no copyright 5 infringement as a matter of law, and thus Bullis acted appropriately under all the 6 (See DSMF at ¶ 28-30; see also ¶ 32 relevant statutory provisions. 7 [demonstrating that Bullis sold his website shortly after receiving Plaintiff's 8 letter]). 9

59. Plaintiff's Statement: Defendants assert that they are making "fair use" of 10 the Northland Video.

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Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute the fact that their videos made "fair use" of the Northland Video.

Plaintiff's Statement: Defendant Gregg Cunningham openly admitted in 60. his deposition that he shows the Infringing Videos "[e]very time [he] do[es] a fundraising pitch," "[e]very chance [he] get[s]," and "[e]verywhere [he] go[es]."

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it 17 mischaracterizes the evidence. Gregg Cunningham testified as follows: "Q. Did 18 CBR show any version of the 'angel of light' video at any group meetings? A. 19 Every chance we get. Everywhere we go." (Cunningham Dep. at 134:3-5). 20 "Every time I do a fundraising pitch I show the 'angel of light' video." "Q. And why do you do that? A. Because it's part of what we are doing and because 22 we've been sued by a high net worth rapacious abortion provider and that lawsuit 23 is—is a burden to us financially and so we—quite naturally, if we're going to 24 25 mount a defense that—that allows us to exercise our rights of defense, we've got Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

to be able to raise the funds that it takes to do that." (Cunningham Dep. at 156:716; see also 156:17-157:10; see also DSMF at ¶¶ 45-46).

Baintiff's Statement: Defendant Gruber publicized the Infringing Videos
by posting links to Twitter and CBR's Blog.

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that pursuant to the direction, supervision, and control of Gregg Cunningham, who was acting on behalf of CBR, Seth Gruber posted links to the CBR Video on Twitter and CBR's blog. (*See* DSMF at ¶¶ 26, 39).

62. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Communications and fundraising appeals sent by CBR discuss and publicize the Infringing Videos while also soliciting donations.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it mischaracterizes the facts. CBR has not directly solicited donations for the CBR Video. Any requests for donations remotely related to the video were made after Northland filed this lawsuit and for the sole purpose of helping CBR defray the costs associated with this litigation. (DSMF at ¶¶ 45-46; *see also* Cunningham Dep. at 156:7-16; *see also* 156:17-157:10).

63. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: The CBR Videos are posted on websites with prominent "Donate" links and the videos themselves feature links to Defendants CBR's and TAG's websites, which both feature the ability to electronically donate.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it
mischaracterizes the evidence. As the evidence shows, the donate links on CBR's
website are generic requests for donations, similar to most nonprofit websites, and
are not tied to nor directed toward the CBR Video. CBR has no commercial
purpose for the CBR Video. (DSMF at ¶¶ 37, 45-46).

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64. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Defendants in this case stood to gain publicity and to win converts to their point of view.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it is
not supported by the evidence, and it is contradicted by the testimony of Gregg
Cunningham. (*See* DSMF at ¶¶ 37, 45-46).

65. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Defendants who are salaried employees of or volunteers for Defendant CBR stood to aid the financial well-being of the organization for which they worked.

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement. First, the record citation by Plaintiff refers only to Todd Bullis and not to any "salaried employees." Second, Bullis was not a salaried employee of CBR, and with regard to receiving any financial benefit, he stated that he didn't have any such goals and that he "didn't think about that." Third, the actual citation to the record by Plaintiff evidences that Bullis was simply returning a "favor" in that CBR is "so nice to me." These statements evidence the opposite of a financial *quid pro quo* or benefit and speaks to a relationship of civility and camaraderie in common cause. Fourth, there was no financial goal or incentive for CBR or the other Defendants to produce the CBR Video. And, fifth, aside from simply presenting a concept, Eric Holmberg had nothing to do with the CBR Video. (*See also* DSMF at ¶ 24, 26, 27).

66. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Defendants copied without modification the Northland Video's most creative elements.

Defendants' Response:Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement.Asdemonstrated in the evidence cited by Plaintiff, Defendants used those segmentsof the Northland Video that were most pertinent to the "goodness" narrative theyDefs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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wanted to parody. Further, Defendants' videos specifically criticize, comment 1 upon, disparage, parody, mock, and disagree with both the deceptive message and 2 the deceptive manner of Plaintiff's staffer who narrates the Northland Video. 3 And that deception is, according to Defendants, Plaintiff's consistent lie that 4 abortion is "normal" and causes no harm, and Plaintiff's misrepresentation to 5 young vulnerable women that "when a woman decides to have an abortion in all 6 circumstances and at all times, she is making a choice that is thoughtful, 7 considered, and essentially coming from a place of goodness." Moreover. 8 Defendants' videos are critical parodies and thus conjure up those parts of the 9 Northland Video essential for this purpose since parody emerges from the joinder 10 of reference and ridicule. (DSMF at ¶ 13-19, 37-44, 47-48, 56). 11

67. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Defendants appropriated the Northland Video as representative of the pro-choice side of a "debate."

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute Plaintiff's statement in that it mischaracterizes the evidence. Defendants' videos are critical parodies that target the Northland Video—the object of their ridicule—because of the Northland Video's deceptive message. (DSMF at ¶¶ 13-19, 37-44, 47-48, 56). In fact, by acknowledging that Defendants' Videos are debating the message of the Northland Video, Plaintiff is admitting that Defendants' videos are in fact parodies as a matter of copyright law.

68. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Northland created the Northland Video to serve
multiple purposes: (i) to educate and counsel patients who are considering or who
have had an abortion, (ii) to educate staff about the "good woman" philosophy,
and (iii) to educate the public about the "good woman" philosophy and the
counseling services Northland provides in the communities in which it operates.

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Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that to this day, Plaintiff uses the Northland Video to counsel patients and to convey its deceptive message to its patients, staff, and the general public that abortion is normal, moral, and "good." (DSMF at ¶¶ 3-4, 49-50). However, Renee Chelian testified without equivocation that the Northland Video had no other purpose than to de-stigmatize abortion. (Chelian Dep. at 36:21-37:4 at Ex. 1). While Defendants believe the Northland Video itself contradicts this testimony (*i.e.*, the Northland Video quite evidently operates as an "infomercial" to promote Plaintiff), the "fact" asserted here that the purpose included promoting Plaintiff's services is contradicted by Renee Chelian's deposition testimony.

69. Plaintiff's Statement: Making the Northland Video entailed spending time and effort crafting a script, creating an appropriate setting, and telling a story.

Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that Plaintiff spent time creating the Northland Video. However, Defendants further assert that there was nothing new or creative about the "goodness" narrative advanced by the Northland Video. (R.A. Dep. at 100 at Ex. 2). Defendants further assert that the Northland Video is an infomercial that simply conveys lies and distortions about abortion. (DSMF at  $\P$  48).

Plaintiff's Statement: The Defendants characterize the Northland Video as 70. "promotional, advertising material."

Defendants' Response: Plaintiff's assertion is incomplete. In the evidence cited by Plaintiff, TAG stated that the Northland Video is promotional, advertising material posted on a business website to persuade prospective customers through deceit and deception that abortion is normal and even virtuous. 25 It is intended to de-stigmatize abortion in the public mind and to gain a Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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commercial advantage vis-a-vis Northland's abortion industry competitors through false advertising. The Northland Video has no market value, and it is neither sold nor licensed as a product to consumers. (Wilcox Decl. at Ex. II [TAG Resps. to Interrogs.]; *see also* Chelian Dep. at 38:16-17; 39:14-25; 42:3-16; 102:23-25; 103:1-2, 5-12; 104:20-23; 105:4-11; 106:12-18 at Ex. 1) (admitting that Northland never sold or licensed the Northland Video, never had any discussions about any of the essential or even non-essential terms of a sales or license the Northland Video or the price the supposed purchasers or licensees might be willing to acquire the rights to the Northland Video; and moreover, Plaintiff never had any discussions regarding any of the other terms of a sale or license of the Northland Video).

71. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: "CBR used 2 minutes and 2 seconds of the Northland Video's 4 minute and 41 seconds of footage in CBR's 4 minute and 13 second video."

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants do not dispute that less than half of the CBR Video is comprised of content taken from the Northland Video. This percentage is the content quantum minimally required to meaningfully criticize, comment upon, disparage, parody, and rebut the most deceptive elements of Northland's most misleading advertising claims. (DSMF at ¶ 52).

72. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: The January 25 Video is shorter than the other CBR Videos—3 minutes, 52 seconds—and uses the same Northland Video footage, so 53 percent of the January 25 Video is Northland's work.

24Defendants' Response: Defendants do not dispute that approximately half25of the pre-production version of the CBR Video is comprised of content taken26Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

from the Northland Video. This percentage is the content quantum minimally required to meaningfully criticize, comment upon, disparage, parody, and rebut the most deceptive elements of Northland's most misleading advertising claims. (DSMF at ¶ 52).

73. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: The TAG Video is 1 minute and 17 seconds long,
and the entire audio track is from the Northland Video—27 percent of the
Northland Video's audio track.

Defendants' Response: TAG admits that it used the content quantum minimally required to meaningfully criticize, comment upon, disparage, parody, and rebut the most deceptive elements of Northland's most misleading claims, and this amounted to less than one quarter of the Northland Video, which comprised less than half of the TAG Video. (*See* DSMF at ¶¶ 15 [TAG Video], 18-19).

74. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: TAG has admitted that it "used approximately 1 minute of the Northland Video's footage, which exceeds 4 minutes, in TAG's approximately 2 minute long video."

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendant TAG admits that it used the content quantum minimally required to meaningfully criticize, comment upon, disparage, parody, and rebut the most deceptive elements of Northland's most misleading claims and this amounted to less than one quarter of the Northland Video, which comprised less than half of the TAG Video. (Wilcox Decl. at Ex. H [TAG Am. Resps. to Interrogs.]).

75. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Ms. Chelian, the Northland Video's creator, described the video's purpose: "Well, it's used for counseling and it's used in training, counseling for patients, training for staff. It's the words of women that I Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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have been seeing at Northland Family Planning since it opened and an opportunity to share good messages that come from other women with other 2 women. The effort to de-stigmatize abortion is the chance to talk about our own 3 goodness and what kind of women choose abortion services, the words that 4 women tell us when they come into the clinic, the things they write in journals 5 that we have for them, to reclaim our own goodness." 6

Defendants' Response: Defendants admit that Plaintiff correctly quoted from the Chelian deposition in which she was testifying on behalf of Northland as their designated witness pursuant to Rule 30(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. However, as Chelian testified, the purpose of the Northland Video was to "de-stigmatize" abortion. (Chelian Dep. at 36:21-37:4 at Ex. 1).

76. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Defendants admitted that the verbatim portions of the Northland Video they chose were those that "were most pertinent to the 'goodness' narrative."

Defendants' Response: Defendants admit that their videos are critical parodies and thus conjure up those parts of the Northland Video essential for this purpose since parody emerges from the joinder of reference and ridicule. (DSMF at ¶¶ 18-19, 40-44, 47, 52, 56).

77. Plaintiff's Statement: Defendants' assert that their intended use of the 19 Northland Video was to criticize or comment upon "both the deceptive message 20 and the deceptive manner of Plaintiff's staffer who narrates the Northland Video." 22

Defendants' Response: Defendants admit that their videos are critical parodies and thus conjure up those parts of the Northland Video essential for this

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78. Plaintiff's Statement: Defendants contend they sought to expose the 3 "deception" of the Northland message—that good women choose abortion. 4

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute this assertion in that it is 5 inaccurate. Defendants assert that their videos criticize, comment upon, 6 disparage, parody, mock, and disagree with both the deceptive message and the 7 deceptive manner of Northland's staffer who narrates the Northland Video. 8 Northland's consistent theme is the lie that abortion is "normal" and that it is 9 "normal" in all circumstances and at all times. Every aspect of the staffer's attire, 10 demeanor, syntax, and intonation is calculated to reinforce this deception. The same is true with the flowers on her desk, the soft background music, and the 12 framed art on her walls. In fact, the Northland narrator actually uses some variant 13 of the word "good" eighteen times in four minutes to describe abortion. The CBR 14 Video comments upon, disparages, parodies, mocks, and rebuts all this duplicity 15 with an accusatory literary quote in its introduction, jarring music in its score, and 16 graphic imagery in its video refutation. (DSMF at ¶ 47). Defendants' videos are 17 intended to criticize, comment upon, disparage, parody, mock, and disagree with 18 the Northland staffer's manner as well as her message, particularly her message 19 that abortion is normal and "good" by transforming the "goodness" narrative into 20 the opposite message. (DSMF at  $\P$  56).

Defendants contend that "using less [of the 79. Plaintiff's Statement: Northland Video] would have forced us [to] allow at least some of the Plaintiff's outrageously false claims to go unanswered." 24

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Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute the assertion in that the full quote is as follows: "Our critical parody is available only for viewing on the internet. It employs a minimalist approach to the use of Northland material but using less would have forced us [to] allow at least some of the Plaintiff's outrageously false claims to go unanswered." (Wilcox Decl. at Ex. JJ; *see also* DSMF at ¶ 52).

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80. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Defendants repeatedly admit that the Northland Video has a "consistent theme"—that the decision to have an abortion comes "from a place of goodness."

<u>Defendants' Response</u>: Defendants dispute this assertion in that it is incomplete. As stated in the evidence cited by Plaintiff, "Plaintiff's consistent theme is the lie that abortion is 'normal' and causes no harm, and further Plaintiff misrepresents to young, vulnerable women that 'when a woman decides to have an abortion, she is making a choice that is thoughtful, considered, and essentially coming from a place of goodness." (*See also* DSMF at 18, 19, 47, 56).

81. <u>Plaintiff's Statement</u>: Northland was in discussion with at least two individuals—representing multiple clinics—who expressed interest in either using the Northland Video directly or creating "customized" derivative versions of the Northland Video.

Defendants' Response: Defendants dispute the relevance and materiality of Plaintiff's self-serving statement. The facts show that at no time in the intervening two-year period from when Plaintiff produced the Northland Video (2009) to when Defendants produced their critical parodies of this video (2011) did Plaintiff ever sell the video or any license for the derivative use of the video. In fact, Plaintiff has no draft licensing agreements, contracts, or any other such Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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documents evidencing any intent to sell or license the derivative use of the 1 Northland Video. Instead, Plaintiff submits self-serving statements that two 2 individuals had some nebulous "discussions" with Renee Chilean in which no 3 details were ever discussed, including the not-so-minor detail of the cost for any 4 such license. (See, e.g., Chelian Dep. at 38:16-17; 39:14-25; 42:3-16; 102:23-25; 5 103:1-2, 5-12; 104:20-23; 105:4-11; 106:12-18 at Ex. 1) (admitting that 6 Northland never sold or licensed the Northland Video; never had any discussions 7 about any of the essential or even non-essential terms of a sales or licensing 8 agreement, such as the price at which Plaintiff might be willing to sell or license 9 the Northland Video or the price the supposed purchasers or licensees might be 10 willing to pay to acquire rights to the Northland Video; and moreover, Plaintiff 11 never had any discussions regarding any of the other terms of a sale or license of 12 the Northland Video). Most tellingly, there was not a single email, letter, note, or 13 draft of any discussion whatsoever of the use of the Northland Video by C.K. or 14 E.B., or any third-party, much less any kind of an agreement from Plaintiff to any 15 third party. (See id.). And this should not be surprising since Plaintiff's "expert" 16 testified that she knew of not a single instance where a similar video was licensed 17 to another abortion provider or anyone else for that matter. (R.A. Dep. at 110:1-18 11 at Ex. 2). Indeed, according to Plaintiff's own documents, the only interest 19 expressed in a writing to actually use the Northland Video occurs only *after* the 20 CBR Video is produced and published and only after Plaintiff and its colleagues 21 became aware of the video. (Muise Decl., Ex. A [NFP 000038] at Ex. 3). The 22 final blow to this fabrication's legal relevance is the fact that one of Renee 23 Chelian's own colleagues reassures her after the CBR Video is posted that there is 24 25 no likelihood that any reasonable person would confuse Plaintiff's "Good Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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Woman" messaging with the CBR Video. (Muise Decl., Ex. A [NFP 000048-B] at Ex. 3). And the reason is patently obvious: Defendants' videos turn the "Good Woman" narrative on its head and are so clearly a transformative critique of the reference work that they stand as the quintessential exemplar of the power of parody and the propriety of fair use. (See DSMF at ¶ 15, 18-19, 25, 40).

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82. Plaintiff's Statement: Upon learning of the existence of the Infringing Videos, C.K. and E.B. were no longer interested in licensing the Northland Video.

Defendants' Response: Defendants object to the relevance and 9 admissibility of the declarant's self-serving opinion, which is contradicted by 10 Plaintiff's own actions, no less. Also, it is not just that the declarant, E.B., cannot per the hearsay rules speak for C.K., E.B.'s declaration does not even pretend to 12 do so. That is, E.B.'s declaration does not even mention C.K. But, to the extent 13 that E.B. might attempt to do so, this effort would fail as inadmissible hearsay. 14 See Fed. R. Evid. 801, 802. Indeed, in the testimony cited by Plaintiff, the 15 declarant, E.B., opines that "the videos made by the anti-abortion group make the 16 Northland Video useless as a counseling and educational video" and that she is 17 "concerned that using the Northland Video might increase the risk of violence at 18 my clinic because it is incendiary and demonized the people who do abortion 19 work." However, to this day Plaintiff uses the Northland Video as a "counseling 20 and educational video," and the video is posted on Northland's website. (DSMF at ¶¶ 3, 4, 9, 49-50). Moreover, E.B. never comes close to explaining in her 22 declaration why the Northland Video becomes "useless," even assuming it does 23 and even assuming it becomes useless as a proximate cause of the CBR Video. 24 25 All of this is underscored by the fact that the Northland Video is available on the Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

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Internet for anyone to view at no charge. Therefore, E.B. (or C.K. for that matter) could use the Northland Video as a "counseling and educational video" at no cost. Obviously, neither E.B. nor C.K. has to show the CBR Video to anyone. (*See* DSMF at ¶ 5) (admitting that Plaintiff does not show any of the Defendants' videos). And because they, *in their opinion*, believe the Northland Video has no value as a "counseling and educational video," yet Plaintiff still uses the video for that purpose, their opinion testimony contradicts Plaintiff's actions, which speak louder than words: Plaintiff continues to post the Northland Video online for all to view, and quite apparently, without any fear the CBR Video will be confused with the Northland Video or create some imaginary violence against the clinic. (*See* DSMF at ¶¶ 3, 4, 49, 50). As such, E.B.'s declaration is immaterial and, indeed, contradicted by Plaintiff's own actions. Plaintiff has created its own factual dispute regarding the value of the Northland Video as a pro-abortion "counseling and educational" tool subsequent to the posting of the CBR Video.

## **DEFENDANTS' CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. "Fair use," as codified under 17 U.S.C. § 107, is an affirmative defense to copyright infringement.

2. In determining whether the use made of a work in a particular case is a "fair use," the court should consider the following factors:

a. The purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes;

b. The nature of the copyrighted work;

c. The amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation
to the copyrighted work as a whole; and

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d. The effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work. 17 U.S.C. § 107. 2

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3. These four factors should not "be treated in isolation one from another. All are to be explored, and the results weighed together, in light of the purposes of copyright." Campbell v. Acuff-Rose Music, Inc., 510 U.S. 569, 578 (1994).

"[T]he public benefit in allowing . . . social criticism to flourish is 4. great. The fair use exception recognizes this important limitation on the rights of the owners of copyrights." Mattel, Inc. v. Walking Mountain Prods., 353 F.3d 792, 806 (9th Cir. 2003).

Under the "purpose and character of use" factor, the reviewing court 5. considers the extent to which the new work is "transformative." Mattel, Inc., 353 F.3d at 800. That is, the court determines whether the new work adds "something new, with a further purpose or different character, altering the first with new expression, meaning, or message." Id. (quoting Campbell, 510 U.S. at 579). The court also considers whether the new work was for- or not-for-profit. Id. Moreover, "the more transformative the new work, the less will be the significance of other factors, like commercialism, that may weigh against a finding of fair use." *Campbell*, 510 U.S. at 515-16.

A parody is the use of some portion of a copyrighted work to "hold[] 6. it up to ridicule," or otherwise comment or shed light on it. Dr. Seuss Enters., L.P. v. Penguin Books, USA, Inc., 109 F.3d 1394, 1400-01 (9th Cir. 1997).

A parody is considered transformative because it provides a socially-7. valuable criticism or commentary of the subject work. Campbell, 510 U.S. at 25 579. Consequently, a parody needs to use some portions of the original work Defs.' Statement of Genuine Disputes 8:11-cv-00731-JVS-AN

because the effectiveness of a parody depends upon its ability to "conjure up" the original. *Id.* at 580-81, 588.

8. Because the author of the original is unlikely to permit the use of his or her work to criticize or ridicule that work, a parody is not likely to supplant the market for the original or its derivatives. *Id.* at 592.

9. The second factor, the "nature of the copyrighted work," reflects a recognition "that creative works are 'closer to the core of intended copyright protection' than informational or functional works." *Mattel, Inc.*, 353 F.3d at 803 (quoting *Dr. Seuss Enters., L.P.*, 109 F.3d at 1402).

10. The third factor "asks whether the amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole, are reasonable in relation to the purpose of copying." *Mattel, Inc.*, 353 F.3d at 803 (quoting *Dr. Seuss Enters., L.P.*, 109 F.3d at 1402).

11. Under the fourth factor, the relevant inquiry is whether the new work tends to supplant or substitute for the potential market for the original or its derivatives. *Campbell*, 510 U.S. at 592. Harm caused by effective criticism or disparagement is <u>not</u> cognizable injury under the Copyright Act. *Id.* at 591-92. "Because parody may quite legitimately aim at garroting the original, destroying it commercially as well as artistically, the role of the courts is to distinguish between biting criticism that merely suppresses demand and copyright infringement, which usurps it." *Id.* at 592 (internal citations, quotations, and brackets omitted).

12. "[T]he only harm to derivatives that need concern" this court, "is the harm of market substitution. The fact that a parody may impair the market for

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derivative uses by the very effectiveness of its critical commentary is no more
 relevant under copyright than the like threat to the original market." *Id.* at 593.

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I hereby certify that on May11, 2012, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record. Parties not on ECF system and requiring postal service: none.

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