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East Baton Rouge Parish School Board  
Attn. Hearing Office  
Choctaw Administrative Center  
2875 Michelli Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Re: [redacted] information for hearing officer  
Via: Facsimile to (225) 226-3713

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing on behalf of [redacted], a student at Glasgow Middle School. The ACLU of Louisiana is representing [redacted] in the disciplinary proceedings against him, and will attend the hearing on his behalf on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 11 a.m.

[redacted] was suspended from school for two days for “cyber inappropriateness” and “disrespect for authority.” [redacted]’s stated offense is that he created a page on Facebook titled “I Hate [redacted]” | [redacted] is the name of one of [redacted] teachers. As distasteful as the school may find [redacted]’s speech, it is protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. [redacted] did not threaten anyone, and there is no evidence that his Facebook page interfered with the smooth operation of his middle school. He did this on his own time, not during school hours.

Although the School Board has an interest in maintaining order in the school, it is well

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Sincerely,

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Katie Schwartzmann  
Legal Director