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Dear SLU Communications Department,

In our work to bring awareness to and foment change for ACGME violations, procedural non-compliances, and cultural anomalies within the medical school, our internet presence also serves as a stream of information flow back to us. With over 8,500 page views to our webpage and an even greater social media post reach for the month of September so far, this interest has resulted in confidential communications to us from SLU students, hospital nurses, physician residents, support staff and even medical school faculty. Several weeks ago, we received our first communication regarding the "institutionalization" of the medical school. A conversation was overheard between a chairman and faculty physician in a public forum in which the chairman lamented the loss of his position and the centralization of his duties. He was anxious about his job security and future role at SLU. While we were not sure what this meant at the time, additional communications are making this more clear.

We believe the institutionalization of the departments in the medical school is a matter of public interest. Will there be layoffs? How will this affect the educational offerings, as well as the clinical services, available to the public? How does this relate to the medical school's probation status reported earlier this year?

We believe that current students and residents have a right to know how their educations and training could be affected. Perhaps more importantly, what is being shared with students and potential residents who are interviewing and competing for positions at the medical school? Are they being provided full transparency? As they sign contracts for education, employment, and training with SLU Medical School and/or Hospital, are they doing so with full disclosure and without **fraudulent inducement** and/or **misrepresentation**?

As our Project's overriding goals are to bring about positive change through transparency and to assure an improved medical school which is secure for the residents that depend upon it, we prefer for your communication department to break this story to the public in positive fashion. While we are focused on advocacy and awareness, we are likely not the best venue to be able to cover all the details of such a story, nor do we want to be directly adversarial to the medical school, if that can be avoided.

Unfortunately, given SLU attorneys' multi-pronged attempt to shut down our First Amendment Rights to Free Speech via restraining order, UDRP complaint in order to seize our domain name, and a lawsuit, we do not know when/if we could lose control of our primary site. These actions place an artificially accelerated time frame on our ability to self-publish, if you will not. Please let us know at your earliest convenience how you wish to proceed. We are copying this to Ashley Jost of the Post-Dispatch as we imagine she would be the journalist to write this education piece.

Respectfully,

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