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## VIA E-MAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS

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RE: Kubrat Puley / Bob Arum

Dear Mr. Foster,

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It was just brought to my attention that Mr. Bob Arum, Mr. Pulev's boxing promoter, was interviewed by IFL TV and this interview was posted on YouTube on June 15, 2019. It has already been viewed approximately 100,000 times. A copy of said video interview is attached hereto and linked to hereinbelow for your review and for the review of the Commission members prior to the upcoming July 22, 2019 hearing regarding Mr. Pulev's license suspension. During said interview Mr. Arum made blatantly false statements about Ms. Ravalo including stating that Ms. Ravalo was "fooling around" with Mr. Pulev while Mr. Pulev was in training, months before the fight in question and that Ms. Ravalo was acting as Mr. Pulev's "semi girlfriend before the fight." Both Mr. Pulev and Ms. Ravalo both testified before the Commission on March 14, 2019 that they first met each other at the weigh in the day prior to the fight. Mr. Arum's totally unfounded and false statements that Ms. Ravalo was hanging around Mr. Pulev as he was training for the fight and that she was his "semi girlfriend" demonstrate that both he (and it appears that his fighter, Mr. Pulev), have consciously decided to ignore and dismiss the Commission's admonitions made to Mr. Pulev on March 14, 2019 to stop shaming Ms. Ravalo.

Not only did Mr. Arum make false and slanderous representations about Ms. Ravalo during the aforementioned interview, he belittled and criticized the Commission for requiring Mr. Pulev to attend a sexual harassment course as a condition of lifting his current boxing license suspension. Mr. Arum stated that it was "crazy that he [Pulev] has to take a course on sexual harassment...He [Pulev] did nothing wrong." It seems clear to me that neither Mr. Pulev nor Mr. Arum accepts any responsibility for Mr. Pulev's reprehensible conduct, battery and sexual harassment of Ms. Ravalo while she was conducting her interview of him on March 22, 2019, and the subsequent retaliation against her by attempting to "slut shame" Ms. Ravalo for having exposed Mr. Pulev's sexual harassment of her.

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Mr. Arum's attack on the Commission for requiring Mr. Pulev to take a sexual harassment class and his referring to the Commission's Order as "outrageous" and "crazy" demonstrates not only Mr. Arum and Mr. Pulev's complete lack of remorse but in addition also evidences their lack of basic understanding of conduct that is deemed inappropriate pursuant to Business Professional Code § 18602 as well as C.C.R § 390, and their apparent contempt for the Commission's Order. For example here are some additional quotes from Mr. Arum's interview:

"I'm very sympathetic to uh, sexual harassment charges, if it's real sexual harassment, not bullshit"

"I know what sexual harassment is, I really do, but that wasn't sexual harassment"

"And I'm sure I'll get in trouble when this goes out, that's, that's the way of the world and I don't give a shit."

I request that each Commission member view the enclosed videotaped interview of Mr. Arum (which can also be found on https://youtu.be/lhaOuVwIQyg) prior to the upcoming July 22, 2019 hearing. It is apparent to me that Mr. Pulev and Mr. Arum are just going through the motions of attending a sexual harassment course just to get the current suspension lifted without any intent and/or interest in changing their behavior.

In light of the above, Ms. Ravalo would request that the Commission extend Mr. Pulev's suspension and/or revoke his license and sanction Mr. Arum for his statements which demonstrated disrespect for the Commission's decision regarding Mr. Pulev and which have brought discredit to the sport of boxing.

I respectfully request that Mr. Arum be required to attend the July 22, 2019 meeting of the California State Athletic Commission and that Ms. Ravalo and I be permitted to testify to the impact of Mr. Arum's disrespectful attack on her and the Commission at the July 22, 2019 hearing.

Very truly yours,

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