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Sent by registered mail and to the email:

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Reykjavík, 3 March 2023.

### URGENT REQUEST

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is a free association that has amongst its goals to fight hate speech against Jews. Its headquarters are in New York in the United States. It has sought the assistance of this law firm and called attention to material published on the website <https://mapliberation.org/>

The object of those publishing this website is explained on its front page and the content thereof is in accordance with said object.

The website clearly contains hate speech directed against individuals, companies and institutions, amongst them youth educational institutions associated with the community of Jews in Boston, Massachusetts in the United States and the vicinity of the city.

The website clearly encourages resorting to measures against a large number of specific institutions, companies and individuals that persons responsible for the website claim as being associated with the Jewish community in Boston and vicinity. It calls for their dismantlement or that their operations be disrupted.

In actual fact, the website publishes the addresses of individuals, companies and institutions along with the names of leaders and other information published on the website that may be used for the aforesaid purpose.

It need not be emphasized that the content of the website has caused great concern for the Jewish community in Boston. The community sees it as a serious threat against it and its security, as the content of the website states that action should be taken against those belonging to this community and cannot be interpreted otherwise than as a threat or encouragement of punishable conduct.

It is as well apparent that the content of the website goes far beyond the boundaries of free expression. The material of the website is, according to the traditional definition of law, classified as hate speech directed against a specified group of the relevant community, based on national and ethnic origin, race

and religion as stated in the General Penal Code no. 19/1940 with subsequent amendments. The content of the website is therefore illegal, as understood above, as well as its operation.

The US authorities have been made aware of the website <https://mapliberation.org/> and its contents. The US authorities are, however, unable to remove the content of the website or prevent access to it since the website is hosted outside US jurisdiction, i.e., in Iceland.

The reason why this request is directed to the website host company 1984 ehf. is that it appears that the company hosts the website <https://mapliberation.org/>.

Although the content of the website is primarily directed at a community of people residing in the Boston area of Massachusetts in the United States, it is apparent that the parties behind the website and the content published there would not easily be able to publish this material for the readers of the website without the facility of a website hosting company that is therefore an unavoidable intermediary between the website and its users.

By providing readers with access to the website, 1984 ehf. provides the directors of the website with access and means to publish illegal content that threatens individuals, companies and institutions.

In this regard, it shall be pointed out that hosting, safeguarding and the distribution of hate speech such as the one appearing on the aforesaid website may violate the provisions of the General Penal Code no. 19/1940 and is in contravention to the provisions of various international agreements. It can also lead to liability under the Act on Electronic Commerce and other Electronic Services, no. 30/2002, and other laws as applicable.

As Chairman of the webhosting company 1984 ehf., your attention is called to the aforesaid and you are hereby urgently requested to close the above website, remove the content appearing therein and/or impede access to it without delay, no later than within 7 days of the date of this request.

It is also demanded that the company informs the undersigned attorney within the aforesaid period and in a provable manner that 1984 ehf. has complied with the aforesaid request and provides documentation of it confirmation.

Such confirmation shall be directed to the undersigned attorney on the email [sigurdur@llg.is](mailto:sigurdur@llg.is).

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In light of the content of this letter, a copy of it is being sent to the National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police for information.

If 1984 ehf. does not comply with the request and demand within said period, it must be expected that my client will seek the intervention of authorities and possibly the courts to satisfy its claim that access to the website be closed.

It should be expected as well that my client will seek the assistance of police authorities in this case if the aforesaid demand is not met.

Should the company wish for further information from the undersigned regarding the aforesaid, such request should be addressed to the email address [sigurdur@llg.is](mailto:sigurdur@llg.is).

**Sincerely,  
on behalf of the Anti-Defamation League**

**Sigurður Kári Kristjánsson  
Supreme Court Attorney**

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