Rebecca Dow Has Not Promoted *The Sound of Freedom* and, again, Refused to Publically Condemn the Sexualization of Children

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Introduction

The *Sound of Freedom* is movie based upon a true story that exposes the darkness and prevalence of child trafficking for sexual exploitation.

The child molesters (pedophiles) in high positions tried their best to prevent the movie from seeing the light of day. Disney and other evil forces in the multi-media business tried to prevent it from reaching the public. Angel Studios was able to take possession of it and won the battle for the rights, and then made it available to the public. But many movie theaters did not want to show it. But some did, to their credit.

The dilemma was that the movie needed a good number of people to watch it in the first week of its showing because this determines if the movie will be picked up by other theaters and if a sequel can be made. But more importantly the producers wanted this movie to be seen by many in order to expose how evil and rampant this horrible sin and crime is, the kidnapping and sexual molestation of children by selling them for sex, and thus help to fight against it. Hence the big push to those who are appalled by this crime to attend the movie during the first week of it showing. We of Mary's Little Remnant in New Mexico went to see the movie in El Paso, Texas, in an AMC Theater. The only other movie we went to theater to watch was Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ*.

The Sound of Freedom was a success. It topped all the other movies, of which many were backed by major studios. Many conservatives who were not aware of the importance or existence of this movie before began to promote it also.

It is of vital importance that true social conservatives in positions of authority or who have many followers promote this movie. If they do not, then they are not true social conservatives. And, in the very least, they are guilty of the sin of the kidnapping and sexual exploitation of children by sins of omission. And some are guilty of sins of commission because they are committing the same crime. As you will see, one such so-called social conservative is Rebecca, The RINO, Dow.

William Norris' Emails to Rebecca Dow

7-5-2023

William Norris emailed Rebecca on 7/5/2023, the day after the movie made its debut. He asked her to promote the movie as it was a very important topic. She, again, refused to answer him. And she did not promote the movie.

Subject:Rebecca, you need to promote the movie Sound of Freedom.
Date:Wed, 5 Jul 2023 14:55:41 -0600
From:William Norris swifthamGeorgeNorris@gmail.com
To:Rebecca Dow <rebecca.dow@appletreeeducation.org>, rebecca@gopnm.org

7/5/23

Ferial Day

Rebecca,

You need to promote this movie especially being so involved with CYFD. I believe this stuff happens here in New Mexico with our laws being so slack in protecting children. If you have not heard of this movie then please watch this trailer and post it on your Facebook. SOUND OF FREEDOM Official Trailer (2023) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfn2oy9bYdM</u>

Sincerely,

Will

7-11-2023

Rebecca not only refused to answer William's email, but she refused to promote the movie on her Facebook page or in any other way. Hence on 7/11/2023, William emailed her again. She, yet once again, refused to answer him. By the way, Crystal, the RINO, Diamond is also as guilty Rebecca in this regard.

Subject:I cannot understand why the both of you will not promote the movie Sound of Freedom Date:Tue, 11 Jul 2023 18:14:33 -0600

From:William Norris <<u>WilliamGeorgeNorris@gmail.com></u>

To:Rebecca Dow <<u>rebecca.dow@appletreeeducation.org></u>, rebecca@gopnm.org</u>, Crystal Diamond <<u>Crystal@DiamondforNM.com></u>, crystal.diamond@nmlegis.gov

7/11/23

St. Pius I, PM

For the life of me, I cannot understand why the both of you [Crystal Diamond] will not promote the movie Sound of Freedom on your Facebook pages. Especially with your backgrounds in CYFD! Mark Ronchetti did a podcast on it. This is a huge issue within the conservative ranks of the Republican Party. Everyone is talking about it. The left is trying to dismiss it as some Qanon conspiracy movie. Republicans especially need to step up and promote this movie!

Sincerely,

William Norris

Rebecca eventually posts Sound of Freedom on Facebook but then removes it

Well, on 7/17/2023, about two weeks after *The Sound of Freedom* opened, Rebecca promoted it on her Facebook page. But it did not say up long. In fact, she removed it near the end of the same day. You will see why, because of the comments some members of Mary's Little Remnant made and her woefully inadequate responses. We saved all the comments that were made regarding her posting of *The Sound of Freedom*, many of which will be posted in this section.

Her comments reveal her immense pride and her public silence regarding the sexualization of children. She was asked time and time again in the comments to condemn the sexual exploitation of children that was exposed in *The Sound of Freedom*, and time and time again, she refused to do and simply changed the topic, as if no one would notice what she was doing. Her main change-of-topic was her questioning us about how many members there are in our Church. She tried to discredit us based upon the very few that belong to our Church, the true Catholic Church. This only shows how desperate and how stupid and illogical she is. What does it matter if there is only one person in the Church, me. How does that relate to the main topic of her post on *The Sound of Freedom*, which deals with the kidnapping and sexual exploitation of children and not how many people are in the Church I belong to!

Hence keep your eyes on the main topic: Her refusal to publicly condemn the sexualization of children, as she has in the past,¹ and her refusal in these comments to publically condemn the sexual exploitation of children. The more she responded without doing this, the higher she hung herself. That is why she took the post down near the end of the day. I believe the only reason she left it up was to try to discredit us members of Mary's Little Remnant by showing people how very few people are in our Church, the true Catholic Church. But in this, she has discredited herself by judging everything by numbers. According to her, whoever has the most followers or members is the most true and reliable. In this she contradicts the Word of God that says only very few will be saved, and that in these final days it will be as the days of Noe when only eight people were faithful:

"Enter ye in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there are who go in thereat. How narrow is the gate, and strait is the way that leadeth to life: and few there are that find it!" (Mt. 7:13-14)

"And as in the days of Noe, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, even till that day in which Noe entered into the ark, And they knew not till the flood came, and took them all away; so also shall the coming of the Son of man be." (Mt. 24:37-39)

And Jesus who says,

"But yet the Son of man, when he cometh, shall he find, think you, faith on earth?" (Lk. 18:8)

So, according to Rebecca, The RINO, Dow, the few that do believe in the true Jesus Christ are the most false and unreliable people in the whole world.

¹ See *Rebecca, the RINO, Dow Refused to Publically Condemn the Sexual Content in the Curriculum*. It can be accesses on the www.JohnTheBaptist.us website in the Mary's Little Remnant's Political Works page in the section titled "Diabolical Curriculum Proposed by Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools Board of Education (5/8/2023)"

Her Facebook page



Her initial post and comments on it

Here is an image of the post of *The Sound of Freedom* on her Facebook page, 7/17/2023. Note carefully her comments:



The main thing to notice is that she is more concerned about the illicit profits made by human trafficking. But she does not mention anything about the trafficking of child for sexual exploitation, which is the main theme of the movie. Yet, she says nothing about this in her above post or in any of her comments regarding this post.

Her refusal to condemn the sexual exploitation of children

Ryan Gott, a member of Mary's Little Remnant, picked up on this and posted this comment. And take note of Rebecca's comment:

| crim publ the 1 child | es tha icly co forC S I mole | ual abuse of the children. Money is her god. No mention by her of the sexual t are perpetrated upon these children. She did the same when she did not ondemn the sexualization of children in the proposed school curriculum by chool Board meeting on 5-8-2023. Hence she is suspect of either being a ester herself, or, in the very least, protecting those who are. Beware of wolfs 's clothing, of RINOs in the clothing of Republicans. |
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| • | Ryar | ther cca Dow In Gott According yo your religion- how many humans on earth are NOT ep in wolves clothing?" How many true believers exist today? |
| | Like | Reply 15m |
| | • | Ryan Gott Rebecca Dow "How narrow is the gate, and strait is the way that leadeth to life: and few there are that find it!" (Mt. 7:14) "I say to you, that he will quickly revenge them. But yet the Son of man, when he cometh, shall he find, think you, faith on earth?" (Lk. 18:8) |
| | | Like Reply 7m |
| | ٩ | Author Rebecca Dow Ryan Gott It's fair for folks reading to know- you view all of THEM the sam way you view me. (Last time I asked, according to your belief, there are 6 true believers alive in earth today). If that has changed, please update that |

Again her only concern is the numbers game, not the question at hand. When she did not comment on the sexualization of children or the sexual exploitation of them, which was the main topic of the movie, Ryan asked her this:



Yes, indeed, anything less than Rebecca publically condemning the sexualization of children and the sexual exploitation of children is moral bankruptcy. And she, yet again, did not answer Ryan's question but accused him of changing the topics:



Again, she brings up the number thing and does not condemn the sexualization of children. She just can't seem to get the words out her mouth in the public arena.

Her late posting

Ryan also brought up the fact that she was late in promoting *The Sound of Freedom*. And her answer condemns her all the more. It is full of sinful, arrogant pride:



Firstly, she says she delayed the posting simply because William Norris asked her to post it on 7/5/2023. And he did so as nice as possible and not in a provoking way.² Well, that smacks of the worst kind of pride on her part, of a purely rebellious spirit in which no one is going to tell her what to do.

Secondly, she only mentioned Tim's effort to end human trafficking but did not condemn the sexual exploitation of children involved in this kind of human trafficking, which was the main topic of the movie. Again, she has not publicly condemned the sexualization of children or the sexual exploitation of children. She just can't seem to get the words out of her mouth.

² See in this article "William Norris' Emails to Rebecca: 7-5-2023," p. <u>2</u>.

A member of Mary's Little Remnant, TJ Delany, picked up on this and posted this comment addressed to Rebecca. And take note of her reply and then his reply:



you anticipated William was going to ask you tough questions, which wasn't even legal at a public event.

You are no conservative, you do not have a back bone, and are strongly suspect of being controlled opposition or worse, just like so many other Republicans today, which will be the downfall of your society. Any person with common sense would go out of of their way to support William, the most principled man to represent true conservatives in NM. I strongly suggest you backtrack and do show support for him and admit your mistakes, as any good Christian would forgive you. There is far more important issues that will wreck society and TRUE conservatives need to band together.

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Author Rebecca Dow

T.j. Delaney You're welcome to look at the topics I posted instead. Again- I want to make it very clear- the six people commenting on this thread and behalf of this cult do not influence my actions. I disagree with their religion and manipulation of the Bible.

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T.j. Delaney

Sorry Rebecca, nobody's buying it. You admit yourself you were influenced, but for the wrong reasons, you said yourself "That email resulted in a decision to delay posting". Am I to believe you lack common sense and conservative priniciples? [No you're just mincing your words now, with childish excuses] Again, very simply, it has nothing to do with his religious position or anything else, his request to you on both occasions is pretty basic, no matter where he stands religiously, a conservative would publically agree to his request, you didn't. I hope more see through your deception, especially those who voted for you. You were in a unique position to fight for true conservative values, NM acting like a wall between the extreme liberal California, I wouldn't be surprised if that wall comes tumbling down now, what a waste and spit in the face of conservative values that you could have defended. You still have time to change your ways, admit your childishness and pride, it stinks.

Ryan was threatened with lawsuits

You know someone is losing a case and getting desperate when he threatens lawsuits to try to silence you. Well, that is just what happened in these posts. Two of Rebecca's followers threatened Ryan with lawsuits. Another member of Mary's Little Remnant also responds, Matheus Do Carmo.

The day a true Christian is afraid of lawsuits is the day he is no longer a Christian because he will not preach the truth when he should and even deny it. Lawsuits and other persecutions are the stuff that makes true Christians martyrs. As you will learn in these posts, Ryan Gott and William Norris are the ones who have a strong case for lawsuits, while Rebecca has none, unless a really corrupt judge decides in her favor.

The first threat is from Stuart Bracken

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He says he sees nothing. He must blind. Well, Stuart is just another idiot or a liar. And I know he is not an idiot. He could not have had enough time to even read the evidence. In fact, his above response was within one minute of getting the evidence. The first piece of evidence is 13 pages and the second one is 66 pages. Yet, he dismisses the evidence out of hand without actually reading it. This ploy is used by the lefty liberals, left liberal institutions, like CNN, and RINOs; such as ignoring or lying about the evidence against Hunter Biden and trying to silence the opposition with lawsuits, removal from office, or jail time.

After these posts, Matheus, a member of Mary's Little Remnant, responded to Stuart. And he responded back:

| | Like Reply 22m Edited |
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| • | Matheus Pereira Do Carmo Stuart Bracken The accusation is that Rebecca Dow is "under suspicion" and not that she is guilty of doing the act. The Word of God says that all who do not condemn sin when they should are equally guilty. |
| | It is clear that her answer should have been "Of course I condemn the sexualization of children, and I'm fighting to expose it". But not even under pressure she can say it's abominable thing the sexualization of children, that is probably because she is more concerned about the LGBT vote, because she is very friendly with them. |
| | Like Reply 12m |
| 6 | Stuart Bracken Matheus Pereira Do Carmo as with young Ryan, please show proof. Otherwise, you're just slandering a good woman. |
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| • | Matheus Pereira Do Carmo Stuart Bracken Ryan already did it. It's all documented. |
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| • | Matheus Pereira Do Carmo Stuart Bracken nevertheless here's the proof |
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| T | Natheus Pereira Do Carmo here you go. Almost one hour ago in this same post she is ignoring and evading. he couldn't say a simple "yes" and partially end up our dounts. |
| C | of course I'm not Ryan. |
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The second threat was from Thomas Brustad

Thomas Brustad

Ryan Gott Pretty strong accusations there Ryan. Do you have anything to back that up or simply you think if you say it enough its true???? I love it that if people dont agree then they are some kind of monster. I think you belong in Washington. I would be careful of a lawsuit coming your way

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Ryan Gott

Thomas Brustad Again, I repeat, if anybody has a case for litigation, it is William Norris who was removed from his office without any public trial nor any law that he violated, simply because he questioned officeholders regarding their views on social values. And he was removed for upholding the current Republican Party's stance against LGBT. Lastly, his first amendment rights were violated. This all looks like a good case for ADF to take up. Be careful what you wish for by threatening me with a lawsuit. Lastly, questioning Rebecca about her public position on the sexualization of children or homosexuals is hardly a case for a lawsuit and the accusations we made when she refused to do so.

Like Reply 2m

Obviously, this Thomas was not reading the threads, as the extensive evidence was presented twice, first by Ryan and then by Matheus. It is he who belongs in the Swamp, in Washington, DC, where evidence presented by true social conservatives and all who yearn for true justice is ignored, destroyed, or misrepresented.

The post was taken down

During the night of the same day (7/17/2023) she posted it, Rebecca removed her post promoting *The Sound of Freedom*. And as of 7/21/2023, it has not been re-posted.

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Rebecca, in the very least, is guilty of the sexualization of children by sins of omission

The Word of God teaches that those who do not condemn sins and sinners when they are obliged to share equally in the guilt of the sinner:

"If any one sin and hear the voice of one swearing and is a witness either because he himself hath seen or is privy to it, if he do not utter it, <u>he shall bear his iniquity</u>." (Lev. 5:1)

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman to the house of Israel: and thou shalt hear the word out of my mouth, and shalt tell it them from me. If, when I say to the wicked, Thou shalt surely die: thou declare it not to him, nor speak to him, that he may be converted from his wicked way, and live: the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood at thy hand." (Ez. 3:17-18)

St. Paul teaches that not only those who commit sins are guilty of those sins but also those who consent to the sinners who commit them:

"Who, having known the justice of God, did not understand that they who do such things, are worthy of death; and not only they that do them, but they also that consent to them that do them." (Rom. 1:32)

A man consents to another's sin in two ways: 1) by explicitly consenting to the sin; or 2) by implicitly consenting by sins of omission for not sufficiently condemning sin and sinners or not denouncing or punishing sinners if possible, which is called tacit consent.

Pope St. Felix III, 5th century: "Not to oppose error is to approve it, and indeed to neglect to confound evil men when we can do it is no less a sin than to encourage them."

Pope St. Gregory the Great, Book 9, *Epistle 110*, To Theoderic and Theodebert, Kings of the Franks, 6th century: "Since he who neglects to amend what he is able to correct, undoubtedly has the guilt of the doer."³

Therefore, the man who says or does nothing when he could and should is equally guilty. Hence, Rebecca, in the very least, is guilty the sexualization of children and the sexual exploitation of children by sins of omission.

I end this section with a quote from one of the main actors in *The Sound of Freedom*, Eduardo Verástegui. It is from an interview he did on Steve Bannon's War Room on 7-19-2023:

"The Sound of Freedom movement is growing, and its going to be global because this is a global problem...The US is the number one consumer of child sex in the world and child pornography and drugs too, and Mexico is the number one provider in those three... So when you hear what these kids are going through, the pain that so many children around the world are going through, there is no way you can remain silent because evil triumphs when good people remain silent. And when good people remain silent, they are not good people anymore. Their part of the problem."⁴

This applies to Rebecca, the RINO, Dow. Not only is she not a good person anymore and part of the problem for not publically promoting *The Sound of Freedom* and not publically condemning the sexual exploitation of children, but she was not a good person and part of the problem for quite some time. For example, she was not a good person and part of the problem

³ "J. Joseph Ryan's *Saint Peter Damiani and His Canonical Sources*, 58f, no. 104, cites John the Deacon, *Sancti Gregorii magni vita* 3.2 (PL 75.128C) and Gregory I, *Reg.* 9:215 (MG Epist. 2.202 [JE 1744]).

⁴ The video clip is posted on the <u>www.JohnTheBaptist.us</u> website in the <u>Mary's Little Remnant's Political Works</u> page in section titled after this article.

because she did not publically condemn the sexual content in the school books proposed by the Truth or Consequences School Board on 5/8/2023. And, as you will read in the next section, she was not a good person in 2015.

Rebecca was accused of trying to cover up pedophilia in 2015

In 2016 Rebecca was accused of not properly vetting her employees, and as a result she hired a pedophile to work in the Sierra County Chapter of the Boys and Girls Club, of which she is the president and founder. She was also accused of promoting this pedophile after she had proof that he was a pervert. And when he sexually molested two children, she tried to cover it up by threatening and stonewalling the mother of one of the victims because she was going to bring a lawsuit against Rebecca. What follows are two newspaper articles regarding this.

House candidate faces deposition in civil case after ex-employee's child rape conviction

House candidate faces deposition in civil case after ex-employee's child rape conviction, by Andy Lyman and Joey Peter, September 13, 2016 (nmpoliticalreport.com):

2016 elections

Rebecca Dow, a candidate for the state House of Representatives, will have to answer questions about one of her former employees who pleaded guilty to raping one child and molesting another, according to a ruling by a district judge. The ruling comes after Rebecca Dow, a Republican looking to win election to a House seat in Truth or Consequences, <u>allegedly stonewalled the mother</u> of one of the two child victims from seeking information about the employee who molested her child.

That employee, Alejandro Hernandez, worked for the Sierra County chapter of the Boys and Girls Club. He is now serving a six-year prison sentence for harming both children. Dow is president and founder of Sierra County Boys and Girls Club as well as the president and CEO of AppleTree Educational Center in Truth or Consequences.

Dow, along with her business partner Amelia Wilcox, will be deposed, though no lawsuit has been filed against them or either organization yet.

Possible lawsuit against Dow, others

Mark Filosa, an attorney for the family of the child victim, said in a May legal filing he needed the deposition before determining who, in addition to Dow and Wilcox, would be sued. Filosa, however, attached a full copy of a proposed suit to his request for the deposition, which NM Political Report obtained. "<u>Defendants Dow</u> <u>and Wilcox breached all basic tenets of human decency by threatening this family</u>," the unfiled lawsuit reads, "whose child was molested by Defendants' pedophile hired by Defendants."

Attorneys for Dow argued Filosa attempted to misuse the rule that allows depositions to come before a filed complaint. District Judge Kevin Sweazea ruled in favor of Filosa and his clients. Filosa declined to comment on the legal matter involving Dow for this story. Dow and her attorney Lisa Ortega also didn't return messages left by phone Tuesday afternoon seeking comment for this story. The trouble began when Hernandez molested one child last May during an overnight Boys and Girls Club field trip.

During the sleepover, Hernandez touched a boy's ## and ## numerous times, according to a police interview with the boy. That July, Hernandez took another boy into a closet at the Boys and Girls Club and forced him to perform ##.

Both incidents were reported to police in July 2015. Hernandez pleaded guilty to a criminal sexual contact and criminal sexual penetration charges the following October in state district court. In March of this year, a judge sentenced Hernandez to six years in prison.

Both children, according to court records, were 13 years old. The son of the mother represented by Filosa was the victim of the May incident. The mother of the first victim also worked for Dow, according to her unfiled lawsuit.

Alleged retaliation after child exploitation

The unfiled lawsuit <u>accuses Dow and Wilcox of threatening to fire the mother</u> after learning she sought her own attorney to deal with the molestation incident. Wilcox, according to the unfiled suit, saw the mother's car "in front of a lawyer's office in the small town of Truth or Consequences." Dow and Wilcox subsequently <u>tried to</u> "coerce [the mother] into foregoing filing a claim" by "putting pressure on her through the possible loss of her employment," according to the unfiled lawsuit. The court document also alleges that <u>Dow and Wilcox</u> "wrongfully" told the mother that they didn't have liability insurance when they did and instead told her they would, "as a gesture of goodwill," they would pay her expenses. <u>This meeting, according to</u> the legal filing, was made "to protect Defendant Rebecca Dow's status in the community since she was contemplating a run for state political office."

State lawmaker settles lawsuit for \$260,000

State lawmaker settles lawsuit for \$260,000, by Andy Lyman, March 16, 2017 (nmpoliticalreport.com):

Rebecca Dow, a New Mexico lawmaker from Truth or Consequences agreed to settle a civil lawsuit alleging her negligence as an employer for \$260,000. Republican state Rep. Rebecca Dow, who was elected last November, was accused of negligence when she hired and then promoted Alejandro Hernandez to work with children. Dow owns and operates both the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra County and AppleTree Educational Center. While working for the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra County, Hernandez had unlawful sexual conduct with two boys under his care. Hernandez is currently in jail for those crimes.

The parents of one child then sued Dow, two of her childcare businesses and one of her directors for not properly vetting Hernandez before hiring him, <u>and then not</u> reprimanding him after after a previous incident involving another child.

During a phone hearing on March 2, defense and plaintiff's attorneys, an attorney representing the child and a Sierra County judge discussed the settlement amount and how it would be structured.

From the Committee to elect Rebecca Dow *NM Political Report* received audio of the hour-long hearing via an open records request with the 7th Judicial District Court.

Attorney fees and court costs will consume about \$90,000, leaving the child with about \$160,000 that will be paid out in installments.

Attorney Mark Filosa, who represented the boy's parents, said he was eager to secure at least part of the settlement. "I'm most anxious to get this young man counseling," Filosa said at the hearing.

The parents also waived the right to file further claims against Dow or her two businesses, the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra County and AppleTree Educational Center.

The family filed its lawsuit last year, about two months after Hernandez was sentenced to six years in prison for criminal sexual convictions.

Filosa declined to comment on the settlement to NM Political Report.

Theresa Parrish, Dow's attorney, also declined to comment. The suit alleged that Hernandez was hired without proper vetting and was later promoted to a position allowing him isolated contact with minors, <u>even after a teenager accused him of asking an inappropriate and explicit question</u>.

The lawsuit states Dow advocated for Hernandez's promotion to two others on an interview panel despite a written warning in his file for inappropriate behavior. According to the original complaint against her, Dow had also tried to persuade the mother involved in the lawsuit, an employee of AppleTree, not to sue. Instead, Dow offered to help pay the family's expenses.

Last October, *NM Political Report* spoke with the boy's parents on the condition of anonymity.

Both the mother and father said they were not motivated by money to file the lawsuit.

A series of hearings and court filings ultimately led to mediation where the parties agreed to settle, according to audio of the March 2 hearing.

Sierra County District Judge Kevin Sweazea approved the settlement agreement, noting the terms are "in the best interest of the minor."

For the glory of God; in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael, St. Joseph, Ss. Joachim and Anne, St. John the Baptist, the other angels and saints; and for the salvation of men

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