

To Whom it May Concern

My name is Elizabeth M. Matz. By way of introduction, I am a 76 year old retired psychotherapist, and professional and community educator. I was a volunteer at Repairers of the Breach for a number of years before the vicious and unethical forcing out of MacCanon Brown from the organization which she and colleagues began decades ago. It's important to me to express and to share my observations and experiences of that unethical take over.

After 3 years of fulfilling and joyful involvement there, I was appalled to see things change drastically. The disrespect and mistreatment of MacCanon was shocking and extremely distressing.

I observed disrespectful, demeaning, rude, and condescending behavior of and toward MacCanon by various board members and some employees.

I attended some board meetings and I watched condescensions become manipulations of personal and bureaucratic power. As things deteriorated it was horrible to see the misrepresentations and straight out lies that were intended to destroy the trust and esteem in which MacCanon was held by the community of members, and by supporters and donors for whom and with whom she worked to create a nurturing and safe space for so many in need.

I know MacCanon as 100% selflessly dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and of the community as a whole.

I was angry and certainly sad as I watched the legal actions pursued and carried out in mean-spirited and personally cruel ways. I observed demands being made on her and actions taken with no purpose other than to create as much difficulty, stress and emotional trauma as possible for MacCanon.

In my words, they stole her life's work. They continued to act so as to make starting over (which she is doing brilliantly) extremely difficult due to misrepresentations and lies which have alienated previous donors and supporters.

Legal actions made it impossible for MacCanon, and all of us who support her, to speak about our experiences as we watched the media report only the false version given by the people who forced her out.

I'll be more than happy to talk with anyone who would like to speak to me about my experience.

Sincerely,

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