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To: [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]

By post and by e-mail

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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCREENING OF "OH, JEREMY CORBYN! THE BIG LIE"

I am writing to you in my capacity as Director of Investigations and Enforcement at Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA), a charity that seeks to counter resurgent hatred towards British Jews through education and zero-tolerance enforcement of the law.

We have been approached by a number of concerned members of the Jewish community regarding the screening of "Oh, Jeremy Corbyn! The Big Lie" by [REDACTED].

We note that the event's Eventbrite page links to a description of the film which says that it "explores an astounding story of injustice, deceit and smears."¹ It was under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership that the Labour Party leadership was found by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) to have unlawfully harassed and discriminated against Jews,² following an investigation in which CAA was the complainant.

The film attempts to distort the facts of the crisis with a conspiratorial narrative. It is premised on the notion that when Jewish people allege that they are the victims of racism, they are being dishonest in order to further their own secretive agenda, and to make that case it presents numerous inflammatory figures, several of whom have histories of conspiratorial rhetoric and have been expelled from the Labour Party. For example, the activist Jackie Walker, who has previously

¹ See [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/\[REDACTED\]](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/[REDACTED])

² See <https://antisemitism.org/ehrc>

stated that Jews were “chief financiers” of the African slave trade;³ the filmmaker Ken Loach, who caused outrage when, during an interview with the BBC, he refused to denounce Holocaust denial;⁴ Graham Bash, the Political Officer of the antisemitism-denial group and sham Jewish representative organisation Jewish Voice for Labour;⁵ and Moshe Machover, an academic and Holocaust revisionist (he was subsequently readmitted to the Party).⁶

The film is also narrated by the comedian Alexei Sayle, who claimed in 2014 that BBC presenter Emma Barnett, supported the murder of children following an article and radio interview in which she had decried antisemitism amongst anti-Israel activists.⁷

Propaganda from antisemitism-deniers has no place at [REDACTED] Screening a film which not only denies that antisemitism in the Labour Party was a serious problem but actively paints a picture of a nefarious campaign being orchestrated against someone who allowed antisemitism to run rampant – to the extent that the Party was found to have broken the law – only serves to alienate Jewish patrons and those who stand against racism. [REDACTED] must ensure that such propaganda is not shown.

Recently, following correspondence with us, Glastonbury Festival admirably decided to cancel its planned screening of the film after recognising that it was “not appropriate for us to screen.”⁸

We therefore ask that [REDACTED] immediately cancel any screenings of “Oh, Jeremy Corbyn! The Big Lie”.

I would be happy to have an urgent call or meeting with you to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Silverman
**DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS
AND ENFORCEMENT**

³ See <https://antisemitism.org/labour-reinstates-senior-activist-who-said-jews-were-responsible-for-slave-trade/>

⁴ See <https://antisemitism.org/backlash-after-last-corbynista-in-power-barred-from-standing-for-new-regional-role-purportedly-over-event-with-ken-loach/>

⁵ See <https://antisemitism.org/jvls-graham-bash-reportedly-expelled-from-labour-party/> and <https://antisemitism.org/why-the-so-called-jewish-voice-for-labour-is-a-sham/>

⁶ See <https://antisemitism.org/jeremy-corbyns-office-is-glad-about-the-readmission-of-moshe-machover-who-defended-ken-livingstone-and-accused-jewish-students-of-obeying-israeli-embassy/>

⁷ See <https://antisemitism.org/conservative-mp-dr-matthew-offord-to-write-to-bbcs-director-general-requesting-bbc-not-broadcast-alexei-sayle-desert-island-discs-episode-after-comedian-claimed-allegations-of-antisemitism/>

⁸ See <https://twitter.com/antisemitism/status/1670847772872802305>