May 14, 2025

Calvina Fay Jim Frishe Stephanie Haynes

All,

In response to Calvin's letter asserting that my desire for counsel and a court reporter at the proposed emergency Board meeting is unusual, I have to agree. But the circumstances which we have been presented with, after learning in the media that a very substantial amount of money passed through our organization and was wired to third parties without the knowledge of the board, is unusual as well. In light of this, I continue to believe that this situation begs a thorough investigation and audits by third parties on behalf of SOS.

As to the need for my counsel to be present, this was made necessary by Amy's letter to me, and I asked that my lawyer and a court reporter be present at the next Board meeting to ensure full transparency and complete accuracy in recording the proceedings and to protect my rights and interests in light of threatened litigation. This need was basically affirmed in Calvina's letter in which she stated that the reinstatement of Amy would avoid the need for litigation. I cannot in good conscience fail to follow a prudent and reasonable course of action given the circumstances. And the suggestion in the letters of avoiding litigation in exchange for my abandoning what I consider prudent, ethical and necessary corporate responsibility and governance is simply unacceptable at best and unlawful coercion at worst.

Moreover, while I deeply appreciate your support of Amy and desire to allow SOS to get back to normal business, I also believe it is just not prudent or good governance to reinstate Amy prior to the completion of a full forensic audit by a third-party auditor and completion of any possible investigation by law enforcement and the Florida House of Representatives. Such a premature reinstatement, in my opinion, could subject SOS, the Board and all Board members individually to additional scrutiny by various governmental bodies and may expose individual Board members to personal liability.

After consulting with counsel, I believe the best course of action for all concerned is for me to resign publicly from the Board of SOS. Accordingly, please consider this letter as my official resignation, effective immediately upon your receipt.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve with all of you, and despite our differences of opinion in this matter, I still wholeheartedly support our mission of advocating against the legalization and normalization of harmful drug use. I wish you and SOS great success!

Sincerely

James W. Holton