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Sent: 12/17/2018 9:09:01 PM
To: Robin Shulman [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d4adf860c0144187a1abe6c375db8d65-Robin Shulm]
Subject: FW: Piece by Amber Heard - domestic abuse
Attachments: Amber2.docx

From: Duffy, Michael [mailto:Michael.Duffy@washpost.com]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 4:04 PM
To: Stacy Sullivan
Subject: RE: Piece by Amber Heard - domestic abuse

Ok, take a look. I cut it just below 800 (it came in above 1000) and so it had to come down. Don't think its lost a bit of its power.

We will run it this week, sometime. Let me know what you think?

From: Stacy Sullivan [mailto:ssullivan@aclu.org]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Duffy, Michael <Michael.Duffy@washpost.com>
Subject: RE: Piece by Amber Heard - domestic abuse

Poor guy was so wiped out. But I'm the one that needs a break! Single-parenting for 3 weeks. 😊

Ok, great. Totally fine to shorten. Just bear in mind that the piece was heavily lawyered by her people bc she signed a non-disclosure agreement and Depp is litigious, so there may be some phrasing that can't be changed.

From: Duffy, Michael [mailto:Michael.Duffy@washpost.com]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 4:33 PM
To: Stacy Sullivan
Subject: RE: Piece by Amber Heard - domestic abuse

Amazing. Lovely to meet you.
So we will take this, in a shorter form, sometime next week, likely for the web only.
More to come early next week.
Hope KV gets a break after POY.

md

From: Stacy Sullivan [mailto:ssullivan@aclu.org]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 3:18 PM
To: Duffy, Michael <Michael.Duffy@washpost.com>
Subject: RE: Piece by Amber Heard - domestic abuse

And btw, my husband is Karl Vick.... So your name looms large in the household. He speaks of you in adoringly. 😊

From: Duffy, Michael [mailto:Michael.Duffy@washpost.com]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 2:37 PM

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To: Stacy Sullivan; Lasswell, Mark
Subject: RE: Piece by Amber Heard - domestic abuse

Stacy, is this piece still available? Or has it been offered and accepted elsewhere?

Thanks

Michael Duffy
The Washington Post

From: Stacy Sullivan [<mailto:ssullivan@aclu.org>]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 12:04 PM
To: Duffy, Michael <Michael.Duffy@washpost.com>; Lasswell, Mark <Mark.Lasswell@washpost.com>
Subject: Fwd: Piece by Amber Heard - domestic abuse

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Michael and Mark:

Per Mike Larabee's out of office, I'm sending this your way. It's a piece by Amber Heard on what the new Congress can do re domestic abuse. If you're wondering why I'm pitching, she is an ACLU ambassador for women's rights and her publicist is tied up with all things aqua man.

Many thanks,
Stacy Sullivan

Sent from my iPhone.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Stacy Sullivan <ssullivan@aclu.org>
Date: December 14, 2018 at 11:01:38 AM EST
To: "Larabee, Michael" <Michael.Larabee@washpost.com>, "oped@washpost.com" <oped@washpost.com>
Subject: Piece by Amber Heard -

Hey Michael,

Wondering if we might interest you in a piece by Amber Heard (who, as you may recall, was beaten up during her brief marriage to Johnny Depp) on what the incoming Congress can do to help protect women in similar situations.

Many thanks!
Stacy

The Incoming Congress Has an Opportunity to Change how Institutions Protect Men Accused of Abuse

By Amber Heard

I was exposed to abuse at a very early age. I knew certain things young, without ever having to be told. I knew that men have the power, physically, socially and financially, and that a lot of institutions support that arrangement. I knew this long before I had the words to articulate it, and I bet you learned it young, too.

Like many women, by the time I was college age, I had been harassed and sexually assaulted. But I kept quiet—I did not expect filing complaints to bring justice. And I didn't see myself as a victim.

Then two years ago, I became a public figure representing domestic abuse, and I felt the full force of our culture's wrath for women who speak out.

Friends and advisors told me I would never again work as an actress. My own lawyer told me I would be blacklisted. Sure enough, a movie I was attached to recast my role. I had just shot a two-year campaign as the face of a global fashion brand, and the company dropped me. Questions arose as to whether I would be able to keep my role of Mera in the movies Justice League and Aquaman.

I had the rare vantage point of seeing in real time how institutions protect men accused of abuse.

Was I afraid? Terrified would be a better word. I believed I might lose my livelihood and my ability to provide for my family. No studio stood behind me, fighting to make a multimillion-dollar franchise work.

Imagine a powerful man as a ship, like the Titanic. That ship is a huge enterprise. When it strikes an iceberg, there are a lot of people onboard desperate to patch up holes—not because they believe in or even care about this enterprise, but because their own fates depend on it.

In recent years, the #MeToo movement has taught us about how power like this works, not just in the Hollywood machine, but in all kinds of institutions—workplaces, places of worship, or simply in particular communities. In every walk of life women are confronting these ships that are buoyed by social, economic and cultural power.

And these institutions are beginning to change.

We are in a transformative political moment. The president of our country has been accused by more than a dozen women of sexual misconduct, including assault, groping and harassment. Outrage over his statements and behavior has energized a female-led opposition. #MeToo started a conversation about just how profoundly sexual violence affects women in every area of our lives. And last month, more women were elected to Congress than ever in our history, with a mandate to take women's issues seriously. Women's rage and determination to end sexual violence is turning into a political force.

We have an opening now to bolster and build institutions protective of women. For starters, Congress can reauthorize and strengthen the Violence Against Women Act. First passed in 1994, VAWA is one of the most effective pieces of legislation enacted to fight domestic violence and sexual assault. It creates support systems for people who report abuse, providing funding for rape crisis centers, legal assistance programs, and other critical services. It improves responses by law enforcement. And it prohibits discrimination against LGBT survivors. Funding for VAWA expired in September, and has only been temporarily extended.

We should continue to fight sexual assault on college campuses, while simultaneously insisting on fair processes for adjudicating complaints. Last month, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos proposed changes to rules known as Title IX governing the treatment of sexual harassment and assault in schools. While some changes would make the process for handling complaints more fair, others would weaken protections for sexual assault survivors. For example, the new rules would require schools to investigate only the most extreme complaints, and then only when they are made to designated high-level officials. Women on college campuses already have trouble coming forward about sexual violence—why would we allow institutions to scale back supports?

And we must protest recent changes that have stopped officials from granting asylum to immigrant women who are fleeing domestic and sexual violence. I grew up in south Texas on my dad's construction sites, and I

have met many women who came here seeking refuge from sexual and domestic violence. In denying them asylum, the Trump administration is reverting to the old attitude that this is a private matter, ignoring governments' inability or unwillingness to protect women. For many, the United States is their only hope to escape. If we do not offer these vulnerable people refuge, do our ideals mean anything?

I know social norms are hard to change, and the backlash is powerful. I write this as a woman who had to change my phone number once a week because I was getting death threats. For months, I rarely left my apartment, and when I did, I was pursued by camera drones and photographers on foot, on motorcycles, and in cars. Tabloid news outlets that posted pictures of me spun them in a negative light.

I felt like I was on trial in the court of public opinion—and my life and livelihood depended on myriad judgments far beyond my control.

I want to ensure that women who come forward to talk about violence receive more support. We are electing representatives who know how deeply we care about these issues. We can work together to demand changes to laws and rules and social norms—and to right the imbalances that have shaped our lives.

Amber Heard, an actor in the new movie Aquaman, is an ambassador on women's rights at the American Civil Liberties Union.