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The Corvallis Advocate
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RE: A PATIENT'S CASE AGAINST DR. BRYCE CLEARY

Dear The Corvallis Advocate,

I am the attorney for Bryce Cleary. On May 4, 2021, you published an article titled "A Patient's Case Against Dr. Bryce Cleary, Op-Ed. While you, of course, may publish any opinion you wish, you cannot publish defamatory factual information under the guise of an Op-Ed. I am asking that you immediately remove and retract or correct the falsehoods in this Op-Ed or else we will be forced to seek further legal action.

Due to HIPPA laws, we cannot and will not comment on anything regarding a patient of Dr. Cleary's. We cannot even confirm nor deny whether the author is or ever has been a patient of Dr. Cleary's.

If you choose to keep the article up, please add the following note: Dr. Cleary is a family medicine physician. He treats all patients to the best of his abilities and he has never discriminated against any patient based on sex, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other identifier. Dr. Cleary currently serves many transgender patients and has continually supported them both mentally and physically.

Dr. Cleary is not an expert in administering hormone therapy nor is he an expert in various aspects of transitioning. For him to pretend that he is an expert in such areas would not only be unfair to his patients but would constitute malpractice. Dr. Cleary has always referred patients to appropriate

medical providers that can help with a patient's needs. To suggest otherwise is a complete and total lie.

Sincerely,

James A. Cleary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned over the printed name 'James A. Cleary'.