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February 21, 2020

Rev. Pat Robertson  
Christian Broadcasting Network  
977 Centerville Turnpike  
Virginia Beach, VA 23463

Re: Mikey Weinstein and the Military Religious Freedom Foundation

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Many years ago, my fifth grade teacher asked me aloud, in front of my classmates, "If Israel and our country go to war, whose side will you be on?"

Clearly, the man was a bully, and I was his victim.

I have played out the scene many times in my mind. In retrospect, I think that he believed himself to be a good American and I know that he had the freedom of speech to pose the question. I also believe that he was wrong, and that he abused his power. In short, he failed me, his students, and his profession.

You, Sir, remind me of that teacher. But you have done even worse. You lied.

You have used your CBN bully pulpit to lie about Mikey Weinstein and the Military Religious Freedom Foundation.

As you surely know, MRFF consists of more than "solely one human being." I have known Mikey Weinstein, his family, his work, and those who work with him for many years. Whether or not you agree with Mikey Weinstein's efforts to protect the religious rights of others, your dog-whistle calumnies have generated death threats and hate emails against him and others. In your eagerness to bear false witness to a graven image, you may well be responsible for blood on your hands.

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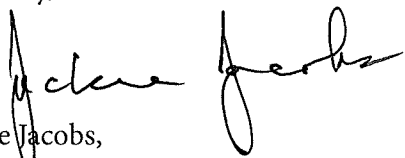
But in so doing, you have resorted to tactics that violate the very principles that you claim to defend as a Christian and an American. For that there is no defense.

Your anger, wrath, slander, and abusive speech render you false and deceitful. Like my elementary school teacher, you are a bully.

Not that it seems to bother you, but Mikey Weinstein, the MRFF, and our Constitution are victims of your mendacity.

I would always defend your right to preach in your pew, but never would I defend your right to spew forth lies to violate the rights of our servicemen, who bravely offer their lives to protect the religious rights of others, including yours. You have failed them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Jacobs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Jackie Jacobs,  
Executive Director Emeritus  
Columbus Jewish Foundation