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The Honorable Kathleen D. Sheehy
District Judge for the Fourth Judicial District
300 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis MN 55487

Judge Sheehy,

I am writing to ask you to initiate contempt of court proceedings against U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar for a series of perjurious statements she made in a filing to you on August 2, 2017.

On that date, and under the penalty of perjury, Rep. Omar filed a sworn affidavit seeking alternative service on her request for an order of marital dissolution with Mr. Ahmed Elmi. On the basis of that sworn affidavit, you granted alternative service. In early December of 2017, you granted the divorce.

In such *ex parte* proceedings, a judge frequently relies on the veracity of such sworn statements. The public trust and the magisterial authority of the court rely on the enforcement of penalties for blatant lies told to the courts in such sworn documents.

In 2017, Rep. Omar swore to you that she had no contact with Mr. Elmi since, "June, 2011." Yet the attachments show that Mr. Elmi was in the maternity ward and holding Rep. Omar's third child when she gave birth in 2012. Further, the attachments show photographic proof that Rep. Omar socialized with Mr. Elmi in London in 2015.

In 2017, Rep. Omar swore to you that she had, "made the following efforts to locate the respondent: Looked on Social media." Yet the attachments show that Rep. Omar and Mr. Elmi actually had several conversations on social media platforms over many years since 2011.

In 2017, Rep. Omar swore to you that, "the names and locations of other person who are likely to know the respondent's whereabouts are: Unknown to me." Yet the attachments show that Mr. Elmi, Rep. Omar, and many of their friends all visited together in London at some point in 2015.

In 2017, Rep. Omar swore to you that, "The last known location of respondent as of 'summer, 2011' was at: London." Yet the social media accounts of Rep. Omar and Mr. Elmi showed that they were in consistent contact with one another and had visited each other several times since 2011.

In 2017, Rep. Omar swore to you that, "I believe that it is not likely that respondent's location will become known to me, but there is reasonable possibility that mail will be forwarded or otherwise reach



respondent if addressed as follows: 'No known address.'" Yet the attachments show that Rep. Omar knew how to contact Mr. Elmi, obtain the requested information, and report the information. However, she clearly did not do so.

In 2017, Rep. Omar swore to you that, "I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct."

It is in your power to assess a fine of up to \$250 and impose a sentence of imprisonment in the county jail of up to six months for each count of contempt of court. The grounds for such penalties may include "misconduct in public office" or "deceit or abuse of the process or proceedings of the court by a party to an action."

It is also in your power to ask either Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman or Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison to bring perjury charges against Rep. Omar for each of the false statements she made in her sworn statement. The penalty for each perjury count is up to five years in prison.

I hope that you will pursue both the "contempt of court" and "perjury" remedies to restore the public trust. Such courses of action would restore respect for the courts in the eyes of litigants who may be tempted to lie to judges.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Representative Steve Drazkowski

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Cc: The Honorable Ivy S. Bernhardson
Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial District
300 South Sixth Street
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