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## Response Requested: CEO Geoffrey Brown's Punitive and Political Ban

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Dear NAPFA Board Members,

Please see attached email regarding the failing governance at your organization. I have included selected emails to and from Mr. Brown regarding a 30-day ban and a selection of conversations with colleagues regarding the initial post.

That has now turned into fraud since he changed this ban to indefinite without bothering to tell me after I renewed with the belief - as ridiculous as his ban was for reasons in my letter - I had no reason to know it was changed until I approached Mr. Brown after realizing he lied about the "moderation" and the length of the ban. He now insists I clear my schedule to speak with him at a time of his choosing before he acts.

I would have preferred Mr. Brown keep his word - as harsh and uncalled for as the ban and his unnecessary email to all members was - at any point up to this moment, which included over a dozen emails asking why he refused.

This has been an incredible waste of time for what any other organization would have simply ended the ban, rather than engaging in fraudulently having me believe this would end at the time I was renewing. It is beyond bizarre of an organization that claims to hold the highest standards to have the top of their governance act in such a way.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. NAPFA Members deserve ethical leadership. The alternative you can see in these emails, as many believe the person in that position will use the power of the position to silence opponents or those of his friends.

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