

Juliya Gudev – Rule 27 formal complaint (copied and pasted from 9/4/19 email; remedy modified per 9/18/19 email):

- (A) The name of the complainant;
- (B) The names of the subjects of the complaint (the personal alleged to be involved in the harassment);
- (C) The names of all parties involved, including witnesses;
- (D) A description of the conduct that is alleged to be discriminatory or harassing;
- (E) The date or time period in which the alleged conduct occurred; and
- (F) A description of the potential remedy desired.

(A) Brad Witt

(B) Juliya Gudev

(C) Andrey Glizin, Yulia Shipulina, Maria Ignatina, Melanie H. Goktas

(D) My name is Juliya Gudev and I was born in Russia. When I was a young girl my family fled the Soviet Union due to religious persecution. We settled in Oregon and have lived here ever since. Despite not knowing any English, I graduated with honors both from high school and PSU. I have been an American citizen for 21 years. I have always been a law-abiding, engaged participant in the society, my workplace, my community and my Slavic Christian church. But most importantly: I'm a mother.

I was present at the House of Representative's hearing on Monday, May 6th, alongside a group of my Slavic community members.

I felt like Brad Witt's comment about "Russian trolls spreading misinformation..." was extremely offensive not only to me as a mother but also to me as someone from the Russian community.

On Thursday, May 9th, I, alongside a small group from my community were making our rounds around the representatives' offices when we stopped by Brad Witt's office to ask for an official apology for the statement made on the House floor regarding "Russian trolls". His aide was kind and said he was in a meeting but to come back in a little bit to try to catch him. We came back about 10 minutes later and were invited into his office. He was clearly ready to receive us as he had his statement printed in his hand.

I started off by thanking the representative for giving us a chance to come in. To this he responded "ok". Then I proceeded to tell him that we felt offended about his floor speech when he mentioned "Russian trolls". I said that we are real moms concerned about our freedoms and our children's health and that his comment was highly offensive to us. I then asked for an official statement of apology.

To this he responded, "I'm offended at you for saying this." He then asked me if I was present during the House vote to which I responded "yes" and then he asked me if I wanted to say what he said or if I wanted him to read it. I gave him permission to read it. He started reading his statement and it seemed that with every sentence he became angrier and his voice louder.

While reading his statement, he pointed his finger at me several times to emphasize his point and looked at me and others in the room with eyes that portrayed anger. When he finished reading his statement I responded with, "We're not here to discuss vaccines but to tell you that we are real mothers concerned about freedoms and our children's health and that we were offended at your comment about "Russian trolls". To this, he again pointed his finger at me, eyes now furious, and responded with an extremely forceful, angry and projected voice: "I'm offended that you are here saying that you're offended." I responded with saying that we came here to tell him what we said and I believe I thanked him for letting us tell him and then we walked out of the office.

I had never in my life felt more belittled. Representative Brad Witt made me feel like my very presence in his room was a disgrace to his office. His conduct toward me made me feel like he hated me, hated my Russian community and by rereading his statement directly at me, made me feel like I was the

reason for spreading faulty information and endangering others with my views in regards to vaccinations.

My emotions ranged from hurt to anger. He doesn't know anything about me. He doesn't know my journey to becoming who I am today and all I've battled with and overcame to be able to have the boldness and courage to be able to speak to a person in his position. He doesn't know my accomplishments as an active member of my community, church, society and workplace. He doesn't know the kind of mother I am to my children. But yet, in that short period of time, he made me feel like I'm less of a human than he is and that my concerns were not only invalid but offensive to him.

Witness statement 1: Maria Ignatina

It was my first visit to the Oregon State Capital. This place is absolutely accessible to all people who want to be heard.

One of the most stonger politicians of America said one:

“that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth”.

When he says that government is for the people, he means that government is created in order to protect the rights of the people.

The goal of visit was give to our opinions. Say no HB3063. Because this bill directly concerns the freedom, life and health of our children.

Unfortunately, on the same day I had to deal with the exception to the rule. One of our representatives he opened his doors for us, but not to have a conversation.

Several women from our group came to the representative's office. What was my surprise when I heard his screams behind this door. It was sad and embarrassing. Standing in this beautiful building and listening to the anger of the representative say. That person has elected by the people who put their trust and confidence on him. I'm deeply convinced that ordinary people should not leave the building of the White House with an embarrassing feeling.

I'm absolutely grateful to other senators and secretaries who, despite their personal opinions, were friendly and desired to hear us.

Witness Statement 2

My name is Yulia Shipulina. I am originally from Russia. I came to the Capitol in Salem to support Slavic community initiative. Our group of Slavic activists came to Brad Witt office to ask for official apology. He raised voiced up and reread the line from his speech, when he mentioned the social media and Russian trolls. Then he said that he is offended by us coming and that he was offended by us." After that we just left the office. I felt uncomfortable, under pressure. I think, representative must communicate with taxpayer.

(E) May 9th, 2019 around 3pm

(F) An official public apology for the remarks that were made on the floor as well as for the way myself and my community members were spoken to while we were in his office; for him to attend a cultural sensitivity training.