

Cover letter to President General

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Madam President General,

Subject: Formal Complaint Regarding Public Comments on DAR Membership Policy

This communication is to respectfully advise you of the attached formal complaint regarding your recent public statements made by you concerning DAR membership eligibility. In particular, the signatories are deeply concerned about your suggestion that individuals presenting altered birth certificates may be eligible for membership.

It is the signatories' belief that these comments, and the implications therein, pose a direct threat to the historic mission of DAR and undermine the integrity of our genealogical verification process. The lineage-based criteria that have defined our Society for over a century are essential to preserving our legacy and the credibility of our work.

The signatories understand that, as President General, you are entrusted with the authority to speak on behalf of the Society. However, the signatories assert that public statements that misrepresent DAR's legal obligations or alter membership eligibility without the proper amendment procedures, as outlined in our Bylaws, have disturbed the harmony of the Society and injured its good name.

The signatories are submitting this complaint under **Article XV, Section 1** of the DAR Bylaws, which provides for the investigation of actions of a member that may harm the Society's reputation or hinder its work. The signatories' intention is not to create division but to restore harmony, protect DAR's integrity, and ensure that our membership standards remain in accordance with the original vision of our Founders.

The signatories of the complaint are respectfully requesting that the **Executive Committee** investigate this matter as outlined in **Article XIX** and, if appropriate, recommend corrective action to restore the Society's mission and its standing within the broader community.

While your calculated actions may have been in line with your personal political beliefs about inclusivity, they were a significant overstep of authority, resulting in: damage to the organization's reputation, internal discord, and the disregard for DAR's historical mission.

The signatories of the complaint trust that a thorough review will lead to a resolution that preserves the values and legacy of the National Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Sincerely,
Lisa Pojano
Drum Hill DAR

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Complaint Regarding Public Comments and Actions by President General Pamela Edwards
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