## To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding the matter of the "Honorary Title of Hanshi" certificate bestowed upon Willam "Bohdi" Sanders and posted online on July of 2017 (back-dated to September 1, 2014), we the undersigned rescind the honor in consideration of facts that have come to light concerning Mr. Sanders' martial arts claims and a newly revealed pattern of behavior going back many years that we feel is not in keeping with the integrity and aims of the Martial Arts or the spirit in which the honor was conferred.

The *shogo* title "Hanshi" has a specific meaning in Japanese culture and martial arts. Often described as meaning "exemplary teacher," the honor is reserved for teachers who have devoted their lives to the arts and who epitomize the highest standards and virtues of the arts. Martial arts teachers who have earned the distinction of being known as "Hanshi" are typically 8<sup>th</sup> dan instructors and above with more than 40 years in the arts. While Mr. Sanders is not an active martial arts instructor of the prescribed rank or length of experience, it was believed that through what was known about his martial arts background and his extensive martial arts-related writings that he was deserving of the honor, which we extended to him in good faith.

Sadly, it has been revealed that Mr. Sanders' credentials have been misrepresented and much of his claimed martial arts history is either false or fabricated. Additionally, his behavior towards others simply does not display the honor and good character expected from someone who holds such an esteemed title. So, it is with a heavy heart that we, the undersigned, take the extraordinary step of withdrawing our endorsements of Mr. Sanders and rescinding and disavowing the "honorary title of Hanshi" previously given to him.

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