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Statement of Gloria Allred

On Friday I held a press conference with my client, Summer Zervos, who claims that she was sexually assaulted by Mr. Trump at the Beverly Hills hotel in 2007 when she met with him to discuss employment opportunities.

Since then Mr. Trump and his organization have gone on the attack as he has done with respect to each of the women who have come forward with allegations of sexually inappropriate behaviors by Mr. Trump since the Access Hollywood tapes were released. Summer Zervos, Kristin Anderson, Jessica Leeds, Rachel Crooks, Mindy McGillivray, Natasha Stoyneff, and Temple Taggart have different backgrounds, different ages, and they are all claiming inappropriate sexual behavior by Mr. Trump at different times. They have been labeled as "liars" by Mr. Trump. He has stated with respect to one of his accusers that she is not attractive enough for him to grope.

Mr. Trump's terrible smear campaign has been aimed at these brave women because they had the courage to come forward and reveal what they claim he did to them after his own words condemned him. Mr. Trump's words, captured on tape, revealed his beliefs that he had the right to kiss, touch and grope women at will because of his celebrity status. The women have claimed nothing more than Mr. Trump having engaged in the very conduct that he was bragging about on tape.

In Summer's case, Mr. Trump has denied meeting with her after she was no longer a contestant on the Apprentice and categorically denies meeting her at the Beverly Hills Hotel or engaging in any improper conduct towards her.

The Trump organization has also put out an email that Summer sent in April of 2016 in which she attempted to connect with Mr. Trump and claims that it shows she is not telling the truth. They have also put out a statement by Summer's cousin, John Barry, that indicated that Summer was a Trump supporter and that she never suggested any improper conduct on Trump's part to him.

After the news conference on Friday I was contacted by a woman who is here with me today. Ann Russo is a licensed clinical social worker who was friends with Summer for several years before Ann moved to another state. They had not been in touch for some time. Ann came forward because she remembers that in 2010 Summer told her that Mr. Trump had been verbally, physically and sexually aggressive with her.

What is also important is that Summer told Ann that she was conflicted about Mr. Trump's behavior; that although she was troubled by it that she felt that it did not reveal his character and that she still admired him and wanted to work for his organization. Ann, who is an L.C.S.W., states that it is common for rape victims and sexual assault victims to have conflicted feelings about the person that victimized them if they previously held a positive image of that person.

Summer always wanted to give Mr. Trump the benefit of the doubt and continued to believe that his alleged conduct towards her was not indicative of his character, but rather something that he did in the moment, that he was probably ashamed of his behavior, and that he would not repeat it. She had no idea that his core belief system was that he was entitled to engage in sexually inappropriate behavior with women to whom he was attracted. When Summer heard Mr. Trump's own words, which were publicly revealed on October 8th in the Access Hollywood tapes, she realized that the man she admired and that she thought she knew, was someone who believed that women were there for his sexual pleasure and that what allegedly happened to her was entirely consistent with Mr. Trump's spoken words. That is what prompted her to come forward.

With regard to Summer's cousin and his statements about her, Summer does not wish to further fracture family relationships and cause an even wider rift. However, we are revealing several of his text messages to her in which he points out that he considers himself a "loser" and that he believes Summer's father fired him from the restaurant where he was working. We think that Summer's cousin may harbor ill will towards Summer and her family and that may explain his public statements.

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Can you let [REDACTED] know too that I'm okay..I started puking around 2 in the morning.I woke up at 2:30 today.I understand if I'm fired I can accept that for what I did.Not showing up to open the restaurant is inexcusable

Tue, May 17, 5:46 PM

Just got your message. My Dad and [REDACTED] are going to be happy to hear you are ok.

Wed, May 18, 10:11 AM

I work at One. Let me know if you need anything before then.

Text Message

Send

are family Johnny!!!

Don't be down. Have a good night and see you soon.

I just talked to your dad on the phone. I'm done. He fired me and I don't blame em

I will see my cousin Johnny on Saturday!!! Pretend this did not happen. When you get another job you can quit.

I just talked to Andy and I thought I was fired

:-) Please call him

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to see you.

Thank you summer I love you. I'll see you Saturday. I appreciate you keeping me on board. This will be my last fuck up I promise. :-) You are the best leader I've ever seen Honestly!! It's no surprise how you made The Apprentice. You absolutely blow my mind you're amazing

Yes!!! Cool. Love you. I'm off tomorrow call or text if you need anything. We look up to you.

Please don't look up to me right now. I'm a loser. I



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Please don't look up to me right now. I'm a loser. I can't show up to open a restaurant on the loser. :-

Tomorrow is a new day and you are wonderful. Get good rest.

You are amazing You should write a motivational book.. I love you goodnight