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Gloria Allred's Statement regarding Ginger Lee

We are here today because Ginger Lee has finally decided to break her silence in order to speak the truth about her relationship with Congressman Anthony Weiner and correct misconceptions about their communications.

Ms. Lee has been a featured dancer for five and a half years. In addition to dancing, she is also currently studying to be a real estate agent. In the past, she has appeared in adult films, but she stopped appearing in them a number of years ago. She is single.

Ms. Lee is very interested in politics and follows developments on issues that she cares about.

She began to follow Congressman Weiner on Twitter because he had been supportive of Planned Parenthood and health care - two issues that are very important to her.

In March, 2011 she posted a supportive statement about him and his strong position on these issues on her blog.

Not long thereafter, he responded to her via Twitter and then in the beginning of April by e-mail.

Although discussions at first were about politics, sometimes he would try to take it to another level mentioning his “package”, but it appears that he understood from her responses or lack of them that she didn’t want to go there and have that type of conversation.

His e-mails were continuous until approximately two weeks ago.

He did suggest in his earlier e-mails that he was aware that a potential Twitter sex scandal might occur and that conservatives were behind it.

Nevertheless, even with this awareness, he continued to e-mail Ginger and even joked about it with her.

Then, the scandal broke and she began to get inundated with press inquiries.

She didn’t know what to do and felt that there was no handbook for what to do in this situation.

Ginger asked Congressman Weiner how to handle it, but she felt that what he suggested was not in the best interest of anyone at all, including Congressman Weiner and herself.

Ms. Lee will elaborate on how Congressman Weiner suggested that she handle the media vortex in which she found herself, which has caused her severe emotional and physical distress. Suffice it to say that she did indicate to Congressman Weiner that the statement that he wanted her to put out would just make matters worse.

It has been a very difficult and trying time for Ginger. Because of this scandal, she has had to cancel appearances and work and go into hiding.

As a result, she has had to give up income, which she would otherwise have earned and which she needed.

Also, Ginger has not profited at all from her relationship with Congressman Weiner. Although offers have been made to buy her story, she has not accepted any of these offers.

Instead, she has remained silent and in hiding because in her words she was not willing “to kick him under the bus.”

However, now she needs to return to work and resume her career as a featured dancer which is how she was supporting herself before she became entangled in this twitter sex scandal. She will go back to work today because she needs to earn a living and she hopes that very soon she will be able to resume her normal life.

Ginger has read reports that the House Ethics Committee is considering opening a preliminary investigation into Congressman Weiner's behavior.

She stands ready to cooperate with that investigation if she is asked to do so. If called to testify, she will testify truthfully and she will provide all of her communications to and from the Congressman to the Committee.

Ginger has been very brave and has endured a lot which she never expected to have to endure as a result of her support for Congressman Weiner.

She still cares deeply about Planned Parenthood and Health Care, but now she feels that there are other officials better suited to advocate for these important causes.

She plans to continue to support those members of Congress who care about those issues, but she will no longer support Congressman Weiner.

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