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## **Statement of Ginger Lee**

When I started interacting with Anthony Weiner, it was over politics and once the electronic communication began we did communicate on a fairly regular basis. However, I did not sext Anthony Weiner. I did not send photos to him or receive any from him. Anytime that he would take our communications in a sexual direction, I did not reciprocate.

When the tweet regarding his crotch went out, I had already been told by him about a Twitter sex scandal on the horizon.

At the time, I did not think it would be what it became.

When the scandal broke and people started e-mailing me, I didn't know what to do.

I asked Congressman Weiner.

He asked me to lie about our communication.

I put out a three sentence communication that he told me to say.

My statement to the press said “I haven’t met Rep. Weiner. I follow him on twitter because I support him and what he stands for. I have been hounded by his political opponents but that hasn’t changed my view of him and what he fights for.” I didn’t want to say anything further. I refused to lie so I went silent and went into hiding.

Part of the reason I went silent was that he was someone I respected politically and I never thought what happened after that would happen.

However, things kept getting worse and he and I kept communicating about what I should do.

Once it got to a point that he lied on national television, then I knew that anything I said after that would have to be either a lie or an admission.

I didn’t want to do either.

On June 2nd he called me and he told me what to say and do and

how to deal with the mounting pressure from the press and how to handle it.

He told me if neither of us said anything over the weekend the story would calm down and die.

Therefore, I did what he told me to do. I stayed in the house, avoided cameras and photographers and hoped the scandal would die on Monday, but it did not.

After all the speculation in the press, I felt that if I started talking that it would not be right.

I had already been having an extremely bad lupus flair and the stress from this just made it worsen.

All that I could do was get out of town.

I knew I couldn't lie for him, but I couldn't be the one who kicked him under the bus.

Finally, after realizing that I could no longer go through this nightmare and after receiving threats from an individual who threatened to release a statement from me which I did not authorize I contacted Ms.

Allred. She helped me to understand my options and now I feel that I have the support that I need to finally speak out to tell the truth and that is what I have done today.

In conclusion, many people have asked me what my feelings are today about Representative Weiner.

I think that Anthony Weiner should resign because he lied to the public and the press for more than a week. It might never have turned into this if he had told the truth, but he kept lying.

If he lied about this, I can't have much faith in him about anything else.

At this point, I would like to go on with my life and I thank everyone for the opportunity to explain in my own words what really happened.

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