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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today we are here to answer an important question. Should Herman Cain withdraw his name from consideration for a seat on the Federal Reserve Board?

President Trump has called Mr. Cain “a truly outstanding individual” and has publically stated that Mr. Cain was his choice to fill a vacant seat in the Federal Reserve Board, but is Mr. Cain “a truly outstanding individual”?

I am here today with Ginger White, who alleges that she had a 13 year on again, off again affair with Mr. Cain, while Mr. Cain was married. Mr. Cain has denied his affair with Ginger and Mr. Cain has also denied the allegations that he sexually harassed a number of women, including my client, Sharon Bialek.

Both Ginger and Sharon made their allegations against Mr. Cain in 2011 when Mr. Cain was seeking the Republican nomination for President of the United States. After Sharon and Ginger went public with their allegations, Mr. Cain announced that he would no longer seek the Republican nomination for President.

Now, however, Mr. Cain has reemerged and is seeking another important government appointment on the Federal Reserve Board, which regulates the country’s banking system and has other important responsibilities.

Four Republican U.S. Senators have indicated that they would not support Mr. Cain’s nomination, because of the sexual harassment allegations made against him. In addition to Sharon’s allegations there are reports that he had settled other similar sexual harassment allegations when he was President of the National Restaurant Association. Despite this lack of support, Larry Kudlow, the White House Economic Advisor stated that Mr. Cain is being vetted and, “As far as we’re concerned, he’s in the process, we support him.” In response, Mr. Cain did not withdraw his name for consideration and he stated yesterday that he was “very committed to go through the process.”

Our position is clear. Truth matters. Integrity matters.

If it is true that Mr. Cain had a 13 year affair and if it is true that he sexually harassed women when they either sought a job or had a job when he was the employer, then he should be disqualified from any government position, because truth matters.

No person should be permitted to obtain an important government appointment if he lies about his relationships with women and/or his abuse of women.

Truth matters and denying the truth to advance a political agenda and/or to seek advancement or appointment to a prestigious governmental board is unacceptable.

It is not surprising that President Trump would consider Herman Cain for an appointment to a high position in government.

They have much in common. Both have been accused of sexually inappropriate behavior with women and both have continued to deny the serious allegations made against them.

They share the same playbook. Admit nothing and attack the brave women who have made serious allegations against them.

If Herman Cain survives the background check and President Trump formally nominates him, both Ginger White and Sharon Bialek are willing to testify under oath about their allegations.

Ginger, if asked at the United States Senate Banking Committee hearing, will also be willing to identify certain parts of Mr. Cain's body to corroborate her testimony.

This testimony will not be necessary if Mr. Cain withdraws his name from the vetting process and or the President decides not to formally nominate him.

We call on Mr. Cain to do the right thing and spare all of us another bruising and painful confirmation hearing in the United States Senate.

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