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## **Sharon Bialek's Statement**

Almost a month ago, I began hearing allegations made that Herman Cain had sexually harassed women in the 90's. At that time I had no intention of coming forward to tell the truth about my experiences with Herman Cain and his sexual harassment against myself. It was only when Herman Cain denied that formal allegations had been brought forth against him by women working for the NRA that I felt it necessary to come forward and discuss my experiences.

In doing so, I have exposed both myself and my family to an inordinate amount of character assassination, some of it very malicious. Conversely I have had a great deal of support by my close inner circle and complete strangers, men and women alike who approach me in public and lend kind words of encouragement and praise for standing up to tell the truth and

bringing attention to such a serious matter as sexual harassment.

Let me be clear, I want it known that I did not enter into this with the intention of bringing down a hopeful GOP candidate, nor was I secretly planted by a conspiratorial “Democratic machine”. I came forward of my own volition with the sincere hope that by doing so, Herman Cain would have the courage and strength of good moral character to admit he had done wrong, apologize and then let the general public decide for themselves what they thought about Mr. Cain.

I tried to give him a reasonable and non-threatening forum to make this right to the women and general public. But very soon after my initial press conference, it was clear he would not and could not tell the truth.

Not only did he and his advisors continue to deny the allegations, he made a mockery of the issue by appearing on

late night TV and then laughing about it. He and his team also took it a step further and tried to discredit me and my character by calling me “a troubled woman”. What woman isn’t troubled at times? Who doesn’t have financial problems? I admit it. I have and do have financial problems! My financial problems have been used to suggest that I have come forward for monetary gain. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I could have sold my story, but I refused to do so.

Also, I was not running for the most important job in the world – Mr. Cain was.

Those that know me know that I speak from the heart and that I speak the truth and feel strongly about my convictions and will not back down.

Mr. Cain has denied the other women's harassment charges, he has denied remembering me and now he has even denied a 13 year affair with Ginger White.

I am saddened that a man who potentially could have risen to greatness has denied any wrongdoing and has tried to place the blame elsewhere. He said on Saturday during his press conference that "the allegations got in the way of his own message."

I strongly disagree!! Herman Cain got in the way of his own message. His past, and his unwillingness to tell the truth and admit fault got in the way of the message. He has no one to blame but himself. If you are going to run for president of the United States Mr. Cain, you must be prepared to have your dirty laundry aired in public.

On an interview, I gave on November 8<sup>th</sup>, I had urged him to make this right if not for me and the other women out there,

but perhaps, his kids, grandkids and most importantly for the woman who has stood by him for 43 years his wife, Gloria.

I leave you with this in the words of Herman Cain's grandmother, who said this when she knew people were not telling the truth..."Bless Their Little Hearts". Well, bless your little heart Herman Cain". My thoughts and prayers to your family.

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