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Statement of Ginger White

Herman and I first met at a formal affair in Louisville, Kentucky, when he asked a friend of mine to introduce me to him. At the time, he was president of the National Restaurant Association. When we met, the chemistry was instant. We hit it off so well, that within just a few short weeks, I was traveling to Palm Springs to join him for a weekend at an Exclusive Golf Resort. The trip to Palm Springs was the first of many trips. He provided the tickets. I did not pay for them.

Fairly quickly, the trips and the dinners and our intimate relationship became a regular and ongoing part of my life. Our relationship continued on and off over the course of many years, from 1998 to 2011.

Throughout the years, I kept my relationship with Herman as private as possible, but I did confide in close friends and family. This was nothing I wanted to share with the world. This relationship was my personal choice, as well as his, but everything changed when he decided to seek the Republican nomination for President of the United States.

The day Herman shared with me his plan to run, I honestly thought he was joking. I also thought, what a risky move for a man who was then having an affair. I would be very surprised if I was the only 'other woman' in his life.

Once Herman announced publicly that he was seeking the nomination for President, it didn't take long for his past behavior with women to come to the surface.

I remember listening to the courageous women who spoke out regarding their experiences with Herman. Allegations of sexual harassment and sexual misconduct dominated the headlines. It was hard to watch, hard to hear, and hard to ignore. I was shocked by the manner in which he harshly reacted to the allegations. He began bashing, criticizing, and attacking the character of these women who came forward.

I came forward in 2011 because I felt it was very important for the public to know the truth about his relationship with me. As a result of speaking out about our relationship and his denials and attacks, my life, as I knew it, changed forever. The criticism, the accusations and the attacks were almost unbearable, but if I had to do it all over again, I would do exactly the same.

I ask Herman Cain, if I never had a sexual relationship with you, how would I be in a position to describe parts of your body that are not visible?

That's why I'm standing before you today. It's time for you, Herman, to quit. Quit thinking that just because a few years have passed that your actions from the past are no longer relevant. Quit blaming everyone for your political downfall, and failures. You are the only one to blame. Quit believing that you can lie about your behavior and still be qualified to hold an important public position of trust.

Throughout the years, it has become painfully obvious that you will never admit to our affair, nor will you admit to any of the allegations of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct. It's time for you to be held accountable for your actions. Today more than ever, women are fighting back. We're not backing down, we're not afraid.

For the last several years, I've sat idle, listening, and reading articles, and comments that Herman has made about me. Today, I'm challenging Herman to take his own advice. Put one of your 'Truth Cards' to use, and do us all a favor and remove yourself from consideration for the Federal Reserve Board.

You are a liar and you don't deserve the public's confidence in such an important position.

Thank you.

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