

Our Fellow Americans,

We write this in response to the letter that was published and widely circulated this week by other contestants, cast and crew members of *The Apprentice*. We respect their First Amendment right to express support for the candidate of their choice. However, this letter crossed a line when they claimed to represent the viewpoint of the majority of the contestants on *The Apprentice*.

They claim to have spoken to dozens of their fellow contestants to confirm we shared their observations of Trump's character, but mysteriously not a single one of us was contacted by them. Therefore, eleven of us, all former contestants on *The Apprentice*, including a winner and runner-up, are compelled to respond.

It is disappointing and shameful that these contestants would use the platform that Donald Trump gave them to attack him in this manner. Is this the thanks he gets for literally changing the trajectory of our lives?

We don't all share the same beliefs but we all agree on this: based on our own individual interactions with Donald Trump, both on set and in the real world, he is not the man they allege in their letter.

We have a deep and profound respect for Donald Trump, and will be forever grateful to him for the life-changing opportunities that arose from being on *The Apprentice*. Trump engaged with us on set in meaningful interactions and spent hours in the boardroom getting to know us to ensure he made the right decision on who to fire. He was personally accessible to us and supportive of us after the show was over. He helped many of us with our careers, and he was thoughtful, generous and kind to us and our families, as you will see from our individual statements enclosed. Those are not character traits of a man who is self-serving and unstable, as their letter claims.

Their letter is tiresome and irrelevant. The media has been litigating Donald Trump's character for the past 8 years without success. We don't believe their letter will sway voters, or that folks really care what reality TV personalities from 20 years ago believe politically. They are old news. But we refuse to let *The Apprentice* be sullied in this manner by those who owe Donald Trump much and appreciate little.

We simply want to share that we believe Donald Trump is a good man who has changed our lives in a profoundly positive way, and we suspect yours too. We simply ask you this: Was your life better during Trump's administration? Was the world safer? Was your own community safer? Was the economy better? The cost of groceries lower? Home ownership more achievable? Were you closer to achieving your version of the American dream then that you are now? For us, the answer is yes.

Yes, we believe Donald Trump is the right – and only – choice for President. Furthermore, we spell checked this letter, unlike our counterparts (who endorsed “Kamara” Harris), to ensure we spelled the name of our candidate correctly!

We love our country and we know you do too. We invite you to join us in Making America Great Again.

Most Sincerely,

Kendra Todd, *The Apprentice* Winner, Season 3
Tana Goertz, *The Apprentice* Runner-up, Season 3
Katrina Campins, *The Apprentice*, Season 1
Bradford Cohen, *The Apprentice*, Season 2
Jennifer Crisafulli-Oberting, *The Apprentice*, Season 2
Christopher Russo, *The Apprentice*, Season 2
Erin Elmore, *The Apprentice*, Season 3
Michael Tarshi, *The Apprentice*, Season 3
Alex Thomason, *The Apprentice*, Season 3
John Gafford – *The Apprentice*, Season 3
Kristen Kirchner – *The Apprentice*, Season 3

Personal Comments from Contestants:

“As the winner of Season 3, I too have had extended up-close-and-personal experiences with Donald Trump, as they claim in their letter – arguably more than most of the other contestants. I worked at the Trump Organization where I interacted with dozens of long-time employees, who all left me with a profound impression that they deeply respected their boss, and that he earned their loyalty and didn’t demand it. Donald Trump was very kind, respectful to me and supportive of me. He is a strong leader who loves our country. I am disheartened that they would use the platform Trump gifted them with to personally attack him in this manner. They have the right to speak for themselves, but they do NOT speak for the majority of *The Apprentice* contestants.”

– Kendra Todd, *The Apprentice*, Winner, Season 3

“It’s disappointing to see some former *Apprentice* contestants who gained visibility and opportunities through Donald Trump’s platform—now questioning his character. Have they forgotten who made them famous? As one of Trump’s original campaign hires in 2015, I had a firsthand view and never saw anything that made me doubt his integrity or dedication to making America great. He worked tirelessly, driven to achieve real results for the American people. I even have a 65-page document outlining his administration’s accomplishments that I’d gladly share with any interested castmates.

It's misleading to imply that most former contestants feel the same as these six individuals. I know many former contestants, friends of mine, who remain supportive of Donald Trump and his positive vision for the country. Loyalty is a two-way street, and while some choose criticism, I stand by what I saw and know Donald Trump has done for this country, our veterans, and everyday Americans."

– Tana Goertz, *The Apprentice*, Runner-up, Season 3

"I have a long-standing relationship with President Trump that stems from when I was 20 years old. He truly changed my life. As the first Latina ever on the first ever season of *The Apprentice*, I've been blessed to have an amazing relationship with the Trump family all these years. I've worked alongside Ivanka, Eric, Lara and Don Jr. in one form or another throughout two decades and I testify to the fact that what you see with all of them, is what you get. Their integrity, their values, their morals. At the end of the day, they just want to Make America Great.

Throughout these two decades, I've seen the real and the raw Donald Trump. Experiencing President Trump's first foray into reality television with him was as real and raw as it gets. The most meaningful experience President Trump gave me was the chance to take my father - an immigrant who lost everything under the Castro Regime - to the White House for Christmas. Through hard work, perseverance, and resilience, my father achieved the American Dream, and thanks to President Trump, I was able to share that unforgettable moment with him. Truly priceless."

- Katrina Campins, *The Apprentice*, Season 1

"Politics aside, Donald Trump profoundly changed the trajectory of my life, opening doors that were once closed and providing me with opportunities I could have only dreamed of. It's disheartening to hear fellow contestants from *The Apprentice* that I know well resort to harmful, politically motivated slander for their own financial gain."

– Michael Tarshi, *The Apprentice*, Season 3

"*The Apprentice* 3 and meeting Donald Trump completely changed the trajectory of my whole entire life and career. After my time on the show, President Trump helped me start my journalism career. He wrote me a letter of recommendation. He always checked in on me and treated me with the utmost dignity and respect. He even congratulated me on my wedding and the birth of my son. Ultimately, he welcomed me to his campaign in 2016, where I became a spokesperson and the Deputy Press Secretary at the RNC in Cleveland. All of these life-changing experiences stem from my time on *The Apprentice*.

However, I sought out all of them. I worked hard, I was assertive and I asked the President to join his team.

Those who are disillusioned and disappointed should only be so in themselves. They were given a tremendous platform of the number one show on television. They were introduced to not only a massive television audience, but also CEOs, titans of industry and global business leaders. The opportunities were there. Additionally, but for this platform that Donald Trump gave them, they certainly wouldn't be quoted in news articles today. They should be thankful. They should be grateful and they should've run with what was given to them."

– Erin Elmore, *The Apprentice*, Season 3

"The same trio mentioned in the recent article - Tara, Randall, and Kwame spoke out against Trump back in 2016, spreading similar falsehoods. It is also important to note that all three are lifelong Democrats, and their dislike of Trump stems from political differences. They were supportive of him until he ran as a Republican. Their claim that they've spoken to dozens of other contestants is simply not accurate.

Regarding the 2 crew members, all I can say is I have spoken to other casting producers/crew members recently who do not share any disdain for Trump and quite the contrary think he's great. I believe it is safe to say that the statements of these individuals are simply politically motivated which is sad.

As for me, Trump has always been gracious and kind, both during and after *The Apprentice*. I can't say enough good things about how thoughtful he's been over the years. He's stayed connected and supportive with many past *Apprentice* contestants which is surprising given that he doesn't have to be.

Trump's dedication to the American people is unmeasurable just like his dedication to many of us. There is no doubt in my mind that his heart is in the right place for every single American and it is so very sad that there's people we know who are willing to spread lies simply because he does not align with their political views."

– Kristen Kirchner, *The Apprentice*, Season 3

"When Mark Burnett and Donald Trump offered me a spot on the third season of *The Apprentice*, I knew it would be a pivotal moment in my life—and it was. Looking back, it stands as the greatest opportunity I've ever had, one I seized to shape both my business and personal life. While I may not agree with every statement or tweet President Trump has made, I have nothing but respect for him and the chance he provided me. For any *Apprentice* contestant to feel anything less than grateful for such an opportunity is, in my view, disappointing."

– John Gafford, *The Apprentice*, Season 3

“I spent about 24 total hours in the boardroom sitting across the table from President (then Mr.) Trump; he was argumentative, aggressive, bombastic, but he was also hilarious, self-deprecating, and kind. Case in point: after being fired by Mr. Trump, a young man was so overcome with emotion that he burst into tears as he walked out of the room. Mr. Trump turned in his chair and told my friend to “*Stop, come here.*” With tears streaming down his face, Mr. Trump encouraged and exhorted the man that while he wasn’t the right person for this job, he was talented and had a bright future and to look Mr. Trump up in the future. His words were timely, and everyone in the room was deeply moved. They were the words of a CEO, a father, and a President. President Trump has my full endorsement.”

– Alex Thomason, *The Apprentice*, Season 3

“I am 150% in support of the most honest, hard-working, down-to-earth, tell it like it is, PRO DEMOCRACY and LOYAL person I’ve ever worked with. I have given interviews for 20 years about Donald Trump. I have had nothing but good things to say about him, and yet they end up on the editing room floor. Always! Never has a good thing I’ve ever said ended up in print. It’s criminal. I could give hundreds of examples from The Washington Post to Politico. They have been out for blood from the moment he ran for office.

In 2016 I spoke for him at the arena in Albany, New York when he won the Republican nomination. I brought my daughter on stage and it was a wonderful American experience, until we were let out the back door by Secret Service because protesting out front was too dangerous for my daughter and I. From that night forward, I received anonymous death threats through Facebook, both to me and my daughter. That was before it made sense or anybody would believe that anyone could do something like that. I was terrified. It was criminal. The press and our criminal justice system has spent every minute from the day he was elected onward, persecuting this man. The man most qualified for office, the man that America really needs, and the man that will truly stand up for our democracy, just as my father, a World War II veteran who landed on Normandy and earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star fighting for our freedom, would have wanted for this great nation! Godspeed Donald Trump. And God bless America!”

– Jennifer Crisafulli-Oberting, *The Apprentice*, Season 2