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By Fax  
August 31, 2015

Dear Mr. Zucker,

We the undersigned hereby request that CNN include Carly Fiorina on the Main Stage for its September 16th Republican Presidential Primary Debate.

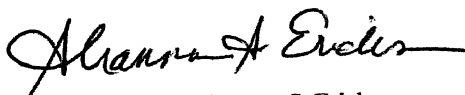
As residents of the "First in the South" Primary State, we believe it is imperative for our voters to have the opportunity to hear from all viable candidates. Carly Fiorina has clearly demonstrated that she is a contender by handily winning the August 6<sup>th</sup> "undercard" Fox News debate. Recent RealClearPolitics blended polls show Carly now running seventh (up from 13<sup>th</sup>) in the primary field. This ranking puts her well ahead now of three candidates (Senator Paul, and Governors Kasich and Christie) whom it is widely held your published formula will cause to be invited onto the Main Stage for this critical debate.

Separate from the hard numbers we also think it would be prudent for you to consider that leaving Carly out of the debate smacks (loudly) of gender bias – a debate of its own we are certain you won't want to have hijack the larger conversation – or CNN's credibility. Frankly, we want to see Carly going head-to-head with the men. We bet your other viewers do too.

If you must add an eleventh chair to ensure that the (very capable) lady has a place on the stage, then by all means, please do that. South Carolina GOP voters – indeed, all GOP voters - deserve the opportunity to assess all of the true contenders - head to head and toe to toe - before we make just a few months from now an important choice.

Simply put, leaving Carly Fiorina out of the September 16<sup>th</sup> lineup is not in the best interests of an informed electorate, nor do we believe it is in the best interests of CNN's viewers who are an essential part of that electorate.


Sincerely,



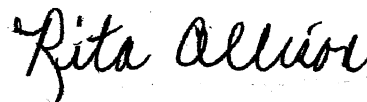
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