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Dear Governor Kassich:

As a brief introduction, I am a sixth nine year old woman married to a sixty six year old man. Our relationship spans over forty years. During this time, we have always discussed politics. I have always been an independent, but Paul, my husband, forty two years ago, would have been considered a hard core, card bearing, Republican. A few years ago he mailed his card to the RNC. For some reason, I don't have a clue why, I received a Republican membership card a few months ago. I will be sending it to the RNC, along with a copy of this letter, when I mail it to you.

I have watched you for months, seemingly every chance you got, espousing, adamantly, how you were in the race until the convention. Then, I watched, in disbelief, while you, after getting to the point of being one of the two left standing, give what sounded like a sermon one might hear in church as a concession speech. You never offered any reason why you would play the part of a spoiler for every person running for the republican nomination, except Donald Trump, only to bow out when you were heads up.

Most of my grade school years, I attended a room one, country, school. Every year we would participate in play day which was a sporting event where schools would gather and compete against each other. Even though I was very small, I was fast, agile, and fearless and I would take home ribbons each year. I knew, at the young age of six years old the meaning of competition. I would, never, even at the age of six, seven or eight years old, get to the point of only having one person between me and the red ribbon, quit at that point.

I love playing Texas Hold Em' tournaments and they can last hours. The purpose is to win and in order to win you usually end up head to head. I would never play for hours to get to the final table, heads up, and walk away.

Tennis players would not quit when they reached the finals. A person applying for a job, after several interviews competing against many applicants, would not get up and walk away from the table when they were told the decision was down to them and one other person.

People who have given you the time to listen to you and consider you do not deserve being treated with such disrespect. You did not even have the decency to give a reason why you played the part of running interference for so long only to walk away when you got to the place you kept insisting you would reach.

You have left me, along with millions others, to ponder, "Why?"

I have decided there are only a few possibilities why an adult, educated, supposedly caring, sincere person would carry something so far to walk away, without explanation, at the most crucial point. They are as follows:

You were recently diagnosed with a terminal illness or an illness that is going to require massive, long term, debilitating medical treatment. Your family has been threatened by someone you believe would have the means and would actually carry out the threat. Or, you struck up a deal with Donald Trump to run interference so you could be vice president.

I sincerely hope you are not ill or your family is in danger. I suspect and have suspected for quite a while that your intent has always been to become vice president. My husband and I, many times, have had this discussion with him buying into your consistently insisting you were in it for the long haul, all the way to the convention.

He knows now if you end up on the Trump ticket, I was right all along. Please do not think that even if Trump lets the delegates choose his VP and they choose you and, then, due to loyalty to the party, you pull a Paul Ryan and reluctantly accept the nomination that anyone out here will buy into the bs or will support Donald Trump because you are part of the team. There may be a few that vote for Donald Trump because your name is on the ticket. But, you are not Paul Ryan and it seemed apparent that Paul Ryan was an unwilling participant and, yes, made a decision based on his principles.

For the ones of us, like my husband and I, who will never vote for Donald Trump, the only thing a move like that will prove is the fact you are a fake and a fraud who will sell out his principles for a chance to once more go to Washington, DC., and that the RNC believe we are all half-witted voters.

In a free country with over three hundred million people to choose from, the Republican party, with billions of dollars to spend, has been bought and paid for by a multi billionaire who, publicly, bragged about buying politicians, from both parties for years. While the public is expressing their disdain for being treated like pawns, being used by self-serving career politicians, their rich donors, and their mass media facilitators, the leaders of the Republican party decide to double down on the practice. And, in the process, they continue to treat we the folks like we are clueless robots.

Again, Governor Kasich, I wish you no harm and sincerely hope you and your family are healthy, well and in no danger. I also hope if you had aspirations to get back to Washington, DC, even if it meant exposing yourself as a liar, a fake, a fraud and yes, a bought and paid for servant to Donald Trump, you find enough self-dignity, if not for yourself, then for your family and the members of the public to rethink your decision.

As has been said, so often, this is a very important election, as I would claim they are all, but the importance of the election should not be used as an excuse to forego valued principles. I believe there are many besides yourself that need to carefully consider what they will lose, personally, if they sell out and support Donald Trump in any fashion.

The list of those who have their self-respect at stake here is long. It includes my own personal preference at the start of this process, Marco Rubio. It also includes Rand Paul, Jeb Bush, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, and all the other original candidates who have not already been paid for by Donald Trump like Ben Carson and Chris Christie. The list grows from there to Mitt Romney, all the Republican Senators and Representative who decide to support a

bully billionaire who has profited from the system for decades, and media pundits who claim to be conservatives or people of principle.

Yes, I agree this is a very important election. Who our next president will be is always important. I am not a Hillary or Bernie supporter but I will vote for either one of them before Donald Trump. Never before have I been so sure a person should never be president. My husband feels the same way and we more often disagree than agree when it comes to politics. For instance, I began this election process as a Rand Paul supporter. Briefly, I considered Ben Carson. Marco Rubio became my only option. All this time, my husband continued to support you with Marco being his second choice.

I kept telling him something was just not right with you. He defended you over and over. He has even defended your recent actions even though you didn't have the decency to even give him an explanation. You left him in the position of creating a reason for you. I am still left with the same feeling about you, "something is wrong with the picture."

This has been a painful experience for me and millions of others. We sit here and listen and try to give candidates the benefit of a doubt even though we have been disillusioned so many times before. I was disappointed when Senator Rubio, after insisting he was in for the long haul, no matter even what happened in Florida, left the race.

I was never a Ted Cruz supporter but after all his, "I will be in it until someone gets the required number of delegates" he left before his own benchmark. And, then, there you are. It was obvious very early on that you did not have a snow ball's chance in hell of winning the nomination. Heck, when you quit, Senator Rubio still had more delegates than you. But, no, you insisted that you were there until the convention. And, as Senator Cruz, you quit before your own self-imposed finish line.

I enjoy watching old movies even though after sitting through them, the ending is always odd. It always seems someone wrote the script but didn't really give a lot of thought to the ending so after an hour or so of film time, someone else said, "ok, end it." And, then the movie comes to an abrupt end with no real resolution to anything. Senator Kasich, your run for president reminds me of one of these old movies. You built up a lot of hype, emotion, drama, and mystery only to just end it and leave everyone wondering, "what the heck just happened here?"

  
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