

April 23, 2018

Dear friends and supporters in the fight to stop child sexual abuse:

This letter is written to inform you that after fulfilling one final contractual speaking engagement this past weekend that had been planned for months, I have permanently retired from public speaking and will not accept any future speaking requests.

I am retiring from public speaking because I, my family, and many of you have been the targets of threats, intimidation, and extortion attempts. Although I have consulted with local and federal authorities who will continue to monitor the situation carefully, I am choosing to end my speaking career effective immediately.

As I leave public speaking for good, I encourage all of you and the survivors you may serve to exercise the utmost caution regarding what you view and who you choose to associate with online, as not everyone online communicates with noble intentions.

I am honored to have helped many of you raise tens of thousands of dollars for your organizations, enact positive public policies, energize advocates in their work, and motivate countless survivors to seek healing. Most of all, I am proud of the hundreds of children who disclosed abuse because they or a loved one heard me speak. To save children from sexual abuse is all I ever wanted to do, and I have done that. I retire from public speaking with my head held high, my conscience clear, and more of my time available for my own wonderful children.

Thank you for your support over the past few years, and especially these past months. After all I've been through in my life, it warms my heart to know that so many people are willing to stand up for the truth. It's been a genuine pleasure working alongside you to protect children from sexual abuse.

Sincerely,
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