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Dear Ms. Kathleen Kennedy,

I want to take a few minutes to speak with you with regards to the firing of Gina Carano from the Mandalorian just because of some comments she made in Instagram.

Ever since I started watching The Mandalorian, I was just blown away by everything that I saw from the screen, especially as far as both the story being told of the Mandalorian and its place in the Star Wars saga are concerned. One of the many good things of watching this show was watching Gina Carano as Cara Dune, and that's because I found her character to be complex, fascinating, and a neat add-on to Mando and The Child's personal odysseys throughout the galaxy. Disney+, as well as Disney in general, both did a great job of reaching out to as many people as possible with their high-quality storytelling, whether it's through film or television, and as a result, they became household names for the right reasons.

And let's not forget, she was one of the many contributing factors to the show's success on Disney+, and one of the many reasons why Disney+ is the hit streaming service it has become. The reason for that is because many girls everywhere who were Mandalorian fans looked up to her as a role model for what her character believed in.

That is why firing Gina from The Mandalorian, all because of her sharing her thoughts based on her beliefs, even Conservative viewpoints, goes completely against what Disney intended to be known for. What only adds to my frustrations over this is how Pedro Pascal, the top actor from the Mandalorian, made similar comments on social media, but in the liberal side instead, and yet he wasn't even questioned for those posts. Why?

I may not know what the intended role of Carano's character was for the Mandalorian prior to her firing, but one of the biggest priorities for Disney+ to become a top streaming service is to provide top-notch quality entertainment that benefitted from its artistic integrity and assurance to deliver high-ranking storytelling, part of which may be achieved through the efforts of the supporting cast, to name one example. By getting rid of Gina and her character in The Mandalorian, you're depriving yourself of one of the key factors of The Mandalorian's success, as well as your own. Gina Carano stood firm by her own beliefs in the face of all the political chaos going on in our country, and she was able to do so with an acknowledgment of actual facts, without once doing so with condescending attitudes against a certain religion or in support of an otherwise condemned group of people. You know that as well as I do, as do all your other subscribers. What's wrong with people sharing points of view not everyone may agree with? *Besides*, on Disney's end, maintaining consistency in its marketing image, which shouldn't be the #1 reason for its or Disney+'s existences, anyway?

There's only so far you can try to reach out to everybody through your entertainment. You can always try, but at the end of the day, nobody can please everyone. So why bend the knee to the loudest few instead of lending an ear to everyone's opinions as a whole? Being willing to listen to other people's opinions is part of reaching out to everyone, instead of keeping some groups of people in and shutting out others.

James Gunn may have been fired for tweets about pedophilia and rape before he was brought back to Disney – and I'll bet that was in part because of the popularity of his Guardians of the Galaxy films – and Stoney Westmoreland may have been fired from And Mack because of his acts of sexual misconduct, but firing Gina Carano over expressing some opinions, even if they leaned toward the political side, is a completely different, and most importantly, harmless issue. And to fire someone for expressing opinions you don't agree with is way out of line.

After seeing the plans to retheme Splash Mountain to The Princess and the Frog due to its ties with Song of the South, then the banning of some of the classic Disney movies from the children's profiles of Disney+ due to questionable stereotyping, and now the firing of Gina Carano from The Mandalorian due to her political beliefs, Disney's politicizing agendas on their own cherished forms of entertainment and theme park attractions are starting to take their toll. Hasn't more damage been done to them than there ever needed to be?

Please bring Gina Carano back for The Mandalorian. She was essential to the rising success of The Mandalorian, to Disney+, and to Disney in general. If you don't – and if you plan one more stunt that deprives a work of art, your viewers, and your lifelong fans of what played a role in your success – then count me out of the Disney+ circle. You don't want me to cut myself from your biggest source of revenue, do you?

Decide on this very carefully, and thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

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