

My name is Celeste Cooley-Mitchell. I am the former Executive Personal Assistant to Ivan Reitman. The purpose of my letter is to address a few issues about Eliza Dushku's claim against Joel Kramer.

**First**, I have known Joel Kramer for over 30 years. Joel has integrity. We worked together over long periods of time on three different movies where I grew to know him well. We socialized both on and off the set, and I consider Joel to be a very dear friend. He cares about the people with whom he works. Joel has always been respectful towards me and others while working on movie sets. For decades he has worked with young people and children in movies. Also, Joel was often around the children of cast and crew members where he always displayed care and kindness. From all those encounters there had never been any claims of misbehavior on his part either on or off the sets. I am a very good judge of people and I recognized Joel's moral character early on. I entrusted him with my own teenage daughter who worked on the set and she babysat for Joel.

Look, I've seen a lot of misbehaving on movie sets. During the times I worked with Joel, I never observed or ever heard of any inappropriate behavior about Joel towards any females on or off our sets. Believe me, in addition to my own observations, due to my position I was getting reports constantly from many people (cast and crew) about the set shenanigans. However, Joel was always a constant professional. So, I can wholeheartedly vouch for Joel's integrity and decency. Some people in the industry rightfully deserve to be banished but not Joel.

**Secondly**, Joel is a seasoned stunt coordinator with a strong work ethic. It's his job to make sure there are no mishaps during filming. He carefully guided our actors and stunt people safely through their stunt work during the action scenes. What I remember most about Joel is his primary concern about safety on the set and how exceptionally well he carried out his daily duties as our stunt coordinator. The Joel I know would never do anything intentionally to harm another person while working on a movie set. A safety conscious person like Joel will not purposely cause an injury to someone knowing that any accident could be detrimental to the person and the production. Plus, the pressure on Joel to protect the actors from injury and maintain a safe environment while working on a movie is enormous. So, for Eliza Dushku who worked with Joel on "True Lies" to infer that he deliberately caused her injury where she claims to have broken ribs while shooting a scene is a fallacy at most. *Plus, it is not easy moving around comfortably with broken ribs let alone acting every day.* In addition, anyone who has ever worked with Joel knows better than that.

**Thirdly**, and the true point of my letter is to show the inconsistency of Eliza's alleged sexual misconduct claim and that of her so called supporter, JoAnne Colonna. There was a mention in an article about this situation that someone named *Peter Conti, a college professor and writer, still tried to confront Kramer at the True Lies premiere in Westwood. JoAnne Colonna who was Eliza's agent at the time stated she was also at the Premiere and witnessed the alleged confrontation between Conti and Joel. Colonna also stated in an interview that "I thought he was going to beat him up, we had to hold him back," JoAnne Colonna recalls of the incident, noting that she got help from security to avoid physical confrontation.*

Well that is an interesting statement since that whole premiere encounter reported by JoAnne Colonna is a **true lie**. I know for a fact that Joel Kramer **did not attend** the True Lies Premiere because I was at that opening and attended the party afterwards. I remember wondering where Joel was because I knew he was so pivotal to the production of that movie. I even asked several cast members and friends of Arnold's where was Joel? Since Joel wasn't at the True Lies Premiere, I don't know who JoAnne Colonna and Peter Conti confronted that night. Nonetheless, I feel confident that Joel is innocent of these charges. I will stake my reputation on it 100 percent.

**Lastly**, I am so disappointed with the high-profile people who know Joel well and have worked with him, some of them often, but have decided not to stand up for Joel regarding this matter. Instead, they have chosen to throw Joel under the bus instead of refuting the outrageously false claims against him made by Eliza Dushku (*whose past is not very credible*) to either save their own careers or reputations due to the **#METOO** movement. They all should be ashamed of themselves but most of all Eliza for abusing this movement to make false claims for her own self-centered motives. I am strongly committed to the **#METOO** movement but then again, I will not tolerate lies or any unfounded claims meant only to hurt and destroy someone's career. In the end, *The Truth is always revealed.*

Respectfully,

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