

April 27, 2021

TO:

Jimmy Kimmel, host and executive producer of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*
David Craig, co-executive producer of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*
Douglas DeLuca, co-executive producer of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*
Erin Irwin, co-executive producer of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*
Molly McNearney, co-executive producer of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*
Jennifer Sharron, co-executive producer of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*
Janice Mainelli, President of Disney-ABC Domestic Television
Peter Rice, Chairman of General Entertainment Content, The Walt Disney Company

We understand that you plan to have Mike Lindell, aka “the My Pillow Guy,” as a guest on *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* on April 28, 2021.

As you may know, Mr. Lindell has been a leading voice in spreading lies and disinformation regarding the 2020 election results, including producing several videos claiming that the 2020 elections were hacked.

Lindell’s work in pushing election disinformation has already had significant consequences for our nation, including the violent insurrection on January 6th at the U.S. Capitol that led to at least five people losing their lives. Lindell’s debunked conspiracy theories are also rooted in racism and white supremacy. The disinformation he is trying to sell is part of a larger narrative that essentially wants to throw out millions of votes from cities where people of color make up a majority or significant portion of the voting population, including Detroit, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Phoenix, and Las Vegas.

In Lindell’s latest video, “Absolute Interference,” several reputable computer scientists in the cyber security space were unknowingly featured and would gladly refute Mr. Lindell’s false claims. One such scholar is Dr. J. Alex Halderman, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Michigan. He can be reached at jhalderm@eecs.umich.edu.

We believe that having Mr. Lindell on your show will give him a bigger platform to spread his lies and disinformation, and knowingly mislead the public about the integrity of our election systems. To be clear, even joking about his conspiracy theories can lead to the spread of disinformation. In fact, disinformation actors such as Lindell often seek to get their lies and conspiracy theories debunked in national media in order to give their disinformation broader reach. Given the state of our nation and nature of Lindell’s lies, we are asking that you immediately cancel his scheduled appearance.

Thank you,

Advancement Project National Office
Common Cause
Democracy Initiative
Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
League of Women Voters of the United States
Stand Up America

Please note that this letter is also being sent to other executives at ABC and The Walt Disney Company, and will be shared with the public and media.