Statement of Gloria Allred

Just when many people may have thought that all of the women who had accused Bill Cosby of misconduct against them have come forward, two more have decided to speak out today for the first time publicly to state what they say is their truth about what Mr. Cosby did to them.

Many supporters of Mr. Cosby may have believed that there are no more women who will allege that they have been victimized by Mr. Cosby, because more than 40 women have come forward to make allegations about rape, drugging or sexual assault by someone they trusted. However, this story is not over because today more alleged victims with more stories are coming forward because they realize that what they have to share is important and we do not want the world to forget who this man is and what they say he has done.

Each story must be told because there can never be accountability without truth and there can never be enough truth. We are sure that Mr. Cosby would hope that the women who claim to be his victims would stop coming forward. He must hope that this scandal would end so that he can try to repair his public image and perhaps continue to attack victims who have come forward by having his representatives tell us that they are not to be believed because they have waited so long to speak their truth.

I can assure Mr. Cosby however, that there are still more victims who will be courageous enough to come forward in the future. It is vital that the women who assert that they are victims speak out, because the sheer magnitude of the number of victims, the similarity and common themes of what they state happened to them, coupled with their sincerity are what we want the public to know.

In 2005 the District Attorney in Montgomery County Pennsylvania, Bruce Castor, stated that there was not enough evidence to prosecute the allegations made by Andrea Constandt. This is what he said about Mr. Cosby. "Did I think he probably did something inappropriate? Yes. Did I think that I could prove it beyond a reasonable doubt based on available, credible and admissible evidence? No, I didn't." He said that despite the fact that there were 13 Jane Does that were prepared to testify in Andrea Constandt's case about Mr. Cosby and what they allege was similar misconduct against them.

I want to make sure that no other DA can say that he or she did not prosecute because the DA did not know that there were other alleged victims and did not know the names of other victims or where to find them. I believe that the majority of Americans believe the allegations of many of the women who have come forward, but to those naysayers that continue to say there are not enough I ask how many victims have to come forward before you will believe all or even some of the women over the denial of one man.

We will never stop until the last courageous victim who wishes to come forward and speak her truth has done so. Only then will it be enough.

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