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### **Statement of Gloria Allred**

Today, three new women who allege that they were victims of Bill Cosby are here with me to describe what they allege that Mr. Cosby did to them when they were young and extremely vulnerable.

Despite recent reports that Mr. Cosby has decided to spend thousands of dollars to hire investigators to try to find ways to try to discredit some of the previous alleged victims who have dared to speak out and perhaps attempt to intimidate or deter women from coming forward, the three women who are with me here today have decided that they will not be intimidated by Cosby's money, fame and power and they will have the courage to speak out today about what they believe was Cosby's victimization of them.

I commend these women, who have never before spoken in public about what they suffered because of Bill Cosby, and I can assure Mr. Cosby that while these alleged victims are not the first to speak out, they will also not be the last to do so, because women are now empowered and refuse to suffer in silence.

Unlike these brave women this morning we read reports that Phylicia Rashas, Cosby's former television wife said referring to previous women who have spoken out against Cosby "Forget these women. What you are seeing is the destruction of a legacy and it's a legacy that is so important to the culture."

Phylcia, I vow to you that I will not forget these women, because women matter. They deserve respect and dignity. Phylcia, you should be supporting these women rather than joining Cosby's paid "attack dogs" who are trying to undermine them in any way that they can.

Predators have no right to prey upon women, to drug them, to sexually assault them, to hurt them and to target them, humiliate them and force them to endure physical and emotional pain.

If Mr. Cosby's legacy is destroyed, he has no one to blame but himself. Phylcia, if anyone did to you or to your daughter, your sister or your mother, what Cosby is alleged to have done to these women, I have no doubt that you would not be saying "Forget these women". Instead you would be supporting them.

In contrast to Ms. Rashad and her pathetic defense of Mr. Cosby, we see some brave women's rights leaders in Canada speaking out against Mr. Cosby who is performing his show there tonight, tomorrow and Friday. Although we have never met these women and have no contact with them we are impressed by their protests and grateful for their activism.

Without elaborating further, I can assure them and the people of Canada that they also have a stake in this issue and we are very appreciative of their support.

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