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## **Statement of Gloria Allred**

Today we are here with two women who allege that they were victimized by Bill Cosby. Prior to today, they have never spoken publicly about what they allege Mr. Cosby did to them, but they have chosen to speak out now, because Mr. Cosby is performing his “Far From Finished” concert tonight in Baltimore, Maryland and tomorrow he will perform in Charleston, West Virginia.

Given that Mr. Cosby appears to be treating the allegations of so many women who have spoken out previously as a joke, the women who are with me today felt it was time for them to break their silence and speak out about what they claim Mr. Cosby did to them.

Cosby’s jokes about women not having a drink when they are near him, and his recent video where he appears in red silk pajamas to try to sell tickets to his show have been very hurtful to many of the alleged victims whom I represent.

Given so many allegations that he drugged and sexually assaulted women and that they awakened naked in his bed, his decision to appear in his pajamas is extremely offensive. If he was trying to imitate Hugh Hefner, who for many decades appeared in pajamas, this video is especially shameful and disgusting, since at least two of my clients (including one who is here with us today) allege that they were sexually victimized by Cosby at Hefner’s home at the Playboy estate.

It is long overdue for Bill Cosby to take legal, moral and public responsibility for what he has done and answer each and every allegation that has been made against him without making a joke about it.

Allegations that he is a serial sexual predator who has drugged and raped women are no laughing matter and Mr. Cosby, by making jokes about it, is only compounding the harm that he has already inflicted on the women who report that he has victimized them.

More than 30 women have come forward publicly to make serious claims against Mr. Cosby. I have been asked how many more victims there are. Only Mr. Cosby knows the answer to that question but I can assure him that I have more who have not yet come forward, but who will speak out in the future.

Mr. Cosby says he is “Far From Finished” and I will state once again, that I and many other women who allege that they are his victims are far from finished with Mr. Cosby as well.

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