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## **STATEMENT OF JANE DOE**

I am here today as a woman and most importantly, a mother. It is sad that I cannot show my face or use my name for fear of reprisals against myself, my family, and my livelihood. I am no coward, but I am a realist, and I chose to protect my identity to protect those I love.

Herschel Walker is a hypocrite, and he is not fit to be a U.S. Senator. We don't need people in the U.S. Senate who profess one thing and do another. Hershel Walker says he is against women having abortions, but he pressured me to have one. I am coming forward now because I saw Herschel deny the allegations by another woman who claimed that he had paid for her abortion and particularly I saw him state that the woman's claims were not true because he never signed any cards using the letter "H." I knew that was not true because he had often signed letters to me using "H".

I met Herschel in the 1980s. For two years, we initially had a friendship. We spoke on the phone for hours at a time several times a week. He told me that he had problems with his marriage and wanted to end his marriage. Quite frankly, we fell in love. We began a romantic relationship while he was playing for the Dallas Cowboys in November of 1987.

I was living in Dallas a few miles from where Herschel resided. He came to my home several times a week where we engaged in an intimate relationship. I also would see him at home games and when he went on the road. I typically traveled and stayed at the same hotel where the team was playing so we could be together.

When the Dallas Cowboys traded Herschel to the Minnesota Vikings in 1989, I felt as though I had been traded as well. We continued our romantic relationship. Before Herschel bought his home in Minnesota, he asked my opinion as to which house to select. I stayed at his new house when he first acquired it. I was very devoted to Herschel, and he gave me the impression that he was devoted to me as well. He repeatedly told me how much he loved me (often in writing) and reiterated that he wanted to end his marriage. However, there was always some reason why he wasn't quite ready to do so. He kept leading me on. I believed that he was going to get divorced and that we then would be together forever.

He also met with my parents on multiple occasions and wrote a letter to them explaining how much he loved me and that he was serious. In June 1992, Herschel was again traded. This time to the Philadelphia Eagles. Again, we followed the same pattern. I would meet him at his games, and I would also see him when he was in Dallas during the offseason.

In April of 1993, I learned that I was pregnant. I was surprised because I had been on birth control during my entire relationship with Herschel. I was certain that I was pregnant as a result of my relationship with Herschel, and because I was not intimate with anyone else at that time. I really didn't know what to do. I was confused, uncertain, and scared. After discussing the pregnancy with Herschel several times, he encouraged me to have an abortion and gave me money to do so. I went to a clinic in Dallas, but I simply couldn't go through with it. I left the clinic in tears. When I told Herschel what had happened, he was upset and said that he was going to go back with me to the clinic the next day for me to have the abortion. He then drove me to the same clinic the following day and waited for hours in the parking lot until I came out. He then drove me to get medications and supplies as prescribed and then drove me home.

I was devastated because I felt that I had been pressured into having an abortion. After the abortion, I felt that Herschel began distancing himself from me. I fled Dallas within days after the abortion and did not go back to even visit for the next fifteen years because I was so traumatized by what Herschel had put me through.

The relationship that Herschel and I had was never about money. In all the time that we were together, he never gave me any expensive gifts, and I insisted

on paying for ½ my travel expenses when I went to see him. However, after I left Dallas, he sent me his Rolex watch. I sent the watch back to him.

In retrospect, I know I was naïve, and that Herschel took advantage of me. I spent years of my life devoted solely to Herschel and gave up other opportunities to be with him. He took advantage of my love for him, and he made false promises to me—always giving me the impression that he was on the cusp of leaving his wife but never following through.

Most significantly and the reason I am here today is because he has publicly taken the position that he is "about life" and against abortion under any circumstances when in fact he pressured me to have an abortion and personally ensured that it occurred by driving me to the clinic and paying for it.

For anyone who believes I am coming forward because Herschel is running as a Republican candidate, that is simply not the case. I am a registered Independent and I voted for Donald Trump in both elections. I do not believe that Herschel is morally fit to be a U.S. Senator and that is the reason why I am speaking up and providing proof.

> Jane Doe Represented by Attorney Gloria Allred October 26, 2022