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### **Statement of Rochelle Washington**

At the time I thought meeting a celebrity would make me happy, but in this case it didn't. I just wanted to have fun, and I was excited to meet Mr. Kelly, but as time went by I felt in my heart that I couldn't ever forget that day. I can't get out of my head what I saw and what happened.

I'm now a mother with children, and I feel I was taken advantage of when I was a teenager. I just want justice for anyone that was hurt or violated. I want victims to know it's not their fault. I'm speaking out now because I want to send a message to anyone who believes she was a victim of R. Kelly. I want victims to contact an attorney, Ms. Allred or someone else, to learn their rights and then I hope they will contact law enforcement to share what they experienced. Victims should not be ashamed. It is Mr. Kelly who has taken advantage of Latrese and me. He is the one who must take responsibility for his conduct towards us when we were young and vulnerable.

Rochelle Washington  
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