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Statement of Gloria Allred

Last night, in the final Presidential Debate Mr. Trump, was asked to respond to the allegations of nine women who alleged that they had been the victims of inappropriate sexual contact by Mr. Trump. He responded, "nobody has more respect for women than I do."

His response is ludicrous in light of the fact that nine women have come forward with allegations that Mr. Trump engaged in kissing them without their consent, groping them, grabbing their breasts and vagina, forcing his tongue down one woman's throat, attempting to have a sexual relationship with another and generally behaving in complete accordance with Mr. Trump's own words which were captured on tape bragging about what he wanted to do to women.

Today, we are here with yet another woman who accuses Donald Trump of disrespecting her by engaging in unwanted and inappropriate sexual behavior.

What makes today's accuser noteworthy is that she has shown tremendous courage in coming forward today, especially in light of Mr. Trump's statements last night in which he called the allegations of the nine women who alleged inappropriate sexual conduct by him "lies and fiction".

Today's victim also is noteworthy in that her allegations demonstrate how Mr. Trump selects his victims at random. Some of the women, including the woman who is here today, had an encounter with Mr. Trump that appeared to be strictly by chance. Mr. Trump allegedly felt that whether on an airplane or seeing a woman waiting for a car that he had the absolute right to do whatever he wanted to, because, after all, he is a celebrity.

Mr. Trump, the fact that you are a celebrity does not give you a license to violate women. To the contrary it gives you more responsibility to respect women as many women will look up to you as a role model because of your celebrity status. To show respect for women means that you need to respect

their boundaries and not to act on your impulses to grab and grope at your pleasure.

Your statements in response to some of your accusers suggesting that they were not attractive enough to merit your unwanted attentions is also indicative of disrespect and the height of arrogance and entitlement.

Mr. Trump, you may have thought that you could violate women without consequences. But there are always consequences. There are consequences for the women that you have hurt and there are consequences for you as well.

You have called yourself a victim, but it is not you that is the victim. Given the allegations against you you should never again utter the words that you respect women.

The women that have come forward deserve tremendous respect for having had the courage to speak truth to power. They will continue to speak out and be heard and we are proud of each and every one of them.

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