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**Statement of Gloria Allred in Response to the Decision of the Office for Civil Rights to Open an Investigation into UConn**

We are very pleased that the office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Education has decided to investigate the University of Connecticut (UConn) as a result of the complaint filed by seven students against UConn.

As OCR has stated in it's letter to UConn "the complaint alleges, in part, that the University did not respond promptly and effectively to complaints and other information indicating that students have been subjected to sexual violence, including sexual assault and sexual harassment, and that students have, as a consequence, been subjected to a sexually hostile environment."

We welcome this investigation and are very proud of the seven students who filed the 48 page detailed complaint.

We believe that the decision to open an investigation is a very positive development and we hoped that OCR would do it. It is our understanding that OCR does not conduct an investigation in every case where a complaint is filed.

In their investigation OCR will be able to carefully scrutinize both the policies and the practices of UConn regarding rape and sexual assault victims and we will be very interested in the results.

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