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Statement on the Chicago Verdict Convicting R. Kelly

I represented the majority of victims for whom charges were filed in the New York Criminal Case against R. Kelly. Based on their testimony and the testimony of other witnesses, he was convicted and sentenced to 30 years in prison. Today he was also convicted after another trial in Chicago. In both trials the defense argued that the “Me Too” movement was somehow responsible for victims coming forward and or that victims had other motives which should cast doubt on their testimony. The jury was not persuaded by these arguments and demonstrated their belief in the testimony of victims by convicting R. Kelly of many of the serious charges against him.

As I have previously stated R. Kelly is the worst sexual predator that I have ever seen. I am very glad that justice has been done in both trials. These convictions are due to the enormous courage of the formerly underage girls who were once his victims. Once they broke out of their fear of R. Kelly and bravely decided to testify, R. Kelly could no longer intimidate them, and the truth could no longer be hidden. I am very proud of all of these women who became empowered and whose courage resulted in R. Kelly finally being forced to pay the consequences of his criminal acts against women and girls.

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