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Statement of Kate Jaggard (“Jane Doe 5”) –

I would like to thank with immense gratitude the four other Jane Does who testified in the recent trial of convicted rapist Harvey Weinstein in Los Angeles. In my opinion, the conviction was a win for all sexual assault victims.

I empathize with the grueling and deeply personal journey of those who fight for justice in sexual assault and rape cases. I spent many years, five years to be exact, seeking justice against Harvey Weinstein. I cooperated with the District Attorney and spent many hours speaking with law enforcement over a number of years. I testified before the Grand Jury and, as a result, many charges were filed against Harvey Weinstein in reference to me. Those charges that were filed were two counts of Forcible Oral Copulation, and two counts of Forcible Rape.

Unfortunately, and with deep disappointment, however, although I was willing to undergo cross examination at trial, due to circumstances that were beyond my control, I was not able to appear for trial. As a result, those charges were dismissed. I took some comfort from the fact that I believed that I would be able to give a victim impact statement at the sentencing of Harvey Weinstein. I was deeply disappointed when the Judge decided that only Jane Doe 1 would be permitted to give a victim impact statement and neither I nor any other victim for whom charges were filed were permitted by the Judge to make a victim impact

statement at sentencing. This decision was fiercely appealed by my honorable counsel, Gloria Allred, and I am very appreciative that she and her partner, John West, have fought all the way to the California Supreme Court for the right of a victim for whom charges were filed and also for “Me too” witnesses to be heard at sentencing, even if there was no conviction in their case. It is our birthright to be safe, respected, and not violated, and it is our constitutional right to be heard.

Time is up. Victims will not be silenced anymore.

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