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Statement of Jenny Ravolo

I would like to thank the Commission for allowing me to speak today. I also would like to thank them for their diligence in investigating this incident. I would also like to give Gloria Allred a heartfelt thanks for being strong for me and donating her time.

I attended Manny's Pacquiao fight Saturday night as a fan and reflected on my own life as a first generation American-Filipina raised by a single immigrant mother.

I've been following boxing since I was a little girl. I've always been fascinated at the willpower of the men and women that step into the ring. It must be a very lonely feeling for them to be in there alone, just as I am alone in this fight.

The last few months since the incident with Mr. Pulev on March 23rd have been emotionally and physically draining on me. I've been publically shamed nonstop since by Team Pulev and by Top Rank Promoter. I've been cyber bullied by thousands that are only hearing rhetoric and complete lies spewed by Kubrat Pulev and Bob Arum. I am being blamed by a man who cannot control himself.

It says a lot that Mr. Arum is not here today. Recently he has been in Kazakhstan, Moscow, Tokyo, Osaka and Washington D.C. to promote fights but he can't be here in San Diego an hour flight from his home. Mr. Arum cares little about sexual harassment, if it at all. It makes one wonder if there is a culture of sexual harassment in the office of Top Rank Boxing.

Mr. Arum spoke on an interview that he didn't believe that a 6 foot 4, 250 pound boxer grabbing the face of a 5 foot 2 reporter and forcibly kissing her with his bloody mouth is sexual harassment. I would like to see if he would think differently if a large bloody man did the same to him without his consent.

Mr. Arum, in your interview you say it's now a crazy world and people are no longer allowed to live. I hate the opinion that just because Pulev was so excited after his win, it warrants him to harass me in any form. That is crazy to me. I should be allowed to choose who can kiss me.

This behavior has been happening for decades and there are people that are getting away with this because women think they do not have a voice or they don't have people supporting them.

Well what happened here with Pulev's suspension is speaking out for every woman that didn't have a place to say something.

This is the change we need to see. I hope that this Commission will continue to impose sanctions on athletes that are guilty of harassment at the workplace.

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