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Statement of Christy Martin

I feel that neither the referee nor the fight doctor should have

stopped my fight at the Staples Center on June 4th. I was seven points

ahead with 51 seconds left in the fight. I was ahead 145 points to 138

points on the judges' scorecards.

In my 22 years of experience as a professional boxer, I have never

seen a fight stopped by a referee or a fight doctor because of a broken

hand or because a boxer winced.

My corner gave me confidence and instructed me to use my left jab

to fight and defend myself, which is what I was doing. I would not have

thrown my right except that the referee kept insisting that I throw and

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use my right hand.

I was not at all concerned about the injury to my right hand because I knew that despite it, I would be able to finish the fight and win. I hope that the California State Athletic Commission is fair to me in this hearing and does the right thing, which would be to reverse the decision.

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