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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today I am here with a woman who according to reports may be the 10th woman to accuse New York Governor Andrew Cuomo of inappropriate sexual conduct.

Sherry Vill is 55 years old and is a resident of New York state. She is a business woman, a wife, a mother and a grandmother. She has been married for more than 30 years and has three children. She also has one grandchild.

What Sherry will describe has been disturbing to her ever since she became the victim of the Governor's unwelcome and unconsented to physical contact with her, which included but was not limited to grabbing her face and kissing her in 2017.

For years she wanted to report what Governor Cuomo did to her, but some members of her family discouraged her from filing a complaint, because they wanted to protect her and feared that if she made what happened to her public that the Governor might use his power to retaliate against her and her family. For that reason, Sherry made the difficult decision to remain silent.

Recently however, Sherry decided that the people of New York deserved to know the truth, and that Governor Cuomo should be held accountable for what he has done.

For that reason, she has decided to break her silence and overcome her fear by speaking truth to power. She feels that it is never too late to do the right thing, and that is why she is speaking out today.

After our press conference today, we plan to contact the New York Attorney General's office in order to inform them that Sherry is willing to cooperate in the investigation that is currently being conducted into numerous allegations of sexual harassment by the Governor.

Sherry is very brave to have made the decision to break her silence. She is supported in her decision by many members of her family, some of whom were witnesses to what the Governor did to Sherry, and who also felt that what the Governor did was very surprising and not appropriate.

Given what Sherry alleges and what other accusers have alleged many people are wondering if Sherry thinks that Governor Cuomo should resign. Her answer is very simple. Sherry feels that there should be a full and fair investigation of all the allegations against the Governor and then the report should be made public. After the Governor is afforded due process and the

report is published Sherry will make the decision as to what action she thinks should be taken against the Governor.

Women like Sherry will no longer be silent. They will refuse to be intimidated by powerful men. We are proud of Sherry and look forward to due process, not only for the Governor but also for those who allege that they have been victimized by him.

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