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RALIANCE Statement on Deshaun Watson Resolution

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sandra Henriquez, founding member and Managing Partner of RALIANCE, issued the following statement:

“RALIANCE applauds the National Football League (NFL) and the NFL Players Association for their work to reach a resolution following the sexual misconduct allegations involving Browns Quarterback Deshaun Watson. The NFL has taken a positive step forward in demonstrating what a more comprehensive and just approach to accountability can be.

“As experts who work to end sexual violence, we believe that punishment alone does not prevent sexual harassment, misconduct and abuse. Increased suspension and monetary loss are not sufficient deterrents to prevent sexual harm from happening. Accountability and responsiveness to issues of sexual violence involve intervention efforts that both make survivors whole and aim to make society safer. The right path forward is to reduce risk for future acts of sexual misconduct and work with prevention experts focused on safe and healthy behavior strategies.

“We look forward to working with the NFL and encourage other organizations to be part of the solution to prevent and address sexual harassment, misconduct and abuse.”
ABOUT RALIANCE

RALIANCE is a trusted adviser for organizations committed to building cultures that are safe, equitable, and respectful. RALIANCE offers unparalleled expertise in serving survivors of sexual harassment, misconduct, and abuse which drives our mission to help organizations across sectors create inclusive environments for all. For more information, please visit www.RALIANCE.org.