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As leaders of the four historically African American sororities, we are united in our belief that *Sorority Sisters*, which aired Monday, December 15, 2014 on VH1, poses a shameful affront to our proud legacies of service, scholarship and sisterhood.

For more than a century, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated; and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, have been at the vanguard of positive social change and served as repositories for women with shared ideals.

As such, we are saddened by the producers' desire to elevate harmful, negative, and stereotypical imagery of African American women in their quest for ratings. Moreover, these cast members willfully misrepresent the ideals of our illustrious organizations, betray the privilege of membership bestowed upon them, undermine our collective promise to uplift communities and each other, and detract from the transformative programs carried out by our members worldwide. This cast, these plotlines and the entire show premise represent the antithesis of who we are as African American women, sorority sisters and friends.

On behalf of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated; and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, we condemn this television show for its exploitation and degradation of our organizations and African American women everywhere.

It is our collective desire that VH1 carefully consider the ramifications of such irresponsible programming that continues to exploit and degrade the image of African American women. Our members, along with many other members of black fraternal groups, have lost confidence in the credibility VH1 and those advertisers that support the show, all of whom have already been notified of our discontent. Our sincere hope is that VH1 is interested enough in regaining this confidence of African American women and do what is decent, just and economically sound for their network by immediately and indefinitely pulling this disgraceful show from their lineup of programming.

As with any issue for which we are passionate, we encourage all of our members, their families and friends to continue to let their voice be heard via social media, email, and postal mail to both VH1 and the advertisers of *Sorority Sisters* to ensure that our collective record of service and sisterhood is not marginalized on national television. Our organizations, along with our respective legal counsels, are taking all appropriate steps to ensure that we protect the legacy of our organizations, while exhibiting true sisterhood by remaining steadfast to our values, mission and endeavors.

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