

February 17, 2015

Ms. Sil Lai Abrams  
Founder & CEO  
Truth In Reality c/o Vera Institute of Justice  
233 Broadway, 12<sup>th</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10036

Dear Ms. Abrams,

On behalf of the members of the Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., I want to thank you for providing information from your organization, Truth in Reality in helping to sponsor the #99Seconds program to address domestic and sexual violence on college campuses.

As you are aware, in conjunction with the Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the #99Seconds program was sponsored on the campus of the University of Chicago on February 16, 2015.

The program was an outstanding success, drawing a multicultural audience to talk about the issues surrounding domestic and sexual violence, including not only issues regarding relationships but also the portrayals of African American women in the media.

Since its founding in December of 1906, one of the paramount goals of Alpha Phi Alpha has been to promote and support "the respect of womanhood" in our actions as individuals and members of the fraternity. The #99Seconds program allows us to continue to uphold that ideal and also bring attention to the plague of domestic and sexual violence that is plaguing our collective communities.

Because we were so pleased with how this first program worked, we look forward to the opportunity to bring this program to the other campuses under our charter as we know those students will benefit from the #99Seconds program as well.

Thank you again for what you have done and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Charles E. Smoot  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Xi Lambda Chapter  
Theta Chapter Alumni Advisor