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February 8, 2018

Ms. Kerry Perry
President and Chief Executive Officer
USA Gymnastics, Inc.
130 E. Washington Street, Suite 700
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Perry:

Two weeks ago, former USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar was sentenced for sexually assaulting and molesting young female gymnasts under the appalling pretense of medical care. Sexual assault should never be tolerated, but when it does occur, it is imperative that swift and immediate action be taken to stop the abuse, prevent it from recurring, and address its effects.

Unfortunately, a lack of action allowed Nassar's offenses to infect nearly every level of gymnastics in our country. At his sentencing hearing, Nassar was confronted by 156 courageous women who came forward about the crimes he perpetrated against them,¹ and more than 60 additional women testified at another sentencing hearing last week.² One of the most disturbing aspects of the survivors' accounts is how this reprehensible conduct went undetected or ignored for years. Coaches, instructors, law enforcement, and other trusted adults all failed these young athletes.

The Committee is investigating how Nassar's crimes were able to occur, let alone persist, for over two decades. USA Gymnastics, the national governing body for the sport in the United States, is at the center of many of these failures. The Committee seeks to better understand USA Gymnastics's responsibility to its gymnastics clubs and gyms, its policies and procedures on sexual assault, and the actions it plans to take in response to this pervasive sexual abuse within the sport.

¹ Matt Mencarini and Beth LeBlanc, *Rachael Denhollander, First to Publicly Accuse Nassar, Makes Final Victim Statement*, LANSING STATE J., Jan. 24, 2018, available at <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2018/01/24/denhollander-seeks-harsh-sentence-answers-tough-questions-nassar-sentencing/1060121001/>.

² Matt Mencarini, *Larry Nassar to Be Sentenced for Third Time on Monday, Now 265 Say They Were Abused*, LANSING STATE J., Feb. 2, 2018, available at <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2018/02/02/larry-nassar-sentenced-third-time-monday-now-265-say-they-were-abused/302439002/>.

USA Gymnastics sets the rules and policies that govern the sport of gymnastics.³ It is responsible for “selecting and training the U.S. Gymnastics Teams for the Olympics and World Championships” as well as providing “continuing education resources for new and experienced coaches and instructors in the sport.”⁴ USA Gymnastics has a significant responsibility to its sport and athletes. It helps oversee and train the clubs, coaches, doctors, trainers, and athletes. Yet, the organization’s team doctor sexually abused young gymnasts unfettered for years.

To ensure this never happens again, the Committee is seeking to understand what failed within our Olympic and collegiate systems, and why. To assist the Committee’s investigation, please provide the following documents and information with the names of complainants redacted:

1. All training materials, policies, procedures, and instructions regarding providing medical treatment to athletes—including medical consents and medical examinations—disseminated to Twistars USA Gymnastics Club and Karolyi Ranch since 1996;
2. All training materials, policies, procedures, and instructions provided to Twistars USA Gymnastics Club and Karolyi Ranch since 1996 about reporting and addressing sexual assault;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to any and all complaints reported to USA Gymnastics about Larry Nassar, including but not limited to documents reflecting how USA Gymnastics responded to and resolved those complaints;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to any and all other sexual assault complaints concerning USA Gymnastics individuals other than Larry Nassar that have been reported to USA Gymnastics since January 2008, including documents reflecting how USA Gymnastics responded to and resolved those complaints;
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to how USA Gymnastics certifies gymnastics clubs within the United States and any best practices that are used;
6. All documents and communications referring or relating to USA Gymnastics’s sexual assault reporting relationship with Twistars USA Gymnastics Club, Karolyi Ranch and other USA Gymnastics member clubs;

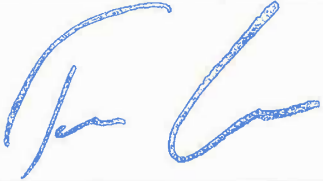
³ USA Gymnastics, About USA Gymnastics https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/about_usag.html (last visited Feb. 5, 2018).

⁴ *Id.*

7. All documents and communications referring or relating to USA Gymnastics's sexual assault reporting relationship with the U.S. Olympic Committee; and
8. All documents and communications referring or relating to the steps USA Gymnastics has taken or plans to take to prevent and address future instances of abuse within the sport of gymnastics.

Provide the requested documents and information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2018. An attachment to this letter provides additional instructions for responding to the Committee's request. In addition, please arrange to brief Committee staff on this matter after producing the requested documents and information.

Please contact Jessica Donlon of the Majority staff at (202) 225-5074 or Katie Teleky and Francesca McCrary of the Minority staff at (202) 225-5051 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Trey Gowdy

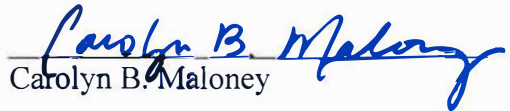
Sincerely,



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Enclosures