

January 25, 2016,

Dear IOC President Thomas Bach,

Dear WADA President Sir Craig Reedie,

We write you in response to the two-part report from the WADA independent commission led by Dick Pound investigating systemic doping violations in Russian Athletics.

While we applaud the provisional suspension of the Russian Athletics Federation, we feel strongly that more should be done to ensure a fair field of play for athletes in all sports, not just those who compete in Track and Field.

According to the report, while the WADA independent commission "expresses no concluded opinion as to other sports in Russia, there is no reason to believe that Athletics is the only sport in Russia to have been affected by the identified systemic failures."

The IOC and WADA should prioritize the rights of clean athletes everywhere by holding all athletes to the same high standard. In addition to requiring RUSADA to perform in accordance with the WADA code moving forward, a full investigation should be carried out into the failed testing of Russian athletes from ALL sports. And it is not just athletes who should be investigated and punished, but those who helped the athletes to cheat: whether it was coaches, RUSADA personnel, and yes, even politicians.

Perhaps at least some other International Federations will follow the IAAF's lead and suspend the Russian governing bodies in their sports. But Federations acting on their own will only accomplish so much. WADA and the IOC need to show strong leadership of the Olympic Movement by ensuring that all Russian Federations are thoroughly investigated. WADA's IC has a body of knowledge and contacts with whistleblowers that far exceeds what any IF knows about the misdeeds of RUSADA, the Moscow laboratory, and corrupt officials who work with athletes across all Russian sports. With evidence of state supported doping across the whole of sport in Russia, with a corrupt and ineffective NADA testing system, and with athletes and insiders coming forward at great personal risk, now is exactly the time to investigate thoroughly. The clean sport movement is at a crossroads. The athletes of the world are watching and waiting.

We ask the IOC and WADA to continue and increase your efforts to protect clean sport in all countries.

Sincerely,

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*Ratified on January 23, 2016, by the members of the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council representing athletes from 47 National Governing Bodies and 10 Paralympic sports

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