

Response to Written Questions submitted by Honorable Jerry Moran to Jamie Dantzscher

*Question 1.* The U.S. Center for SafeSport is an independent investigator, source for reported information and administrator of national prevention and training outreach. Do athletes undergo training on their rights and how to report abuse and how to detect signs of abuse, whether for themselves or on behalf of another athlete?

Response. No, When I was an athlete, SafeSport was not implemented at all and there was no other training or education for the athletes on how to detect any kind of abuse.

*Question 2.* National Governing Bodies must “keep amateur athletes informed of policy matters reasonably reflect the views of the athletes in its policy decisions.” As a USAG member, how did the organization inform you of policy matters? Did these policies reasonably reflect the views of the athletes? If not, do you believe the governance reforms that USAG is currently implementing are sufficient to address any shortcomings in this regard?

Response. USAG policies NEVER reflected the views of the athletes when I was competing. No. I believe USAG is implementing a program like SafeSport more as a publicity stunt rather than seriously taking action to change a system that has failed to protect child athletes for so many years.

*Question 3.* Even before it was amended this year by the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017 (P.L. 115-126), the Ted Stevens Act imposed specific requirements on NGB’s with respect to training, sports medicine, and safety, which remain in effect today. Specifically, NGB’s are required to “provide and coordinate technical information on physical training, equipment design, coaching, and performance analysis” and to “encourage and support research development, and dissemination of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety.” In light of the medical protocols employed by Dr. Larry Nassar in his capacity as a team doctor, and the coaching practicing employed at the USA Gymnastics National Team Training Center, how has USAG’s actions impacted its credibility on these issues? If USAG fully implements the governance reforms it is currently pursuing, do you believe USAG will be prepared to meet its duties in this regard?

Response. I think USAG provided information only to minimally (if that) meet the requirements of the Ted Stevens Act and such. However, they did not apply or enforce these policies to ensure the safety of their athletes. Their failure to do so has not only resulted in physical, emotional, and mental abuse to USA gymnasts, it also allowed/enabled Larry Nassar (and many other USAG coaches) to sexually abuse young gymnasts for so many years. USAG failed to even enforce their own policies. (i.e. No man should ever be alone in a room with their underage athlete)

*Question 4.* Under the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, National Governing Bodies have a general duty “to develop interest and participation throughout the United States and be responsible to the persons and amateur sports organizations it represents.” In the wake of the Larry Nassar scandal, USA Gymnastics is currently implementing a number of governance reforms including those directed by the USOC’s working group. In your view, how has USAG’s handling of the Nassar scandal impacted interest and participation in the sport of gymnastics? If

USA Gymnastics' actions have decreased interest and participation in the sport, do you believe it will be prepared to meet its duty once the governance reforms are fully implemented?

Response. USAG handling of the Nassar scandal has definitely impacted the interest and participation negatively in gymnastics. Instead of taking any responsibility, they have labeled Larry Nassar as "One Bad Seed" which is clearly not the case. I do not believe that USAG will be prepared to meet its duties with the people there right now because the same culture and mentalities exist. I believe the decertification of USAG is crucial to ensure that significant changes will be made for the future of gymnastics.

*Question 5.* Related to the culture of USA Gymnastics, there have been assertions that the organization took an aggressive approach of cutting lines of communication between the athletes and their families. One would think that an athlete's ability to communicate with their loved ones would improve the chances of catching abuse sooner given the familiarity and comfort of discussing sensitive subjects with family. Would you agree?

Response. I agree. Isolating the athletes is just another way USAG was able to control the athletes and allow someone like Larry Nassar to flourish.

*Question 6.* In each of your experiences, what were the major impediments to reporting sexual abuse to your respective National Governing Body (NGB), including their affiliated clubs, the U.S. Olympic Committee, and law enforcement? Were there specific instances in which your efforts to report abuse to law enforcement were deterred or impeded?

Response. I never understood that I was being sexually abused until late Summer 2016.

*Question 7.* What are athletes looking for in a new President and leadership positions at USOC? Should athletes have more of a voice in these decisions?

Response. The new President and leaders should put the needs and safety of the athletes first. The athletes should absolutely have a voice in these decisions.

*Question 8.* Are you aware of any individuals that knew about your abuse and failed to act that is still employed by USOC or your NGB? If so, who are they?

Response. My personal opinion is that many people knew about the abuse including the Karoylis.