

## Responses to Written Questions Submitted by Honorable Jerry Moran to Susanne Lyons

*Question 1.* With respect to the Center for SafeSport, one of the primary concerns we have heard through the course of this investigation is that the Center is not truly independent from USOC, which results in a lack of trust on the part of athletes. I would like to hear your perspective on this matter. First, do you believe it is true that SafeSport is not truly independent? If not, why? What can be done to either rectify this or reassure athletes that SafeSport is truly independent and is focused entirely on their best interests, not that of USOC?

Response. When launching the Center for SafeSport, the U.S. Olympic Committee chose to create it as an independent entity because we agree that independence is important to engendering trust in its processes and to minimizing potential conflicts of interest within the Olympic community. Nonetheless, the Center would not have launched without the assistance of the Olympic Committee, including organizational assistance and financial support. Building trust in the Center's operations is an important and ongoing goal of the Olympic Committee. For example, the Center's investigations and adjudications are entirely independent, and the Center does not provide information about specific ongoing cases to the Olympic Committee or, to our knowledge, national governing bodies. The Center's staff operates independently and places a high priority on maintaining its operational independence. Because the Olympic Committee is committed to the success of the Center, there are other areas where collaboration is beneficial. For example, the Olympic Committee and the Center are currently working to improve coordination and consistency related to banned lists. And, of course, the Olympic Committee continues to be a primary funder of the Center. As noted in my testimony, the Olympic Committee believes that increasing the Center's sources of funding can help contribute to demonstrating its independence. In the meantime, because the success of the Center is so important to the entire Olympic community, the Olympic Committee is committed to ensuring that the Center has the resources it needs to be successful.

*Question 2.* Do the Center for SafeSport, the USOC and NGBs have adequate insurance in place to cover the devastating and lifelong impact for what we now know is an incredibly large population of abused athletes? What insurance number would you deem adequate, and what would that be based on?

Response. The Olympic Committee has continuously maintained insurance policies commensurate with its operations and activities. The current issues were, of course, very much unanticipated. It is not possible currently to estimate an amount necessary to address the needs of all victims or the role of insurance in addressing the needs of victims. I cannot speak to the current insurance position of the Center or the national governing bodies.