

Responses to Written Questions Submitted by Honorable Jerry Moran to Bridie Farrell

*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. To my knowledge, I am unaware of any training athletes receive on what is abuse, types of abuse, or athletes' rights. There was no SafeSport when I was a competitor in Speed Skating.

*Question 2.* 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 was sexually abused at age 15. I did not disclose the sexual abuse to anyone as I did not have the vocabulary to describe what happened. I was fearful of my parents taking me out of speed skating. I feared I would not be believed. I was scared of Andy Gabel's reaction (the man who abused me). Years later, I blamed myself and I did not disclose. When I was finally ready to speak about my child sexual abuse, the minute statute of limitations in NY had expired. I appreciate the efforts of SafeSport. It is my opinion that the USOC and members of Congress should push to extend the statute of limitations in all states.

*Question 3.* 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. This is a very unique opportunity in the history of the Olympic movement in America. The first question to ask is: Who is the customer? Who is the USOC meant to support? If the USOC wishes to appease the executives and NGBs; business as usual can continue. However, if the athlete is to become the focus, a new business model is required. I strongly encourage members of the recruiting and hiring committee to reach out to Mr. Mark Pfaff. I believe the USOC could benefit from his professional experience and personal moral character.

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I think that athletes should have a large influence in the NGBs. One amendment to current rules is to redefine how long post-retirement an athlete may still serve. There are hundreds of people who would love to contribute, but are barred based on the limited definition of an athlete.

*Question 4.* 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. I am unaware of anyone who knew about my abuse at the time. It is my belief no one knew even up until I disclosed on Feb 28, 2013.