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Mr. Scott Blackmun
Chief Executive Officer
United States Olympic Committee
One Olympic Plaza
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Dear Mr. Blackmun:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the United States House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is investigating matters related to sexual abuse within organized sports, including the U.S. Olympic community. Since 2014, allegations of sexual abuse have emerged within three Olympic sports. This week, Dr. Larry Nassar was sentenced for his abuse of more than 150 girls and women, many of whom are or were associated with USA Gymnastics. Last year, reports of sexual misconduct allegations emerged within the USA Taekwondo community. Finally, in 2014, 19 former swimmers said they were sexually abused by their coaches. The abhorrent abuses associated with USA Gymnastics, and potentially other sports, are outrageous, and raise concerns about whether the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) has sufficient oversight mechanisms to protect your athletes from abuse and mistreatment. Accordingly, the Committee is seeking information from the USOC because of the role it plays in overseeing sport and protecting U.S. athletes within the Olympic community.


To assist the Committee's oversight into these reports and incidents of sexual misconduct and abuse, please provide a briefing to the Committee and be prepared to provide answers to the following questions by Friday, February 9, 2018.

1. When was the USOC first made aware of the sexual abuse allegations related to Dr. Larry Nassar within USA Gymnastics?
 - a. Who reported the allegations to the USOC?
 - b. Who within the USOC were these allegations reported to?
 - c. Once the sexual abuse allegations were reported to the USOC, how were the allegations handled?


2. When was the USOC first made aware of the sexual misconduct allegations within USA Taekwondo?
 - a. Who reported the allegations to the USOC?
 - b. Who within the USOC were these allegations reported to?
 - c. Once the sexual abuse allegations were reported to the USOC, how were the allegations handled?
3. When was the USOC first made aware of the sexual misconduct allegations within USA Swimming?
 - a. Who reported the allegations to the USOC?
 - b. Who within the USOC were these allegations reported to?
 - c. Once the sexual abuse allegations were reported to the USOC, how were the allegations handled?
4. Is the USOC aware of any other sexual abuse or misconduct allegations within USA Gymnastics, Taekwondo, Swimming, or in any other sport?
 - a. If so, what is the nature of those allegations and when were they made?
 - i. What steps has the USOC done to address those allegations?
5. Does the USOC have policies and procedures in place in order to properly report, handle, and investigate sexual abuse when it has been reported to them?
6. What is the USOC's relationship with the U.S. Center for SafeSport?
 - a. How is the U.S. Center for SafeSport involved in any investigations into sexual misconduct within the Olympic movement?
 - b. What awareness or relationship does the USOC have with the U.S. Center for SafeSport throughout any investigation?

To arrange for the requested briefing, please contact Brittany Havens with the Majority staff at (202) 225-2927 or Julie Babayan with the Minority staff at (202) 225-3641.

Sincerely,



Greg Walden
Chairman



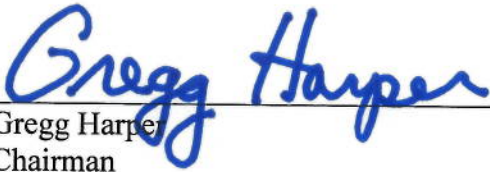
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