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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

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Mr. Tim Hinchey President and Chief Executive Officer USA Swimming 1 Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Dear Mr. Hinchey:

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 USA Swimming. The abhorrent abuses associated with USA Gymnastics, as well as allegations in 2014, when 19 former swimmers said they were sexually abused by their coaches, may raise concerns about whether your organization has sufficient mechanisms to protect your athletes from abuse and mistreatment. Accordingly, the Committee is seeking information from USA Swimming because of the role it plays in overseeing swimming and protecting all of its athletes.

To assist the Committee's oversight into these incidents of sexual 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 USA Swimming first made aware of the sexual abuse allegations in 2014?
 - a. Who reported the allegations to USA Swimming?
 - b. Who within USA Swimming were these allegations reported to?
 - c. Once the sexual abuse allegations were reported to USA Swimming, how were the allegations handled?
- 2. Is USA Swimming aware of any other sexual abuse or misconduct allegations within the swimming community?
 - a. If so, what is the nature of the allegations and when were they made?

- b. If so, what has USA Swimming done to properly address these allegations?
- 3. Does USA Swimming have policies and procedures in place to properly report, handle, and investigate sexual abuse when it has been reported to them?
 - a. Were these policies and procedures changed at all since the allegations in 2014? If so, how?

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,

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