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## **NASSAR SURVIVORS' ATTORNEY CALL ROPES AND GRAY REPORT, "A SHOCKING INDICTMENT OF THE US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.**

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**Irvine California** – Attorney John Manly, who represents more than 180 survivors of former Women's Olympics Gymnastics Team Doctor Larry Nassar, responded today to the shocking investigation of the role of the United States Olympic Committee in the cover-up of the Larry Nassar Scandal.

“This report is incomplete because it was not completely independent from the US Olympic Committee. That being said, it is a stinging indictment of the highest levels of the leadership of the United States Olympic Committee for their role in the cover-up the largest sex abuse scandal in the history of sports.

The report firmly establishes that the top leadership of the US Olympic committee was aware of Nassar's criminal conduct years before they have publicly acknowledged it.

It is now up to Congress to exercise their oversight authority and conduct a full and thoroughly independent investigation of the United States Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics in order to determine who knew about Larry Nassar's three-decade long abuse of children and young women and tried to cover it up.

It is clear from this report that the top leadership of the US Olympic committee willfully disregarded mandatory reporting laws and dozens of additional children were sexually assaulted by Nassar as a result.

Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies also need to investigate and bring charges against any individuals in the US Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics who are found to have violated the law,” said Attorney John Manly.

The report was written by the law firm Ropes and Gray who was hired in February by the US Olympic Committee to investigate the Nassar scandal. They reviewed more than 1.3 million documents and interviewed more than 100 people. It has been noted that longtime gymnastics coaches, Marta and Bella Karolyi refused to be interviewed for this report.

