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**“USA GYMNASTIC’S SPONSORS SHOULD FOLLOW THE LEAD OF PROCTOR & GAMBLE AND KELLOGG’S BY DROPPING SPONSORSHIP OF USAG,” SAY LARRY NASSAR ACCUSERS**

An Olympic bronze medalist and two former members of the USA National Gymnastics Team applauded the decision of the two largest corporate sponsors of USA Gymnastics to drop their sponsorships in the wake of the Larry Nassar sex abuse scandal and called upon other corporate sponsors to follow suit.

Nassar, who served as Michigan State University, USA Gymnastics and US Olympic Team doctor for two decades was sentenced in Federal court this month to 60 years in prison on child pornography charges. He also pleaded guilty to ten counts of criminal sexual conduct in Michigan State court.

2000 Bronze Medalist Jamie Dantzscher, former USA National Team member Jeanette Antolin and three-time National Champion rhythmic gymnast Jessica Howard appeared on “60 Minutes” in March and told the Nation their personal stories of physical, emotional and sexual abuse inflicted upon them by USA Gymnastics and their former National Team doctor Larry Nassar. Since then more than 140 women and girls have come forward to report alleged incidents of sexual abuse by Nassar.

In a statement issued today Ms. Dantzscher, Ms. Antolin and Ms. Howard called USA Gymnastics treatment of Nassar’s victims “Deplorable” and repeated their previous calls for leadership change at USAG.

“Proctor & Gamble and Kellogg’s have decided they can no longer support an organization which refuses to take responsibility for the crimes committed by their National Team doctor and their failure to warn others of his criminal conduct. Hershey’s, Under Armour, AT&T, United Airlines and NBC Sports should put their money where America’s conscience is and withdrawal their financial support of this organization until their officers and directors are replaced by people who will protect the health and safety of child athletes.”

In October, the three women started a Change.Org petition calling upon USAG’s corporate sponsors to force a change in leadership in USA Gymnastics. The petition said, “Change is being

made in the leadership in major companies when sex abuse survivors step forward and say, “Me too,” but this hasn’t happened yet in USA Gymnastics.

USA Gymnastics Chairman Paul Parilla and the Board of Directors have focused their attention on money and medals while USA Gymnastics is attempting to cover up the largest child sex abuse scandal in the history of sports. They must be replaced by people who will put the health and safety of athletes first.”

Last week, USA Gymnastics filed a motion in Federal court attempting to dismiss all of the women’s claims against them.

The motion argues that “USAG had no legal duty to protect plaintiffs from Nassar’s criminal conduct” and “USAG had no duty to warn MSU, Twistars or others of the reported concerns about Nassar.”

Manly, Stewart & Finaldi represent 106 alleged victims of Larry Nassar including Jamie Dantscher, Jeanette Antolin and Jessica Howard.

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[Manly, Stewart & Finaldi](#) is California’s leading law firm representing child victims of sexual abuse. The firm has represented more than 150 victims of clergy sexual abuse in California and hundreds of others throughout the United States. The firm also represented plaintiffs in the \$140,000,000 settlement against LAUSD in the Miramonte case, the largest sex abuse settlement against a School District in the US.