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NASSAR SURVIVORS' ATTORNEY CALLS HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE REPORT, "MORE EVIDENCE OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND DERELICTION OF DUTY BY THE U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE."

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Irvine California – Attorney Vince Finaldi who represents more than 180 survivors of former Women's Olympics Gymnastics Team Doctor Larry Nassar, responded today to a new report by the House Energy and Commerce Committee which criticized the United States Olympic Committee's handling of the Larry Nassar sex abuse scandal. [Click here for copy of report.](#)

The 131-page report stated, "During the course of the year-long investigation, the Committee uncovered a number of failures and trends within the Olympic community that contributed to the widespread instances of sexual abuse. Perhaps most troubling of the Committee's findings is the culture within the Olympic community which prioritizes reputation and image, rather than athlete safety. "

"This report clearly demonstrates that the US Olympic Committee has failed in its responsibility to protect Olympic athletes from sexual abuse for at least 30 years. This failure not only affected USA Gymnastics but many of the other National Governing Bodies and sports under the supervision of the USOC It represents a dereliction of duty by an organization chartered by Congress to protect the Olympic movement and our athletes" said Mr. Finaldi

In a Washington Post interview, incoming subcommittee chair Diana DeGette (D-Colorado) promised to continue the investigation.

This report comes on the heels of an investigation commissioned by USOC that revealed that the top leadership of the U.S. Olympic committee covered up Nassar's crimes and willfully disregarded mandatory reporting laws.

[Manly, Stewart & Finaldi](#) is the nation's leading firm representing athletes in child sexual abuse cases against school districts, Universities and Olympic Governing

Bodies. They recently represented 180 alleged victims of former Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar resulting in a \$500 million-dollar settlement against Michigan State University. In 2018 the firm settled cases against the Torrance Unified School District for \$31 million on behalf of alleged victims of former wrestling coach and convicted child molester Thomas Snider, against Los Angeles Unified School district for \$8 million in cases involving former football coach and convicted child molester Jamie Jimenez and for \$14 million in cases involving former Los Angeles Unified District employee Ronnie Lee Roman. The firm has also settled \$30 million in claims against Redlands Unified School District.