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STATEMENT BY JOHN MANLY ON SCOTT BLACKMUN'S RESIGNATION AS CEO OF THE US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

"Scott Blackmun's resignation as CEO of the US Olympic Committee is long overdue. Under his leadership, USOC has focused nearly all its efforts on money and medals while the safety of our athletes has taken a back seat. It was the courage of these brave women, speaking out about the failure of USOC to protect our athletes, that forced Mr. Blackmun to resign.

During his tenure USOC certified Larry Nassar as our Olympic Team doctor and allowed him to molest our Olympic and National Team athletes for more than two decades. There is ample evidence that USOC conspired with USA Gymnastics to conceal evidence of Nassar's crimes from the public and silence victims. In the three years since Nassar's criminal conduct was first reported to USOC, Mr. Blackmun made no attempt to contact the Olympic athletes Nassar victimized and offer sympathy, support and an apology. Only last week did he contact these athletes in a crass attempt to give credibility to an "independent investigation" bought and paid for by USOC. I am confident that truly independent investigations by the House and the Senate will hold Mr. Blackmun and his colleagues accountable for their actions and restore the credibility of the USOC," said Mr. Manly.

The impacts of the Nassar scandal on USOC and USAG have been far reaching. Within the past few months the Karolyi National Training Center has been closed. The entire board of Directors of USAG has been forced to resign. The National Women's Team coordinator has resigned. The top sponsors of USAG, including Procter & Gamble, Kellogg's, Hershey's and Under Armour have withdrawn sponsorship support from the organization. And the House Oversight Committee and the US Senate Commerce Committee have begun far reaching investigations.

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alleged victims of former Michigan State University and U.S. Women's Gymnastics Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar