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FELLOW NASSAR SURVIVORS CALL ON ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST BELA AND MARTHA KAROLYI

Austin Texas – Speaking in front of the offices of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, five survivors of convicted pedophile doctor Larry Nassar called upon the Attorney General to take action against former US Women’s Gymnastics National Team Coordinators Martha and Bela Karolyi.

Martha and Bella Karolyi ran the USAG Women’s Gymnastics National Training Center at the Karolyi Ranch near Huntsville, Texas from 1999-2018. Dozens of Olympic and National Team gymnasts were allegedly molested at the Ranch by former team doctor Larry Nassar.

Former US Women’s Gymnastics National Team Coordinator, Martha Karolyi, admitted under oath that former USA Gymnastics President Steve Penny informed her in June of 2015 that team doctor Larry Nassar had been accused of molesting young girls on the National Team. Mrs. Karolyi did not report this suspected abuse at the Karolyi Ranch to Texas authorities as required by Texas law.

The five survivors who calling upon the Texas Attorney General to take action include 2000 Olympic Bronze Medalist Jamie Dantzcher, National Team gymnast Jeanette Antolin, both who trained at the Karolyi Ranch. They were joined by three gymnasts from Michigan, Lindsay Lemke, Kayla Spicher and Autumn Blaney. All of whom were allegedly molested by Nassar at his Michigan State University Clinic after June of 2015.

Mrs. Dantzcher said, “It is simply impossible to believe the Karolyis had no idea of what Nassar was doing at the Ranch. They controlled everything that went on there, including down to what the girls ate and when they went to bed at night. They allowed Nassar into our rooms alone with teenaged girls. If they didn’t know what he was doing, they just didn’t care.”

Nassar survivor Lindsay Lemke, current MSU student and gymnast, said, “Nassar began molesting me at the age of nine and he continued molesting me dozens of times after 2015.

If they Karolyis had done their job, and reported him to authorities, I would have been spared repeated assaults as would dozens of other young girls.

The Karolyis filed a lawsuit against USA Gymnastics and the US Olympic Committee on May 1, 2018. The Karolyis stated in their lawsuit that, “When USAG told the Karolyis in 2015 that Larry Nassar would not be returning that USAG never mentioned the alleged mistreatment was potentially sexual assault nor

did they relay the nature of the treatments at issue...The Karolyis first learned of the exact nature of Nassar's conduct leading to his dismissal – allegations of sexual misconduct – sometime after the 2016 Summer Olympics.

That false statement directly contradicts testimony made under oath in a deposition conducted in May of 2017. In that deposition Mrs. Karolyi was asked directly, "Were you ever advised by any USAG Official in or around June 2015 that they had received a complaint that Dr. Nassar had molested a National Team gymnast at the ranch."

Mrs. Karolyi answered, "Yes, I did."

She was then asked, "And who reported that to you?"

Mrs. Karolyi replied, "Steve Penny."

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Victims' attorney John Manly who represents more than 150 Nassar survivors including Jamie Dantzcher, Jeanette Antolin and Olympic Gold Medalists Ali Raisman and Jordyn Weiber said, "INSERT 4"

Texas attorney Mo Aziz added, "We have seen evidence of an active investigation or any action taken by Attorney General Paxton in this case. There are credible allegations of sexual assault against some of our most prominent Olympic athletes and hundreds of other young girls at the Karolyi Ranch going back more than 20 years. The Karolyis have made conflicting statements about what they knew and when they knew it in an official court document and in a deposition taken under oath. We need action by law enforcement to get to the bottom of what they knew and when they knew it and to hold them accountable."

[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. The firm currently represents more than 150 alleged victims of former Michigan State University and U.S. Women's Gymnastics Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar