



MEDIA ADVISORY

NASSAR "SISTER SURVIVORS" TO ADDRESS MSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DEMAND REMOVAL OF INTERIM PRESIDENT JOHN ENGLER

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WHAT: Women who accused former MSU and USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar of sexual assault will speak at a meeting at the Michigan State University Board of Trustees.

The women will demand the removal of Interim President John Engler following the release of emails from Engler and University Vice President Carol Viventi falsely stating that Rachael Denhollander, the first woman to go public with her accusations against Nassar, was probably getting a "kickback" from her attorney John Manly.

Engler issued a public apology for his email today, stating "My speculation about the lead plaintiff receiving kickbacks or referral fees hurt her deeply and for that I am truly sorry."

Ms. Viventi was forced to apologize in April for an email she sent to Engler and others claiming that 19-year-old Nassar survivor Kaylee Lorincz was trying to "set up" the University.

WHO: **Kaylee Lorincz** - "Victim E" in Larry Nassar Ingham County, Michigan criminal case.
Morgan McCaul - University of Michigan Sophomore.
Grace French - allegedly assaulted by Larry Nassar at his MSU clinic.
Dr. Danielle Moore - allegedly assaulted by Larry Nassar as a young teenager.
Manly, Stewart & Finaldi represents more than 180 alleged victims of Larry Nassar, including Ms. Lorincz and Ms. Denhollander.

WHEN: Friday, June 22, 2018
8 a.m. (Doors for media will open at 7:15 a.m.)

WHERE: Michigan State University
Hannah Administration Building
426 Auditorium Road
East Lansing, MI 48824

WHY:

Three leading candidates for Governor of Michigan from both parties have called for Engler's resignation. They have been joined by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D), U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, (D) Flint Township, U.S Rep Sander Levin, (D) Royal Oak, U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, (D) Southfield, U.S. Rep. Justin Amash, (R) Cascade Township, State Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekoff, (R) West Olive, State Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Rick Jones, (R) Grand Ledge, and State Sen. Margaret O'Brien, (R) Portage. MSU Trustees Brian Mosallam and Dianne Byrum have also asked Engler to step aside.

Following Engler's apology Board Chair Brian Breslin said, "John's apology for the comments contained in an April email that was released last week is appropriate and appreciated by a majority of the Board."

Ms. Denhollander responded, "I am thankful for his statement, but disappointed beyond what I can express that it only came after eight days of state leaders, members of Congress, senators, two MSU board members, and over 150 women whose character he attacked, have been calling for his resignation. One day before a critical board meeting. This does not signal a genuine change of heart. It signals political manipulation."

Victim's attorney John Manly responded, "It is sad and abundantly clear that a majority of the MSU Board of Trustees will not hold John Engler accountable no matter what he says or does. It is up to the Governor and the Michigan legislature to remove Engler and the Board members that support him before they destroy what is left of this once great University."