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STATEMENT BY SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM'S ATTORNEY JOHN C. MANLY REGARDING USAG REPORT ON SEXUAL ABUSE POLICIES

Irvine, California - The report released today by the United States Gymnastics Association attempts to hide decades of emotional, physical and sexual abuse behind a public relations facade. A few months ago, USAG refused to send a representative to a hearing of the US Senate Judiciary Committee to discuss pending legislation requiring sexual abuse of athletes to be reported to authorities, now they are recommending that such reporting should take place in the future. This is not comforting to the hundreds of alleged victims of Dr. Larry Nassar who has stated in a police interview that he performed abusive procedures "thousands of times" which were never reported to authorities. ([Click here for report](#))

This report is corporate double-talk designed to divert attention from who at USA Gymnastics knew about molestation by Larry Nassar and others and when they knew it. The report calls for a change in culture but those who created the toxic culture remain in charge of the organization.

The lack of any real investigation, facts or accountability for those who failed thousands of boys and girls victimized by Nassar and others in the report is disturbing.

We have taken depositions of USAG Chair Paul Parilla and former USAG President Steve Penny. To this day, they refuse to answer basic questions and they deny responsibility for the terrible scandal that prompted this report.

To the best of my knowledge, USAG has failed to speak with any of the alleged victims of Dr. Nassar to offer support or even to express sympathy for their ordeal. Reform of USAG must begin at the very top with a new Chair and a new Board that will put the safety of athletes ahead of money and medals.

John C. Manly, is the founding partner of the Irvine California based law firm Manly Stewart & Finaldi. The firm represents more than 100 alleged victims of Dr. Larry Nassar in civil lawsuits against USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University.

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.