



MEDIA ADVISORY

ARTHUR ASHE COURAGE AWARD WINNERS DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY OF USOC, USAG AND MSU LEADERS AT U.S. SENATE HEARING ON PREVENTING ABUSE IN OLYMPIC AND AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

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WHAT: 85 winners of the ESPY Arthur Ashe Courage Award will hold a press conference in our Nation's capital and attend a hearing of the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, entitled "Strengthening and Empowering US Amateur Athletes: Moving Forward with Solutions," at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. The hearing will focus on changes made by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), USA Gymnastics (USAG), and Michigan State University (MSU) to protect Olympic and amateur athletes from abuse. It will examine recent reforms to provide safe environments for athletes and how these reforms are being implemented.

Witnesses testifying at the hearing include USOC Interim President Susanne Lyon, USAG President Kerry Perry and Michigan State University President John Engler.

WHO: **United States Senators**
Jerry Moran (R Kansas), Chair Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security
Richard Blumenthal (D Connecticut), Ranking Member Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security

Arthur Ashe Recipients Spokespeople

Sarah Klein, first known victim of Larry Nassar. Ms. Klein is an attorney and business management consultant.

Tiffany Thomas Lopez, former MSU scholarship softball player, reported Larry Nassar's abuse to trainer in 1997 and was ignored.

Ali Raisman, 2012 and 2016 Olympic Gold Medalist. Reported Larry Nassar's abuse to USA Gymnastics in summer of 2015.

Women Featured in the Arthur Ashe Courage Award Video

Jamie Dantzcher, 2000 Olympic Bronze Medalist, first person to file a lawsuit in Larry Nassar case.

Jeanette Antolin, former Team USA gymnast allegedly assaulted by Larry Nassar at the Karolyi Ranch, National Training Center and at National and International competitions organized by USOC and USAG.
Jordyn Wieber, 2012 Olympic Gold Medalist currently an assistant coach on the NCAA National Champion UCLA gymnastics team.
Kaylee Lorincz, a gymnast allegedly assaulted by Larry Nassar at MSU's clinic at the age of 12, now a freshman at Adrian College

Other Arthur Ashe Courage Award Winners and Larry Nassar Survivors
[Click here for the complete list of Sister Survivors who will be attending the press conference and hearing](#)

WHEN: Tuesday, July 24, 2018
Press Conference 12:30 p.m., Senate Hearing begins 2:30pm

WHERE: Press Conference – Russell Senate Building, Kennedy Caucus Room 325
Hearing of Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security – LOCATION TBD
Witness testimony, opening statements, and a live video of the hearing will be available on www.commerce.senate.gov.

WHY: The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security has oversight authority over the US Olympic Committee and the Olympic governing bodies which includes USA Gymnastics. The committee is holding a series of hearings in response to the alleged molestation of more than 300 women and girls by former Michigan State University and US Olympic team doctor Larry Nassar.

The Subcommittee convened two previous hearings on April 18th and June 5th featuring testimony from survivors and officials in position of responsibility when abuse committed by former USA Gymnastics Team doctor and Michigan State University physician Larry Nassar occurred.

Olympic medalists Jordyn Wieber and Jamie Dantzscher, former speed skater Bridie Farrell, and former figure skater Craig Maurizi testified at a hearing of this subcommittee in April.

Former USAG President Steve Penny took the 5th Amendment and declined to answer Subcommittee questions at a hearing of the Subcommittee on June 5th.

The winners of the Arthur Ashe Courage Award will demonstrate their courage once again by calling on our nations lawmakers to take definitive action to reform USOC and USAG which could include removal of USOC Chairman Larry Probst and decertification of USA Gymnastics as an Olympic governing body.