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Manly, Stewart & Finaldi Clients Jamie Dantzscher and Mattie Larson Praise Olympic Champion Aly Raisman and Blast USA Gymnastics for Statements on Nassar Sex Abuse Scandal.

Elite gymnasts call for action by US Olympic Committee to force change at USAG.

Irvine, California – Responding to statements made by Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman at the USA Gymnastics/Proctor & Gamble Championships over the weekend, Olympic gymnast Jamie Dantzscher and former National Team member Mattie Larson called Ms. Raisman “courageous” and the USA Gymnastics Leadership “deplorable.”

Following the induction of the 2016 “Final Five” Women’s US Olympic Team to the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame on Saturday, Ms. Raisman gave an interview to Associated Press where she criticized the organization’s slow and inadequate response to the Larry Nassar Sex Abuse Scandal.

Her mother, Lynn Raisman, said that USA Gymnastics needs to “get rid of the people that looked the other way.”

A statement released by USA Gymnastics said, “We are taking this issue head-on and we want to work with Aly and all interested athletes to keep athletes safe.”

2000 Olympic Bronze Medalist Jamie Dantzscher called the statement by USA Gymnastics “a deplorable lie.”

Dantzscher said, “USA Gymnastics has ignored more than 125 women who have stepped forward to report alleged sexual abuse by Larry Nassar and bring this horrible scandal to light after they have covered it up for more than 20 years. USA Gymnastics Chairman, Paul Parilla and the other Board Members who allowed this to happen are still there and nothing has really changed.”

Former US National Gymnast, Mattie Larson said, “All of the women who have suffered at the hands of Larry Nassar applaud Aly Raisman for adding her powerful voice to those

fighting for real change in USA Gymnastics. The truth is, the current leaders of USA Gymnastics have always been more interested in money and medals than keeping athletes safe. I agree with Aly's mom – these people need to go.”

Victim's attorney John Manly who represents more than 100 women in civil lawsuits against USA Gymnastics called upon the United States Olympic Committee to demand the removal of USA Gymnastics Chairman Paul Parilla, Vice Chairman Jay Binder and Treasure Bitsy Kelley.

In March, long-time USAG President, Steve Penny, resigned under pressure from the United States Olympic Committee.

“The Board of Directors of USA Gymnastics are rotten to their core. They have done everything possible to deny responsibility for the largest sports sex abuse scandal in US history. They have routinely failed to report sexual abuse to law enforcement and lied about it, they have violated numerous State mandatory child sex abuse reporting laws and they refuse to issue even one apology to the alleged victims. This organization will never change unless it is forced to change. The United States Olympic Committee should act as it

has before and demand the removal of the USAG Chairman and its officers,” said John Manly.

[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.