



# MEDIA ADVISORY

## **ALLEGED VICTIMS OF DR. LARRY NASSAR AND FORMER USC GYNECOLOGIST GEORGE TYNDALL TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF 'PATIENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW' BILL REQUIRING DOCTORS ON PROBATION FOR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND SERIOUS OFFENSES TO NOTIFY PATIENTS**

**SB 1448 Faces Key Assembly Committee Vote Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

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**SACRAMENTO** – Star athletes team with former USC students to urge support for Senate Bill 1448, the Patient's Right Know Act, which would require doctors placed on probation for sexual misconduct and other serious professional misconduct to notify patients.

Assemblymember Low, D-Silicon Valley, has joined Senator Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, as principal coauthor of the bill that would require doctors to notify patients of their status if placed on probation for sexual abuse or misconduct involving patients; drug or alcohol abuse that results in harm to patients or impairs the ability to practice safely; a criminal conviction involving harm to a patient's safety or health; or inappropriate prescribing that resulted in harm to patients and a probationary period of five years or more.

SB 1448 faces a key vote on Tuesday by the Assembly Appropriations Committee Chaired by Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher.

**WHAT:** **Hearing of the State Assembly Appropriations Committee**  
[Click here for live stream of hearing](#)

**WHEN:** 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 8, 2018

**WHERE:** State Capitol Room 5035 State Capitol, Sacramento, CA

**WHO:** **Speakers at the News Conference include:**

**Audry Nafziger** – Senior Deputy District Attorney and Chief Sex Crimes Prosecutor, Ventura County

**Lucy Chi**- USC graduate student in Health Care Administration 2012-2014

**Jeanette Antolin** – Former Team USA Gymnast, 1995-2000

**Tiffany Thomas Lopez** – Michigan State University Softball Scholarship Player,  
1997-2000

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 1448, the Patient's Right to Know Act of 2018, would make California the first state to require that doctors on probation in connection with sexual misconduct and other serious professional misconduct notify their patients of that status and disclose basic details of their terms of probation and any conditions placed on their practice. The requirement would apply to physicians, surgeons, osteopaths, naturopathic doctors, chiropractors, podiatrists and acupuncturists who are placed on administrative probation by regulators on or after July 1, 2019.

Doctors are already required to report their probationary status to their insurers and to hospitals and clinics they work with. Patients are not informed. Their only way of knowing requires them to take the initiative to periodically check on their doctor's license status – provided they have a computer and internet access and sift through any legal documents available online.

"Patients have been kept in the dark far too long," said Senator Hill. "They have a right to know whether their doctor is on probation for a serious offense, so they can make informed decisions about their medical care."

"SB 1448 protects consumers by ensuring patients are aware when their doctors committed egregious misconduct but are still allowed to practice," said Assemblymember Low. "I am proud to stand with Senator Hill as a coauthor of this thoughtfully balanced bill."

SB 1448 is the third bill introduced by Senator Hill to require doctors to notify patients if placed on probation. Measures contained in two earlier bills did not survive the legislative process. As proposed in April, SB 1448 broadly called for doctors to notify patients if placed on probation for any offense. The requirement was narrowed to sexual abuse and other serious professional misconduct last month, shortly before the Senate passed the bill 29-3 with seven abstentions.

SB 1448 passed the Assembly Business & Professions Committee in June, with a 15 – 1 vote despite opposition from the California Medical Association. It now must pass the Appropriations Committee before proceeding to the floor of the Assembly.

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