

An Open Letter To Survivors of Larry Nassar's Abuse

We are leading an independent investigation into the abuse of hundreds of gymnasts by Larry Nassar. We are applying our investigative skills as former federal prosecutors and tapping the resources of our global law firm to conduct an exhaustive and independent investigation. Our mission is to produce and publicly issue an unvarnished, definitive report that addresses individual and institutional accountability—and helps ensure that such an outrage can never happen again.

We are writing this Open Letter because you play a critical role in our independent investigation and we feel it is essential that we make every effort to hear from those affected by Nassar's abuse. We want to underscore the breadth of our mandate and encourage you to participate in our fact-finding process.

THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT

Before accepting this assignment, we made sure our work would be completely independent from the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), USA Gymnastics (USAG) and any other organization or individual. Specifically:

- We alone direct the investigation and the writing of our report—no one else will have input or influence into the questions we ask, the findings we make, or our ultimate conclusions.
- We have broad access to documents, witnesses and other information from USOC and USAG, and we determine what is relevant to our investigation.
- We will directly issue our report to the public in its entirety upon completion of our work.

THE INVESTIGATION IS BROAD IN SCOPE

The scope of our investigation extends far beyond “who knew what when” at USOC and USAG about Nassar's abuse and what was and was not done in response. We also are examining contributing factors and circumstances, including systemic deficiencies, failures of oversight and cultural conditions in elite athletics and Olympic sports.

Over the last seven months, we have made substantial progress. We have interviewed gymnasts and elite athletes in other sports who are survivors of abuse. We have had access to more than one million documents, including reports, files, emails, notes and text messages. We also have interviewed more than 60 individuals at USOC and USAG, from the most senior leadership to junior employees.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We have sought from the beginning of our investigation to speak with the survivor community, but we have not attempted to contact you directly out of respect for your privacy and because some athletes have retained counsel. We believe strongly in doing everything we can to make sure we have heard from every survivor who is interested in speaking with us before we complete our investigation, including those who wish to remain anonymous.

If you would like to learn more, please visit our website, [NASSARINVESTIGATION.COM](https://nassarinvestigation.com), or call us confidentially at **(833) 458-8316**. Our team would also be happy to speak with you or your attorney to answer any questions you may have.

We respect how difficult it is to talk about such painful events. If you need to talk with a trained support specialist, RAINN (The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) is available to provide information and crisis intervention services to any survivor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. RAINN can be reached confidentially at (800) 656-4673 or online.rainn.org.

We admire your courage and sincerely hope to hear from you.



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