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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

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Dear Ms. Colón,

I write regarding reports that a former U.S. Center for SafeSport (“SafeSport”) investigator faces criminal charges¹ for theft, rape, sexual assault, involuntary servitude with the threat of serious physical harm, and patronizing prostitutes.²

Congress created SafeSport to investigate sensitive cases of sexual abuse and harassment.³ Claimants share deeply personal information with SafeSport investigators. For some, the memories they share with SafeSport are among their worst. Claimants and respondents alike deserve impartial, fair investigators who have not been accused of sexual misconduct of their own. Investigators must be professionally and morally qualified to perform their duties. Accusations of rape and other sex crimes against any SafeSport investigator are especially concerning given SafeSport’s mandate to protect athletes from similar abuse. Charges of that nature seriously call into question the quality of SafeSport’s vetting processes of its own officials.

In May 2019, Mr. Krasley was serving as a police detective in Allentown, Pennsylvania, when he allegedly stole \$5,500 from a crime suspect.⁴ Theft in this context also constitutes the crime of tampering with evidence. SafeSport hired him around 2021 to investigate allegations of

¹ *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Jason Michael Krasley*, No. MJ-31102-CR-0000486-2024 (Nov 15, 2024), <https://ujportal.pacourts.us/Report/MdjDocketSheet?docketNumber=MJ-31102-CR-0000486-2024&dnh=3lto4Jsv31F8axMQIsd%2FRA%3D%3D>

² *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Jason Michael Krasley*, No. MJ-31103-CR-0000010-2025 (Jan. 10, 2025), <https://ujportal.pacourts.us/Report/MdjDocketSheet?docketNumber=MJ-31103-CR-0000010-2025&dnh=azUf5wu6OkBZJrTE5%2FWA%3D%3D>.

³ When SafeSport receives a report of abuse or misconduct in sport, establishes proper jurisdiction, and subsequently determines that a formal investigation is appropriate, its investigators conduct interviews of claimants and respondents as well as gather evidence for the case. They then compile the evidence in a formal investigation report, which they share with a committee of reviewers, including their supervisor and the legal team. See *Response and Resolution Process Overview*, at 1 (July 2024), U.S. CTR. FOR SAFESPORT, <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/SafeSport-Process-Factsheet.pdf>.

⁴ *DA: Former Allentown police officer charged with stealing money from drug suspect*, WFMZ 69 NEWS (Nov. 15, 2024), https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/da-former-allentown-police-officer-charged-with-stealing-money-from-drug-suspect/article_f3ec0208-a367-11ef-b073-db61de6426e0.html.

sexual misconduct in the sports community.⁵ At that time, he was under investigation for the crimes of stealing and tampering with evidence.⁶ On November 15, 2024, Mr. Krasley was arraigned on charges of “theft by unlawful taking – movable prop[erty],” “receiving stolen property,” and “tamper[ing] with/fabricat[ing] physical evidence” (cleaned up).⁷ The date of these alleged offenses was May 16, 2019.⁸ In late November, news broke about Mr. Krasley’s alleged crimes and SafeSport fired him shortly thereafter.⁹

Mr. Krasley was working for SafeSport when he allegedly subjected another individual to harassing physical contact on June 14, 2024.¹⁰ He reportedly threatened his victim and used words lewd to the point of being criminal.¹¹ This was not the first time Mr. Krasley purportedly engaged in misconduct. In 2015, he allegedly raped an individual “by threat of forcible compulsion.”¹² He was arraigned on this and other charges on December 19, 2024.¹³

Shockingly, it doesn’t end there. On January 10, 2025, Mr. Krasley was arraigned on charges of “involuntary servitude – serious harm,” “rape, forcible compulsion,” “rape, threat of forcible compulsion,” “sexual assault,” “indecent assault w/o consent of other,” “indecent assault with forcible compulsion,” “indecent assault threat of forcible compulsion,” “official oppression – arrest search etc.,” and “patronizing prostitutes.”¹⁴ The date of these alleged offenses was February 1, 2015.¹⁵

⁵ *Former US Center for SafeSport Investigator Arrested on Rape Charges*, MSN (January 13, 2025), <https://www.msn.com/en-us/crime/general/former-us-center-for-safesport-investigator-arrested-on-rape-charges/ar-BB1rpML8>.

⁶ *See id.*

⁷ *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Jason Michael Krasley*, No. MJ-31102-CR-0000486-2024, <https://ujportal.pacourts.us/Report/MdjDocketSheet?docketNumber=MJ-31102-CR-0000486-2024&dnh=3lto4Jsv31F8axMQIsd%2FRA%3D%3D>.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *US sex-abuse watchdog fires investigator after learning of his arrest for stealing drug money*, AP NEWS (updated Dec. 26, 2024), <https://apnews.com/article/safesport-investigator-fired-drug-money-e2d7a88cadda5f9cc3ee9f090c5dc62b>.

¹⁰ *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Jason Michael Krasley*, No. CP-39-CR-0004245-2024 (Nov. 14, 2024), <https://ujportal.pacourts.us/Report/CpDocketSheet?docketNumber=CP-39-CR-0004245-2024&dnh=uopLzu4SsCKQiY1QGHa6Rw%3D%3D>.

¹¹ *See id.*

¹² *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Jason Michael Krasley*, No. MJ-31103-CR-0000010-2025 (Jan. 10, 2025), <https://ujportal.pacourts.us/Report/MdjDocketSheet?docketNumber=MJ-31103-CR-0000010-2025&dnh=azUf5wu6OkgBZJrTE5%2FWA%3D%3D>.

¹³ *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Jason Michael Krasley*, No. CP-39-CR-0004245-2024 (Nov. 14, 2024), <https://ujportal.pacourts.us/Report/CpDocketSheet?docketNumber=CP-39-CR-0004245-2024&dnh=uopLzu4SsCKQiY1QGHa6Rw%3D%3D>. These charges included “criminal mischief – damage property,” “harassment – subject other to physical contact,” “harassment – comm[unicating] lewd, threatening, etc. language” (cleaned up).

¹⁴ *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Jason Michael Krasley*, No. MJ-31103-CR-0000010-2025 (Jan. 10, 2025), <https://ujportal.pacourts.us/Report/MdjDocketSheet?docketNumber=MJ-31103-CR-0000010-2025&dnh=azUf5wu6OkgBZJrTE5%2FWA%3D%3D>.

¹⁵ *See id.*

I seek to understand what information SafeSport had about Mr. Krasley at pertinent points in time, to find out details of SafeSport’s past and prospective hiring protocols and practices, and to receive credible assurances that problematic hiring decisions will be avoided going forward. Athletes’ and the broader community’s trust in SafeSport is critical to its congressional mandate of “abuse prevention, education, and accountability . . . in every sport, on every court.”¹⁶

Please answer the following sets of questions by March 10, 2025.

1. What did SafeSport’s screening and hiring process for investigators entail prior to the revelation of allegations against Mr. Krasley? How will these processes change going forward?
2. Prior to the revelation of allegations against Mr. Krasley, or at any point during his employment, did SafeSport perform or contract with outside entities to perform criminal or other background checks? Does it have plans to do so going forward?
3. What was the previous protocol for checking prospective employees’ references? Will this protocol change going forward? If so, how?
4. What did SafeSport know about Mr. Krasley’s professional and criminal history when it hired him, both from outside sources and from Mr. Krasley himself?
5. Was SafeSport aware that Mr. Krasley was under investigation for theft and tampering of evidence from his stealing of \$5,500 in 2019 as an Allentown police detective when it offered him a job as a SafeSport investigator?
6. When and how did SafeSport become aware of the May 2019 and June 2024 allegations against Mr. Krasley? On which day in November 2024 did SafeSport fire Mr. Krasley? Please include the following information in your answer:
 - a) The dates SafeSport became aware of the charges and/or the alleged conduct underlying the charges of “criminal mischief – damage property”, “harassment – subject other to physical contact,” and “harassment – comm[unicating] lewd, threatening, etc. language” that pertain to actions Mr. Krasley allegedly committed on June 14, 2024, when he was still employed by SafeSport.
 - b) Between June 14, 2024, and the November 2024 date that SafeSport terminated Mr. Krasley’s employment, did SafeSport receive any indication that Mr. Krasley had allegedly committed those particular offenses? If so, why did SafeSport refrain from suspending him from investigations or terminating his employment at the time SafeSport learned of these alleged actions?

¹⁶ *Our Story*, U.S. CTR. FOR SAFESPORT, <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/about/our-story/>

7. How soon after SafeSport became aware of the May 2019 criminal allegations against Mr. Krasley was he prevented from being in contact with claimants or respondents?
8. How soon after SafeSport became aware of the May 2019 allegations did it terminate Mr. Krasley's employment?
9. At the time of his employment termination, how many active cases was Mr. Krasley investigating?
 - a) How many of these involved minor claimants?
 - b) As an investigator, in what format did Mr. Krasley communicate with minors?
 - c) Was he ever alone with any minors in the course of his investigations?
10. Have there been any complaints or accusations of inappropriate conduct made against Mr. Krasley by SafeSport claimants, respondents, or witnesses? Please provide the scope, nature, and timeline of any complaints.
11. How many total investigations was Mr. Krasley involved in during his entire tenure at SafeSport? How are these investigations, whether closed or ongoing, being handled after his employment termination in a way that comports with SafeSport's trauma-informed approach to its investigations?
12. I understand that SafeSport has promised to add a "morals clause" to its code of conduct.¹⁷ What is the precise language of this clause? Please explain any anticipated effects of the inclusion of this clause and how SafeSport will measure and monitor the efficacy of this change in the SafeSport code of conduct.
13. How do you believe that your newly pledged involvement in the interviewing and hiring of investigator candidates affect the quality of candidates SafeSport will select for the extension of employment offers?

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley

¹⁷ *SafeSport faces crisis and strengthens vetting process after former investigator charge with rape and sex trafficking*, SPORT RESOLUTIONS (Jan. 24, 2025), <https://www.sportresolutions.com/news/view/safesport-faces-crisis-and-strengthens-vetting-process-after-former-investigator-charged-with-rape-and-sex-trafficking>.