

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 1, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Li Li Leung
President and CEO USA Gymnastics
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Leung,

I write regarding concerning reports that USA Gymnastics (USAG) “has chosen not to put restrictions on top coaches under investigation by SafeSport, even when they are accused of serious misconduct.”¹ This misconduct includes, but is not limited to, allegations that a child was dragged by her neck, another was slapped in her face, and a third was kicked at a meet while injured.² The alleged abusers reportedly have unfettered access to USAG athletes as SafeSport resolves these claims.

According to its bylaws, “USAG may terminate a member’s membership or impose interim or final measures, including suspension, at any time with cause, as determined by USAG.”³ USAG’s ability to fashion protective remedies was confirmed by former U.S. Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates’ investigation of abuses in U.S. Soccer. During that investigation, representatives from SafeSport clarified that the SafeSport Code does not prevent a governing body from “impos[ing] appropriate safety measures not expressly prohibited by the SafeSport Code.”⁴ In fact, the SafeSport Code states that relevant organizations are able to impose measures while a SafeSport investigation is pending.⁵ These are critical measures that protect children from predators.

Please provide the following information by September 2, 2024.

1. The number of times USAG has imposed restrictions on individuals under SafeSport investigations since 2020. Please also indicate the type of restriction imposed and the nature of the allegation against the individual.

¹ Molly Hensley-Clancy, *Accused Of Abuse And Back In The Gym*, The Washington Post (July 23, 2024), [Long after Nassar scandal, gymnastics coaches accused of abuse remain - The Washington Post](#).

² *Id.*

³ Amended and Restated Bylaws of USA Gymnastics, Inc. Section 3.4 Termination of Membership & Interim Measures (updated June 17, 2022), [usag-bylaws.pdf \(usagym.org\)](#)

⁴ Report of the Independent Investigation to the U.S. Soccer Federation Concerning Allegations of Abusive Behavior and Sexual Misconduct in Women’s Professional Soccer, at 175 (Oct. 3, 2022), King & Spalding - Full Report to USSF (kslaw.com).

⁵ SafeSport Code For the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement, Section V (B) (effective July 1, 2024), available at [2024 SafeSport Code - Second Edition \(uscenterforsafesport.org\)](#).

2. The number of times USAG has declined to impose restrictions despite receiving a request for restrictions, and the reasons for USAG's declination.
3. USAG guidelines, metrics, and policies for determining when restrictions will be imposed on individuals under SafeSport investigations.
4. USAG policy and procedures creating avenues for victims to request restrictions on individuals under SafeSport investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Grassley