

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 19, 2014

Dr. Mark Emmert
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Dear Dr. Emmert:

We are writing in regard to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) 14 November 2014 press release that claims to provide "clarity" and "set the record straight" regarding the events which led to the Consent Decree being imposed upon The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State). This release included selected descriptions of events by NCAA officials and provides little context to what actually happened. Instead of selectively releasing documents in an attempt to cast your organization in a favorable light, we urge you to immediately release all documents related to the Consent Decree.

Earlier this month, it also came to our attention that your association "bluffed" its way into forcing Penn State – a member institution that represented the gold standard of NCAA rules compliance for decades – to accept unduly punitive sanctions. From examining these emails, it is clear the NCAA lacked any credible basis to impose sanctions. Instead of enforcing the rules laid out in your bylaws, the NCAA sought to insert itself into a purely criminal matter that fell outside the scope of the NCAA's jurisdiction. In fact, internal emails go on to state that "we [the NCAA] could try to assert jurisdiction on this issue and may be successful *but it'd be a stretch.*" (emphasis added) Furthermore, your staff actively "bank[ed] on the fact the school is so embarrassed they will do anything." Given the tenuous nature of your egregious over-extension of power, you have at least had enough sense to remove some sanctions that should have never been imposed in the first place. We urge you to remove all remaining sanctions immediately.

Additionally, recent reports indicate that the NCAA regularly coordinated with Freeh Sporkin Sullivan, LLP (Freeh Group) during its review of Penn State. The coordination appears to have started almost immediately after Penn State retained the Freeh Group. As with the Consent Decree, the NCAA selectively released emails relating to its communications with the Freeh Group. Unless you release all documents related to your involvement with the Freeh Group, how can you objectively say that they conducted an independent review of Penn State? A full release would provide all possible clarity to the public, something that is sorely needed at this time.

We look forward to your immediate response to this request and seeing all documents related to the events involved with your imposition of the Consent Decree. We hope you are not "banking" on the fact that we will not pursue further action.

Sincerely,



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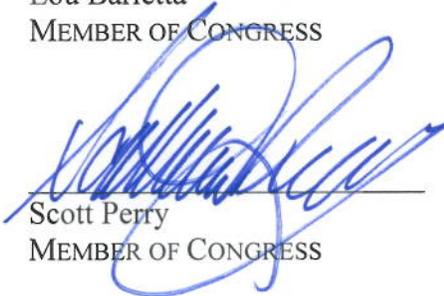
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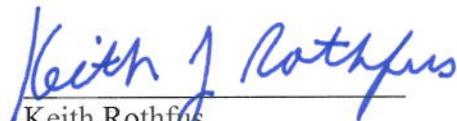
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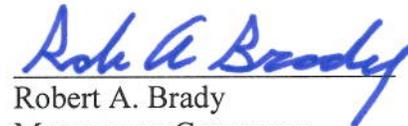
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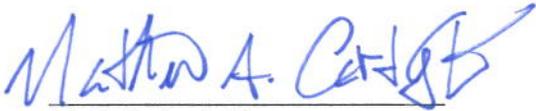
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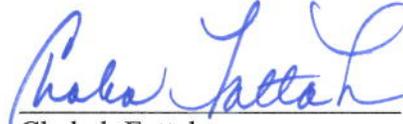
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