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East Lansing, MI 48824-1046

Re: Investigation by the Michigan Attorney General into Michigan State University's handling of the Larry Nassar matter and related incidents

Dear Secretary:

The Department of Attorney General, along with the Michigan State University Police and Public Safety Department, and the Michigan State Police have conducted a years-long investigation into Larry Nassar. With new membership and leadership of the Board of Trustees, we are renewing our request for additional information in hopes that we can bring a fitting close to the investigation that included a review to determine what information was known to Michigan State University regarding Nassar's criminal behavior. Since 2018 the Department has repeatedly called upon the Board of Trustees to release approximately 6,000 documents that were previously withheld under a claim of privilege. We are again asking the MSU Board of Trustees' to vote to release the remaining documents our office requested and to fulfill its stated pledge to continue cooperating with the investigation through its conclusion.

In the spirit of this pledged cooperation, please consider this letter to be a formal request for all records of any investigation conducted by Michigan State University into this matter. This request includes, but is not limited to, unredacted copies of any records or work products of any internal investigation provided to MSU, including one conducted by Patrick Fitzgerald; any and all versions of reports, documents and notes generated as a result of any and all such investigations, and any and all reports generated by the Michigan State Police Department regarding its investigation of the Nassar matter that have not previously been released to the Attorney General's office.

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This Department also is requesting that you provide us with any and all records in Michigan State University's possession concerning Kathie Klages, Brooke Lemmen and William Strampel, former Dean of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. This would include their complete personnel files, any records of complaints made against them, concerning Nassar or otherwise, and any and all reports generated as a result of investigations concerning their conduct while employed with Michigan State University.

The Department is renewing its request for all email and text communications to or from any of the following individuals which relate to or discuss Larry Nassar: Lou Anna Simon, Mark Hollis, William Strampel, William (Bill) Beekman, Brian Breslin, Joel Ferguson, Dianne Byrum, Melanie Foster, Dan Kelly, Mitch Lyons, Brian Mosallam, George Perles, Kathie Klages, Brooke Lemmen, Lianna Hadden, Jeffrey Kovan, Lisa DeStefano, Destiny Teachnor-Hauk, Sue Carter, and Shelley Appelbaum.

In sum, the requested documents would include all documents sent to Judge Richard Ball, complete and unredacted, to be used solely in the Attorney General's investigation of the Nassar matter, along with any documents per the above requests that were missed in the University's prior response.

Please provide this Department with the Judge Ball records in both paper and electronic format, with metadata intact, by Friday, April 28, 2023.

We ask that the Board honor its pledge to cooperate with the Department fully through the conclusion of its investigation, including releasing any documents, unredacted, that the Attorney General's office may request as a result of new questions raised after viewing the newly released documents, and that the University will respond quickly and fully to this Department within three days of each question or correspondence so as not to prolong the matter more than necessary. We ask that the Board release any additional documents requested, without redaction, within one week of the request. A resolution and comprehensive conclusion are the priorities and benefit all those associated with the Nassar matter.

In addition, no member of the Board, the University administration nor any of its employees, past or present, will be in contact through any form of communication with any individual perceived to be a Nassar victim.

Finally, please be advised that this is the first of what we anticipate could be additional requests for information. You are advised that all information that might be relevant to this Department's investigation must be preserved. If relevant information is lost or destroyed, the Department will determine whether criminal or

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civil action should be taken related to the destruction of relevant evidence. A final report with findings will be released to the University Board at the same time it is released to the media.

Please do not hesitate to contact Fadwa Hammoud, Chief Deputy Attorney General, at the Department of the Attorney General at 517-373-1110 if you should have any questions or concerns. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Nessel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dana" being more prominent than the last name "Nessel".

Dana Nessel  
Attorney General

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