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National Alliance to End Sexual Violence Welcomes Congressional Investigation of the U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics

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Washington, DC — This week, Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) and Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) called for a congressional investigation into the U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics following the conviction and sentencing of former team doctor Larry Nassar. The senators have bipartisan backing for a resolution to establish a special committee to lead the investigation. Terri Poore, Policy Director at the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, released the following statement in response:

We applaud Senators Shaheen, Ernst, and their fellow colleagues for their efforts to create a committee to look deeply at the dynamics that allowed the abuse by Dr. Nassar to continue unchecked. Institutions from faith communities to government agencies to youth sports organizations must take responsibility for addressing and ending sexual violence.

This bipartisan resolution reflects the watershed moment and growing movement to address and end sexual violence, which starts with uncovering the truth. Another way Congress can further demonstrate its commitment to survivors of sexual violence is by increasing funding for the Rape Prevention and Education Program — which would help ensure our communities have access to the tools and resources our society needs to avert these despicable acts.

Prevention isn't just possible — it's a moral imperative. If we want future generations to live free from sexual violence, we must do more to look deeply at the problem, learn from survivors, and bring this problem out of the shadows and into the light.

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The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence is the voice in Washington for state coalitions and local programs working to end sexual violence and support survivors.