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To the Trustees,

We strongly endorse Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's call for Michigan State University (MSU) to disclose all remaining documents pertaining to the sexual assaults perpetrated by Larry Nassar. As the preeminent think tank dedicated to child abuse and children's civil rights, CHILD USA possesses expertise in the complexities of trauma, its enduring effects, and the necessary policies for healing and justice.

Research has consistently demonstrated that abuse survivors take legal action against institutions for four reasons: (1) to learn the truth regarding how and why they were victimized; (2) to publicly hold perpetrators and institutions to account; (3) to obtain a sincere apology; and (4) to shift the long-term cost of the abuse from the victim to the responsible institution. Investigations and lawsuits serve the public good by assisting with victims' healing and validation and increasing the public's understanding. They also provide victims with a sense of control and agency. Denial and concealment of records regarding abuse at MSU blocks Michigan victims, parents, lawmakers, and the general public from learning the full truth.

We call upon the board of trustees at MSU to fully cooperate with Attorney General Nessel's office and release any remaining documents that are pertinent to the Nassar investigation. Transparency in this matter serves the best interests of the victims and their families, the state, and the community at large. Suppression of the remaining documents perpetuates the bad policies that let hundreds of girls be abused at MSU by Larry Nassar.

Sincerely,

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