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## **MAJ Condemns John Engler's Attacks On Nassar Victims And Their Attorneys, Calls For His Resignation**

LANSING—Michigan Association for Justice (MAJ) President Debra A. Freid today issued the following statement in response to Michigan State University interim President John Engler's publicly-released email attacking Rachael Denhollander, a survivor in the Larry Nassar's abuse scandal, and the trial attorneys seeking justice for Rachael and other survivors:

"John Engler's crass personal attack on Rachael Denhollander is detestable and a betrayal of all the survivors, and he should resign immediately. We support Rachael and every survivor, each of whom was strong enough to come forward in the face of years of Nassar's abuse while Michigan State University looked the other way. The trial attorneys who took up their fight for justice worked throughout this difficult process to protect the survivors and their right to speak out. Both the survivors and attorneys were instrumental in forcing a systemic change at the university so that protections are in place to prevent this abomination from ever happening again. Mr. Engler's appalling attack on a courageous survivor suggests that he still lacks compassion and empathy for Michigan's most vulnerable citizens. He never should have been appointed to this position, and it's time for him to go."

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