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## **MAJ: Action Taken by MSU to Dismiss Nassar Survivor Lawsuits Reveals University's True Colors**

LANSING—Michigan Association for Justice (MAJ) President Robert J. MacDonald today issued the following statement in response to Michigan State University's motion to dismiss dozens of lawsuits filed by survivors of Larry Nassar:

"The deplorable action taken by MSU reveals the university's true colors. After months of apologies and vows to make amends to the survivors of Nassar's sexual abuse, MSU continues to deny its own responsibility in giving Nassar access to these young women time and time again despite very early evidence that he was an abuser. This is the ultimate in hypocrisy.

The assertion by MSU that it was effectively forced by the court to file its motion to dismiss is completely ludicrous. MSU *chose* to file the motion which, if successful on legal technicalities, will further traumatize these survivors. Contrary to its public statements, the university continues to obstruct the path to healing for these survivors. A culture of indifference and institutional protection remains at MSU.

The survivors of Larry Nassar deserve justice. Once again, we call on MSU Trustees and university leaders to do the right thing—make a full and fair resolution of all the survivors' claims."

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