

**Statement from the U.S. Center for SafeSport regarding the  
“Empowering Olympic and Amateur Athletes Act of 2019”**

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DENVER— “The U.S. Center for SafeSport’s mission is to make athlete well-being the centerpiece of our nation’s sports culture through abuse prevention, education, and accountability. The Empowering Olympic and Amateur Athletes Act (of 2019) underscores the Center’s vital mission and reinforces the importance of the Center’s independence.

“Changing culture is a team effort, which is why we are appreciative of the hard work of Senators Blumenthal and Moran and their commitment to empowering all participants and putting their well-being above everything else. To accomplish this, we must make sure athletes voices are heard, hold accountable those who cross the line, and ensure that comprehensive prevention policies and implementation strategies exist to prevent abuse in the first place. The Center has long emphasized the need for additional resources to support this vitally important work and this legislation is an important step in our collective efforts to keep athletes safe and protect their voice.

“We are thankful for the courageous survivors who helped bring these issues to the forefront. We are also thankful for the leadership of lawmakers who make ending abuse in the Olympic and Paralympic Movements a priority by improving governance, promoting fairness, and enhancing independence.”

**About the U.S. Center for SafeSport**

The Center is the first and only national organization of its kind focused on ending all forms of abuse in sport while carrying out its mission of making athlete well-being the centerpiece of our nation’s sports culture through abuse prevention, education and accountability. As an independent non-profit headquartered in Denver, Colorado, the Center provides services to sport entities on abuse prevention techniques, policies and programs, and provides a safe, professional and confidential place for individuals to report sexual abuse within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements. For more information please visit [www.uscenterforsafesport.org](http://www.uscenterforsafesport.org).