



November 16, 2017

Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable Kevin McCarthy
U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable Steny Hoyer
U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable John Thune
United States Senate

Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:
Dear Congressman McCarthy and Congressman Hoyer:
Dear Senator Thune and Senator Feinstein:

The Child Welfare League of America, after months of bipartisan work and deliberation, urges the House of Representatives to pass *the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act*.

This bipartisan legislation has now passed the Senate and we firmly believe it will help to address some of the recent reports of child sexual abuse that occurred against some of this nation's finest young athletes while training for the United States Olympic team. Based on past history and reports, CWLA believes that stronger legislative action is required so that this history does not continue to repeat itself.

Over these past several months we have been able to work with key congressional offices to enhance the responsibility and the accountability of U.S Olympic organizations. Several parts of this bill, including the authorization and funding for the U.S. Center for Safe Sport, are critical to this accountability.

We hope the House of Representatives will act without delay so parents and young athletes can live out their dreams of competing on behalf of this country and do so with the assurance they will be safe and respected.

Thank you for your attention on behalf of children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine James Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine James-Brown
President/CEO, Child Welfare League of America