

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SIXTY-FIRST SESSION**



BILL NO. 61-25

INTRODUCED BY: Harding (VPIA)

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A BILL TO: Call On MSU to Release a Statement Affirming Their Support of Survivors of Sexual Assault

TRIGGER WARNING: *CONTAINS MENTIONS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT*

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, Over the span of two decades, Michigan State administrators helped to enable the sexual violence and abuse committed by disgraced doctor Larry Nassar against students; and,

WHEREAS, On December 15th, 2023, the MSU Board of Trustees voted to release the 6,000 documents related to the Nassar case¹; and,

WHEREAS, From these documents, it has been revealed that several MSU administrators, including ones that are still in power, diminished survivors' stories² and labeled the court cases against Nassar as "wars to be won"³, which connotes survivors as enemies that, according to the State News, could only be beat in court "by the opponent's loss of will to fight, by a lack of support on the home front, a desire to move on to other things," or "by overwhelming defeat on the battlefield or strategic error"⁴; and,

WHEREAS, A certain administrator attempted to justify the abuse perpetrated by Nassar in claiming it was a "medical procedure" that a "very large majority of women did not

¹<https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2023/msu-bot-waive-privilege-nassar-docs-adopt-shared-governance-principles>

²https://statenews.com/article/2024/09/current-msu-vp-tried-to-justify-nassars-abuse-in-2018-meeting?ct=content_open&cv=cbox_featured

³https://statenews.com/article/2024/09/for-msu-nassar-scandal-was-a-war-to-be-won?ct=content_open&cv=cbox_featured

⁴https://statenews.com/article/2024/09/for-msu-nassar-scandal-was-a-war-to-be-won?ct=content_open&cv=cbox_featured

understand”⁵, which is extremely degrading and invalidating to the trauma that hundreds of women suffered; and

WHEREAS, Although many administrators who are in their positions now were not involved during the Nassar case, MSU has an inherent responsibility to foster an environment in which survivors are protected from abuse by the highest powers at our institution; and,

WHEREAS, ASMSU released a statement during the 60th Session that showed support for survivors and called upon the MSU Board of Trustees to release the 6,000 documents related to the case⁶; and,

WHEREAS, In the 55th Session the ASMSU General Assembly passed a resolution to believe survivors and “advocate for an environment at MSU that does not attack, silence, or further marginalize survivors of sexual assault and sexual misconduct”⁷, and it is discouragingly apparent that this vision has not yet been realized; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall release a statement supporting survivors of sexual assault; therefore be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall call upon Michigan State University to release a statement affirming their support of survivors of sexual assault; therefore be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall call upon Michigan State University to hold their administration accountable for the harmful actions they have taken during the Nassar case through the means of an apology statement from the administrators that perpetrated this harm and taking necessary disciplinary action against them.

INTRODUCED ON _____ **09.26.2024** _____

REFERRED TO _____ **N/A** _____ **COMMITTEE ON** _____ **N/A** _____

⁵https://statenews.com/article/2024/09/current-msu-vp-tried-to-justify-nassars-abuse-in-2018-meeting?ct=content_open&cv=cbox_featured

⁶ ■ 60-07_Stand with Survivors and Call for the Release of the Nassar Documents_Jones_Salinas.pdf

⁷ W Bill 55-32 Believe Survivors.docx

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COMMITTEE ACTION _____

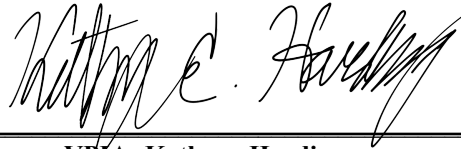
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FINAL ACTION TAKEN X Voice Majority 09.26.2024

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PRESIDENT: Connor Le



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