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SafeSport Director Regis Becker Named as Interim CEO as Shellie Pfohl Steps Down *Move Marks a New Chapter for the Center in Development and Growth*

Denver, Colo. (December 28, 2018) – Shellie Pfohl, CEO of the U.S. Center for SafeSport (the Center), a national non-profit focused on ending all forms of abuse in sport, informed the Board of Directors on December 7 of her intention to step down from her role as President and CEO at the end of 2018. As a part of her commitment to the Center, Pfohl remained through the end of the year to ensure a seamless and effective transition to Interim CEO Regis Becker, a member of the SafeSport Board of Directors.

“I deeply believe that our nation’s sport culture must change if we are to see athlete well-being at its centerpiece -- that’s what the U.S. Center for SafeSport is all about,” said Pfohl. “It was a tremendous honor to launch and grow an organization that is unlike any other. I am grateful to those who support the Center and aided my efforts along the way, including an amazing staff, and especially the brave athletes whose stories will always inspire me.”

Pfohl joined the Center in November 2016 to guide its official launch in March of 2017. During her two years with the nonprofit, Pfohl played a role in getting the organization to where it is today and presided over its tremendous growth, including assembling a team of highly-qualified professionals. Since opening its doors less than two years ago, the Center obtained Congressional Authorization, received more than 1,800 reports, issued over 400 disciplinary actions and made nearly 300 individuals permanently ineligible, a testament to the need for the Center and its important work.

Becker began his career in law enforcement where he served as a detective and FBI special agent. He is best known for his role in launching Penn State University’s Ethics and Compliance program after Sandusky, where he oversaw athletics integrity, university ethics, compliance issues, youth programs and the university’s ethics and compliance hotline. Previously, Becker served in executive compliance and security positions with Fortune 500 companies.

“Working alongside Shellie until the end of the year prepared me for my temporary role at the Center, and I’m excited to assist the talented and motivated team these next few months,” said Becker. “Our mission is relevant and critical; I’m ready to jump in to help move this organization into a new phase of growth and development.”

“The Center’s Board thanks Shellie for the dedication, passion, and enthusiasm she gave to the Center and wish her the best in her pursuits,” said Frank Marshall, Chairman of the Board. “The Board and team are focused on a new chapter of growth, initiatives and development and remain committed to creating a national sport culture centered on athlete well-being.”

The Center expects to name a new permanent CEO early next year.

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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, CO, 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.safesport.org.