



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

January 30, 2018

Colonel Steven C. McCraw  
Director  
Texas Department of Public Safety  
P.O. Box 4087  
Austin, Texas 78773-0001

Dear Director McCraw:

The recent, shocking allegations of sexual assault of athletes at the Karolyi Ranch in Walker County are deeply disturbing and demand thorough and swift justice. I understand that the Walker County Sheriff's Office is actively investigating the allegations, and I commend that office for its diligence in the matter. Considering that criminal action has been implicated across multiple jurisdictions and states, it is essential that the Texas Rangers work with the Walker County Sheriff's Office to comprehensively investigate all potential criminal conduct.

The public statements made by athletes who previously trained at the Karolyi Ranch are gut-wrenching. Those athletes, as well as all Texans, deserve to know that no stone is left unturned to ensure that the allegations are thoroughly vetted and the perpetrators and enablers of any such misconduct are brought to justice. The people of Texas demand, and the victims deserve, nothing less.

Therefore, I request that the Texas Rangers initiate a full and thorough investigation into the alleged sexual misconduct at the Karolyi Ranch. The Rangers' reputation as the state's preeminent law enforcement agency is well known, and I have no doubt that they, together with the Walker County Sheriff's Office, will provide the resources and expertise needed for a successful investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor