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RE: Utah State University Dismissal of Jerry Bovee and Amy Crosbie

Dear Board Members and Trustees:

We are writing you with respect to the recent events at Utah State University (the “University”) involving the dismissal of Associate Vice President & Deputy Athletic Director of External Affairs Jerry Bovee and Executive Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator Amy Crosbie. The University has provided very little information concerning Mr. Bovee’s and no information concerning Mrs. Crosbie’s sudden dismissals. While we do not know the facts and circumstances that led to their dismissals at this time, we believe that any information that does come out could attack the credibility and character of Mr. Bovee and Mrs. Crosbie.

The dismissal of two true-blooded Aggies unquestionably will negatively impact current and future USU student-athletes. Mr. Bovee is a University graduate and has been involved in college athletics for decades, having focused his efforts on student-athletes’ success. Mrs. Crosbie was a standout volleyball player for the University and knows first-hand what challenges, needs, and support USU student-athletes need. Following a decorated playing career, Mrs. Crosbie worked for the University as an academic coordinator and then as Executive Associate Athletic Director.

Throughout their time at the University Mr. Bovee and Mrs. Crosbie have unquestionably kept student-athletes and their experiences at the forefront of their values and actions. Our collective experiences with Mrs. Crosbie have shown that she has always stood up for what is right and ensured that student-athletes’ success, safety, and well-being was at the forefront of any decision she made. More importantly, she cares about the student-athletes as people, especially working closely with young women helping them grow into strong, confident women. Because of Mrs. Crosbie’s experience as a student-athlete, we personally know that her efforts have elevated the experiences of former and current USU student-athletes, treating them with nothing but respect and care. Their dismissal is a loss for current and future athletes and the whole of Utah State Athletics, a loss that will be felt immediately and moving forward.

We can unequivocally and without any hesitation state that in our experience, they are individuals of integrity and prioritize doing the right thing. They have always carried themselves with professionalism and commitment to the athletes they serve. Any statements or inference to the contrary would be misleading.

In this light, we ask for a full and transparent investigation into their dismissal. Their questionable dismissal also raises serious concerns about the entire process the University had undertaken that has resulted in the termination of multiple people. We request the investigation be conducted by a third-party that does not have any relationship with the University, the Athletics Department, or any University employee involved in their dismissal, including any relationship that existed with a University employee prior to their employment at the University.

Respectfully,

USU Student-Athletes

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Tate Kjar
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Stephen Kontselny
Jack Hestera
Mason Falslev
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Karson Templin
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Baylee Carrol
Tai Wesley
Gary Wilkinson
Jess Wilkinson
Spencer Nelson
Tony Brown
Nate Harris
Camille Brox
Kevin Rice
Stacey Rice
Brady Jardine
Jenna Jardine
London McBride
Kaylie Ray
Adna Mehmedovic
Abby Ward
Avery Bibbey
Nyla Morabito
K.C. Comadena
Bill "Wild Bill" Sproat
Rachel Reed
Jagoda Bialek
Delaney Lawson
Ava Napierski
Shanda Christensen
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Olivia Tukuafu

Tierney Barlow
Nicole Theurer
Erin Graybill
Tyler Newbold
Jimmie Edwards
Brianna Brooks
Angel Stuart
Payton Gatzlaff
Jason Napier
Toraino Johnson
Michael Stowell
Michael Ahmad
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Zach Meyer
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Christine McClenton
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Chris Huber
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