

November 21, 2017

Dear Judge Neff,

My name is N [REDACTED]. Larry Nassar is my younger brother. I have known him since his birth, 54 years ago.

I am writing to tell you some positive things about Larry, as a person and brother, that I hope the Court will consider when passing sentence.

Growing up, Larry was always there with a helping hand. I remember him being late for dinner numerous times due to his involvement as a Sports Trainer in his Junior and Senior year of High School. He always researched techniques, even then, to help the athletes. As the years progressed, he studied and became more knowledgeable of sports related injuries.

In addition to working with sports related injuries, Larry was very active in his church and community. Larry taught Sunday School, and worked with young married couples with his wife in the church setting. Within his community, Larry volunteered to be team doctor for the high school football team. He also was running for school board for his community, receiving 21% of votes even when he had his name withdrawn.

Larry has three children. His oldest daughter, [REDACTED], has severe Autism. Larry took an active role in her educational well being. Larry also established a fund raising program, Gymnastics Doctor Autism Foundation, for students with Autism. He later expanded this program to meet all the special needs population.

When my husband had a stroke several years ago, Larry was called and immediately left his home to be with me in the hospital. He was there to comfort me and give medical advice. Larry knew which hospital was best to meet my husbands rehabilitation needs and he had him transferred there.

Larry was the ultimate volunteer. He never charged for any of his services. Many of his athletes did not have financial resources or insurance to pay for his medical expertise.

I would also like the court to know that I do love my brother very much and will continue to support him. I continue to pray for him and everyone involved. Thank you for the Court's time.

Sincerely,

N [REDACTED] W [REDACTED], Sister of Larry Nassar
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

November 23, 2017

Dear Judge Neff,

My name is E [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]. I am Larry Nassar's brother in law and have been married to his oldest sister N [REDACTED] for 45 years.

I am writing this to tell you some personal information about Larry and his family from an outside the family perspective.

Larry Nassar was raised by a very loving Christian family. He was the fifth of 5 siblings. His parents had extremely strong moral values and they always wanted what was best for all their children. In addition, higher education was a top priority. My wife N [REDACTED], was the oldest, and she earned and completed her Masters Degree plus 30 hours in Special Education and Guidance Counseling. Sister L [REDACTED] graduated from University of Detroit with a degree in Dental Hygiene. She furthered her education and became an Assistant Professor at Oakland Community College and taught Dental Hygiene. Brother P [REDACTED] got his degree in business and was a Finance Controller for a large paper company in Detroit. Brother M [REDACTED] graduated from the University of Michigan with a Dental degree. And of course Larry, a graduate of U of M with a degree in Kinesiology and later graduating from Michigan State as a DO Doctor with emphasis in Sports Medicine.

Larry was a brilliant doctor in working with sports related injuries. Gymnastics has a high degree of injuries and Larry was the "go to guy" especially when an athlete was in severe pain or discomfort. He was known throughout the state of Michigan and consequently the entire country because of his success when working with injured athletes. Many of his accusers praised him for eliminating pain so that they could continue in this sport and receive medals.

Larry has been in jail nearly a year. During this time, N [REDACTED] and I have talked to him daily. He continues to be upbeat and has written a book while incarcerated. In addition, Larry was instrumental in getting 3 inmates to complete their GED. Another one of Larry's roommates had a severe, painful ankle injury that was ongoing for the past 6 months. Larry was able to help this cellmate by doing what he does best and the pain was gone. He became known as the "Miracle Doctor" with the Spanish inmates. He also helped another inmate reach out to his son in a positive manner. Last Christmas, Larry asked family members to send books written in Spanish for his roommates so that they could have a bit joy during that time of year. Larry has been involved in prison Bible Study and has completed all the lessons.

Your Honor, I would like the court to know that I love Larry Nassar very much. I will always support him through these trials and tribulations. I will continue to pray for Larry and I would like to thank the Court for this time. Please contact me (248-921-2498) if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

E [REDACTED] W [REDACTED], Larry Nassar's Brother in Law
[REDACTED]

R [REDACTED] R [REDACTED]
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Honorable Judge Neff:

My name is R [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] and Larry is my brother-in-law. I have known him for twelve years. I was married to his brother, M [REDACTED] until his passing in 2010. I know Larry to be a very kind, giving, and loving person. I am writing to tell you some positive things about Larry as a person that I hope the court will consider when passing sentence. Here are just a couple short stories I would like to share with you in the hope you may see him as I do.

When I first met Larry, he welcomed me into the family without judgement. You see I had only known his brother for a short time and was sixteen years younger, yet, we knew we were meant to be together. I can imagine many people would have thought me to be disingenuous, but Larry never doubted me. He treated me like I was his sister, even before M [REDACTED] and I married.

Larry is a loving father and he was always engaged with his kids during family gatherings. I could tell they had a great bond. On football Saturdays he would rather spend time with his kids than watch the games.

When M [REDACTED] passed away, Larry was by my side throughout the whole ordeal. He was the first person I called when I received the news that M [REDACTED] was in the hospital. I trusted him whole heartedly to give me guidance for M [REDACTED]'s medical care. There were a lot of details to attend to during that time and I remember one thing in particular was the call with donor relations. Larry stepped in to take this call for me. It is required within a short time of passing so all organs and tissues can be used. This was such a hard time, but he was strong for all of us.

Larry has kept in contact with me and my family since M [REDACTED] passed away. He not only supported me when I remarried, but encouraged me to do so. He always wanted me to be happy.

Larry's heart is big. I have always seen him put others first and a strong desire to give back to society.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

R [REDACTED] R [REDACTED]

November 26, 2017

Dear Judge Neff,

My name is C [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] and I am writing to let you know that Larry Nassar is my cousin and I have known him all his life.

I am writing to tell you some positive things about Larry as a person that I hope the court will take into consideration.

In my experience, Larry has always been kind hearted and helpful to anyone that came into his path. He has always been there to volunteer and to serve others. If you needed help, he would pitch in cheerfully.

With that said, the court should know that I will always love my cousin. These charges against Larry do not reflect the man I know. I will continue to pray for him and his family, and most certainly for the victims.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

C [REDACTED] M [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

11/20/2017

Dear Judge Neff,

My name is L [REDACTED] A [REDACTED]. I am Larry Nassar's sister. As he is 12 years my junior, I have known him his entire life.

I am writing to tell you some positive things about Larry as a person that I hope the Court will consider when passing sentence.

As the youngest in the family, Larry was the best buddy to his older brother of two years, M [REDACTED]. M [REDACTED] was the one who originally got Larry involved in sports. M [REDACTED] was the first athletic trainer for his high school. He tagged Larry to take his place when he graduated and Larry learned the job quickly. Larry took his position as trainer very seriously. Gentle of heart, Larry always looked for ways to make things better for those around him.

As a dancer, myself, I tagged both boys to be extras in my troupes holiday performances of "The Nutcracker". Larry went to dance practice and rehearsals with me as well as watching as I taught classical ballet. It didn't take him too long to figure out the football players would benefit from some of the stretching exercises the dancers did. He went to the football coach and was approved to start some of the stretches with the players reducing the number of ankle, knee and hamstring injuries. He also worked on designing a quick release helmet to minimize head and neck movement for football players that went down with suspected head / neck / or back injuries during a game. Early on in his career in the training room, Larry designed huge reference posters that were posted in the training room and locker rooms for the coaches and players to know when to ice and when to apply heat to an injury.

Once he started working with the gymnastics teams, he developed several things to help them. He developed a chalking 'cooltron' device. The device keeps the chalk the athlete uses on their hands before swinging on the parallel bars. He developed this to reduce hand blisters. Noticing how many gymnasts had issues with their wrists and ankles, led Larry to develop the Nassar System...a supporting strap system that athletes around the world have used. In production of the strap system, he enlisted the help of his engineer father and home maker mother. Dad made the straps to Larry's specifications and mom filled the orders and mailed them.

It is Larry's love of sports and keeping athletes in peak performance that drove him to become a sports medicine doctor. He has devoted hours to developing nutrition guides and exercise regimens to promote good health and physical strength in athletes to prevent injury and keep them in peak performance.

As a neighbor, Larry takes care of those around him. When it snowed, he would be out, no matter the time, to snow blow or shovel several of his neighbors walks and driveways. He use to joke that it was his way of getting exercise, especially before he got a snow blower. He has been known to run across the street barefoot in the winter to come to the aid of a neighbor who was experiencing symptoms of a heart attack or down a few houses to see what he could do to help a wheel chair bound young neighbor. He put up the latest in backyard play capes for his children and neighborhood kids to come to play on so they could play safe under the watchful eye of his wife or himself. He would be out in the yard doing yard work, gardening, or working in their vegetable garden while the kids would play.

Larry's oldest daughter is autistic. But instead of looking at this as a tragedy that had fallen upon his family, he looked at her autism not as a problem to be solved but as a potential to be realized

and developed the Gymnastics Doctor Autism Foundation to raise the awareness of autism and what those with autism and other special needs can achieve through sports involvement. He has spent hours researching and publishing material to support the advantages for the special needs athlete and the coaches and teams they become involved with, explaining how involvement with a special needs individuals is beneficial and rewarding for the individuals and those who work with them.

Since his daughter had a hard time sitting in a church service, Larry found away to still get to church with his family and keep her involved in her faith. He became a Sunday school teacher so he could keep his daughter safe during a church service since she couldn't sit through a whole one. He would take her to class with him where he could keep an eye on her in the classroom while he taught the children about their faith.

Larry takes his role as a Godparents very seriously. His is Godfather to his wife S [redacted] college roommate's three children. When this roommate divorced, Larry and S [redacted] were instrumental in moving her and the children to Michigan and getting them established in a place not too far from their home. They helped her find work and have taken in the children, growing their family to having 6 children. They took over the supervision of: sending the children off to school in the morning, chauffeuring them to and from after school activities that Larry and S [redacted] got the children involved in and paid for, homework, discipline and all the other things that go with raising young kids.

As his children become involved in the public school system, Larry and his wife became very vocal when changes were being made that were not in the best interest of all the children in the district. With the closing of an elementary school, all the students were to be put into a lottery for placement in the remaining schools. It soon became apparent that the students in the school that was to be closed were the last to be placed. Thus the lottery system the parents were told was in place was not a true lottery for all the children were not treated equally. Attendance at school board meetings became a part of Larry and his wife's responsibilities. They felt so strongly about the changes that needed to be made to the school district that Larry ran for school board.

Larry was also instrumental in getting the state law changed, by sitting on the "Let 'em play" committee to make it possible for special needs individuals over the age of 18 to participate in their high school sports programs. To help ensure that athletes are properly cared for, Larry sat on the Athletic Trainer State Board approved by the former state governor Granholm and current governor Snyder and wrote the rules/laws that govern Athletic trainers in our state.

In closing, I would like the court to know that I love my brother with my very being and I will always support him. I pray daily for him, his lawyers, his judges and for the others involved in his case. I thank the court for taking the time to consider what I have written.

In good faith,

L [redacted] A [redacted]
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November 22, 2017

Dear Judge Neff,

My name is name is M [REDACTED] P [REDACTED]-J [REDACTED] and I grew up with Larry Nassar. His parents and mine went to school together and we consider each other "cousins" by way of family friendship and closeness since the 1940s.

Through all the years I've known Larry, I've always considered him a kind, compassionate, caring individual. He's one of the most devout Catholics I know and a wonderful family man. His caring for people and their well being is beyond reproach, in my opinion. I know of his involvement in civic service at his children's schools, which even led him to run for school board. I know that he founded of an organization to support autism, and has received many commendations for work he has done in his field.

He has helped our family in many ways, including giving my elderly parents advice, support and guidance during difficult medical issues.

I pray the courts will consider all the good that Larry has done in his lifetime. My prayers are for mercy and compassion for Larry and for everyone involved.

Thank you,

M [REDACTED] P [REDACTED]-J [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

26 November, 2017

Dear Judge Neff,

My name is J [REDACTED], Larry Nassar's brother-in-law. I've known Larry for over 25 years now. Throughout that time, we have been close. In fact, I think of Larry as a true brother... not a brother-in-law.

Larry is one of the most generous and giving persons I have ever met. He is always thinking of how he can help people. I'm a very physically active person, and Larry has helped me through many forms of rehabilitation from various sports injuries. He has done the same for some of my friends whom he doesn't even know. One time, when I was in the hospital recovering from a very serious surgery, Larry was one of the few people who came to visit... having driven over 100 miles to get there.

I have always been impressed with Larry's devotion to his children and family. It is beyond what I knew growing up. He has a special devotion to his Autistic daughter, [REDACTED]. He has spent untold hours helping her to improve, taking her to a specialist physician every weekend, and to her favorite place... the animal petting farm. He formed a non-profit Autism Foundation to help kids with the affliction, and expanded to help other special needs kids as well.

Larry is a devoted Catholic. Although I don't share this belief system myself, I do have a great respect for the active role he has taken to help others at his church and elsewhere. He has worked with both local and state governments in an effort to improve the lot of kids... especially special needs.

I will always support Larry unquestionably. I hope you will consider his many commendable qualities in the upcoming proceedings.

Respectfully,

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