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***Re: The environmental contamination case of 23 Chinese Swimmers***

Dear WADA Athlete Council, Dear Ryan Pini, and Dear Gabby Ahrens,

The Athlete Commission of the Nordic countries, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, and Iceland are contacting you because we, as athlete representatives, and because the Nordic athletes we represent and serve are concerned about the current situation regarding the environmental contamination case of 23 Chinese Swimmers, and the aftermath of this case.

We trust the work of anti-doping and WADA as an agency that protects the clean athlete and secures a clean and fair playing field for athletes to compete in.

**We are concerned about the following:**

- The contamination of the 23 athletes was with the same drug as the Russian figure skater, who tested positive and got a 4-year ban.
- The explanation of the contamination of all 23 athletes feels still unclarified with the current hotel contamination evidence.
- The risk of how this environmental contamination case can affect the future of anti-doping.

We understand the differences between this environmental contamination- and the figure skating case. Still, the combination of the degree of convergence in the environmental contamination case is the basis of our concerns:

- The fact that it happened a few months before the Olympics in Tokyo.
- The fact that it is a contamination of 23 athletes.
- We would require further clarification to the mechanism of the contamination and to the delivery of Trimetazidine to the hotel and how WADA settled upon to the level of confidence they have for the proof.

Finally, this case also creates specific concerns for our athletes across the Nordics, who will compete in the upcoming Olympic games in Paris 2024.

- **We respectfully inquire about the WADA Athlete Council's envisioned role in response to the independent prosecutor's review. Specifically, we seek further understanding/clarity of the Council's strategies, hence communication and**

**collaboration with other AC before Paris 2024/in the future, to uphold principles of transparency, clarity, and equal terms for all athletes, thereby reinforcing the common goal of upholding the integrity of sport, and the protection of clean competition/athletes.**

We thank you for hearing our concerns and hope you will help us understand the current situation. We share the understanding of the utmost importance of protecting athletes and dedication to playing their role in contributing to clean sport.

We look forward to hearing from you, the WADA Athlete Council, regarding the above concerns and the questions. Thank each of you for your service to clean sport.

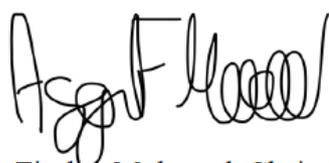
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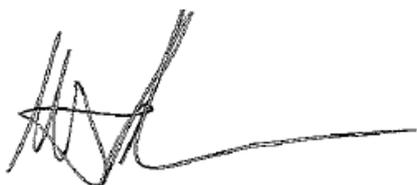
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