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Dear Sir:

This letter is written in reference to "The American Journal of Sports Medicine" article, "Catastrophic Injuries in Pole Vaulters." (AJSM PreView, published on May 11, 2012 as doi:10.1177/0363546512446682)

I am a firsthand paid customer who invested thousands of dollars purchasing fallacious pole vault propaganda while naively entrusting my own teenage son's well being to egomaniacal pole vault "Establishment" rogues beginning in 1991. My son attempted to apply lethal "traditional" pole vault methods Jan E. Johnson, J. Russell VerSteeg, Rebecca G. Peter, Eddie Seese, Dr. Spencer Chang, UCS, Gill Athletics and others having a "dog in the hunt" continue carelessly propagating.

Ed Dare (the father of **2002** "pole vault death" victim, Kevin) and I have in common that we each had a 19-year-old son attempting to apply remiss deadly "traditional" pole vault teachings. Kevin Dare is deceased. Christopher Toledo, my son, is NOT. The ONLY difference, between our significantly disparate results, is that Kevin Dare continued applying proven lethal "traditional" pole vault methods that my son wisely STOPPED attempting more than a decade prior to Kevin's death.

TEN YEARS prior to Kevin Dare's avoidable demise, we were completely ignored by Jan Johnson when we exposed his deadly ill-conceived fallacious primitive "traditional" pole vault flaws. The documentation referenced in my message to Dr. Spencer Chang, dated January 9, 2016, contains further related details.

In 1991, one of our original realizations was that ill-conceived "traditional" pole vault teachings are obviously intentionally putting vaulters into the plant box. Thus, rather than focusing on creating unwarranted highly profitable patents and gratuitous costly athletic equipment as predictably inadequate solutions, our resolution was simply to put an END to the foolish coaching of lethal "traditional" pole vault methods that guarantee the inevitability vaulters will fall into deadly plant boxes.

Although Jan Johnson was informed in 1992 that my son and I had finally devised very simple pole vault methods with which "vaulting can be as safe and easy as playing basketball," Jan Johnson "turned a deaf ear" to our revolutionary life-saving innovations. Not only did Jan Johnson ignore our pole vault paralysis, death and catastrophic injury preventing information, Jan Johnson never offered any assistance, whatsoever, to assure that this POLE VAULT SAFETY KNOWLEDGE would reach his lucrative gullible pole vault clients and naive students from whom Johnson continued to garner monetary profits selling his deadly concepts without interruption.

Exposed by today's Internet and the passing of time, I can now thoroughly verify the true root sources of the pathetic consequences documented in the "CATASTROPHIC AND SERIOUS POLE VAULTING ACCIDENT DATA ANALYSIS" tables "Prepared by Jan Johnson 11/11/2014" to which you refer with such intense unqualified reverence.

In 2013, Ed Dare (as I ALSO had done in the 1990s) finally gave up after years of futilely attempting to help make pole vault safer. It is apparent to me that, to this day, Ed Dare still has no clue that he was naively collaborating with cunning foxes in charge of guarding the "pole vault" henhouse. Suffering in the agony caused by his son's needless death, Mr. Dare remained completely unaware of what is actually occurring in this event. Ed Dare's unwitting gullibility was completely taken advantage of by Mr. Dare's disingenuous predators who pose as Mr. Dare's "friends" acting sympathetic regarding the loss of his son.

Had I been successful in stopping Jan Johnson and his like-minded miscreants in the 1990s, Kevin Dare would NOT have died the way he did while attempting deadly "traditional" pole vault methods. Unlike Ed Dare and myself before, I am not giving up my quest to expose and end these obviously ill-conceived lethal "traditional" pole vault perils this time around.

If you are genuinely concerned, as I am, you can choose to join me in constructive dialogue for the purpose of exposing the TRUTH regarding the factual reasons preventable pole vault catastrophes have continued to occur. Alternatively, you might choose to conceal the truth while ignoring my facts by "turning a deaf ear." Dr. Spencer Chang apparently preferred the latter choice as I have never received a response from him.

Respond or not, either way, it isn't going to change the provable fact that Kevin Dare, along with countless other gullible "traditional" pole vaulters have each been victimized by the same athletic "Establishment" negligence to which my own son was also perilously exposed but survived.

Sincerely,

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