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Mrs. Carolyn and Mr. Jean-Pierre Côté

USA

Dear Mrs. and Mr. Côté:

Thank you for your letter and accompanying documentation regarding Mr. Alexandre Pussieldi. I appreciate your taking the time to share your concerns with me and commend your family's dedication to sport.

Please be assured that I share your concerns regarding providing athletes with a safe and secure environment during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. While I understand your position, the matter that you raise does not fall within my jurisdiction. Mr. Pussieldi is not a registered coach in Canada and the alleged events took place in the United States. Therefore, this issue should be resolved in the United States. Furthermore, media accreditation of the Olympic Games is provided to private broadcasters upon request to their national Olympic committees.

If you have not already done so, I suggest that you ask USA Swimming or the United States Olympic Committee to communicate with their Brazilian counterparts or with the International Olympic Committee on the matter. You may also wish to raise your concerns directly with the relevant sport broadcaster in Brazil.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carla Qualtrough'.

The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, P.C., M.P.

**Canada**