

# The Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus Honors the U.S. Center for SafeSport

*Representative Ted Poe Awards the Center the Allied Professional Award*

DENVER, UNITED STATES, April 12, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The U.S. Center for SafeSport](#), a national nonprofit focused on ending all forms of physical, emotional and sexual abuse in sport, was honored by the Congressional [Victims' Rights Caucus](#) (VRC) today in

Washington D.C. The Center's CEO and President, Shellie Pfohl, attended the Capitol Hill ceremony to accept the Allied Professional Award after Congressman Ted Poe (R-TX) nominated the organization for its commitment to protecting athletes from all forms of abuse.



"The U.S. Center for SafeSport is an outstanding organization that helps prevent child abuse within the governing bodies of the United States Olympic Committee," said Congressman Ted Poe. "SafeSport's remarkable education and outreach programs have helped prevent abuse of America's athletes. Congress has recently recognized the need in keeping our young athletes safe, and SafeSport is committed to fighting alongside us to end the exploitation of young women and men in this country. I am proud to award this amazing organization with the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus Allied Professional Award, recognizing the efforts of SafeSport and their leadership, creativity, and commitment in linking allied professionals to improve the plight of crime victims in our Nation."

Each year the VRC honors outstanding individuals and organizations for their tireless efforts supporting and empowering survivors of crime. Co-chaired and co-founded by Reps. Ted Poe and Jim Costa (D-CA), the bipartisan caucus advocates for crime victims and protects programs that provide critical support for related services.

"Receiving the Allied Professional Award and having the Center's critical work recognized by Congress is an incredible honor and reaffirms the importance of our mission," said Pfohl. "I want to thank Judge Poe and the entire Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus for their important work in supporting survivors of crime."

Designated as the independent national safe sport organization by the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, the Center investigates sexual misconduct within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements. The nonprofit acts as a resource for any sports entity, from youth to professional, by providing consultation on abuse prevention techniques and policies while developing best practices and educational programs focused on promoting athlete wellbeing and ending all forms abuse in sport.

To learn more about the Center's abuse-prevention efforts, visit [safesport.org](https://safesport.org).

#### About the U.S. Center for SafeSport

The Center is the first and only national organization of its kind focused on ending all forms of abuse in sport. As an independent non-profit headquartered in Denver, CO, the Center provides consultation and educational services to sport entities on abuse prevention techniques, policies and programs while carrying out its mission of making athlete well-being the centerpiece of our nation's sports culture through abuse prevention, education, and accountability. The Center also provides a safe, professional and confidential place for individuals to report sexual abuse within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements and its 49 National Governing Bodies.

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