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Chairman Cardin, Co-Chairman Cohen, Commission Members:

Thank you for holding this important hearing on the topic of anti-doping in sports. The FBI is grateful for the opportunity to submit a statement for the record.

The FBI has developed a program to help address an increasing transnational threat aimed at manipulating or corrupting sports competitions for profit or individual/collective/state objectives. Organized crime groups such as the Italian La Cosa Nostra and Russian syndicates have historically been involved in attempting to manipulate and corrupt sporting competitions for profit. Because of this connection, the FBI developed an Integrity in Sport and Gaming (“ISG”) Program within the Transnational Organized Crime-Global Section. In recent years, the manipulation of sports competitions has become a lucrative mechanism for profit, not only for distinct organized crime groups, but for other orchestrated “criminal enterprises” that look to exploit sports through match fixing, bribery, fraud, and doping.

One of the main principles of the FBI’s ISG Program is the preservation of the integrity of the sporting institutions and competitions within the United States or involving U.S. individuals and/or U.S. business. The careful confidential handling of reported information, either from whistleblowers or sporting organizations, is important so that the information is vetted and investigated without collateral damage to reputations or erosion of the integrity of the entire competition or sport. Whistleblowers anywhere in the world with information about ongoing activity related to potential crimes under the Act may now report this information to U.S. law enforcement by contacting any U.S. Embassy and reporting it to the FBI Legal Attaché there.

Doping fraud, among other corrupt practices, erodes the integrity of sporting institutions and international competitions. Doping defrauds U.S. athletes, U.S. business, and the United States itself. With the passage of the Rodchenkov Anti-Doping Act in December 2020, the FBI is better equipped to enforce doping fraud. The FBI’s enforcement of the Rodchenkov act will center on addressing the criminal groups, enterprises, and state actors and not on the individual athletes, who may be considered victims of these illicit conspiracies.

The FBI has also developed partnerships with domestic, foreign and international integrity agencies to fully gain insight and obtain intelligence on the illicit activities. As with our other transnational organized crime threats, the FBI will partner with many of these agencies/entities in addressing the full scope of any corrupt activity. The Integrity collective will endeavor to deter any Integrity threats posed to the Tokyo 2021 Olympics. Should any organized doping fraud occur in these Olympics, the FBI are now better positioned to investigate under the Rodchenkov Doping Act.

Thank you for bringing attention to this important topic and the continued support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.