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Dear Paul,

I am in receipt of your July 19, 2022, letter of intimidation (ethics referral) and threat (state bar complaint) on behalf of USATF.

The July 15, 2022, press release does not refer to any grievance nor to any resolution of any grievance. The press release was a comment on the unlawfulness of the March 30, 2022, 35km race walk event selection procedures for Oregon 2022, in that it required athletes to have finished a race conducted two and a half months before the publication of the procedures. This requirement violates USATF Bylaws, art. 3(B)(12), because it is more restrictive than the selection criteria imposed by World Athletics. Robyn Stevens qualified for both the 20km (World Rankings) and 35km (Entry Standard) World Championship events.

The retro-active nature of the 35km selection procedures constitute an independent illegality. In addition, to permit athletes who stood to benefit from Robyn's 35km exclusion to be part of the decision-making process is a third legal hurdle.

These are all fair comment on USATF policies that led USATF to withdraw Robyn from the Eugene 35km Women's Race Walk Event at the end of May 2022, irrespective of any legal claim or grievance that any athlete may or may not have pursued subsequently.

Furthermore, not to be too technical about it, but I am neither a signatory nor a party to any agreement involving USATF.

I trust you and USATF will withdraw your baseless accusations.

With best regards,


Paul F. DeMeester