

Growing up I was a sincere, quiet child. I excelled in sports at a very young age. I went to Ohio State wrestling summer camps, dreaming of being a college wrestler. I was told then (as a young kid), that it would all be mine, head coach Russ Hellickson, I will be coming to Ohio State to wrestle one day and that came true. Putting on the Ohio State gear made me feel very special, like I achieved something good and that I belonged.

Unbeknownst to me and my well-being I was walking into a sexual TOXIC and HARMFUL environment. From the training room, locker room, showers and even Ohio States employed doctors' home. I was sexually molested over 15 times by Dr. Richard Strauss. Over half of those on his personal bed.

Having been through this I refuse to get physicals anymore by doctors, men or even women.

It has impacted my life to a point where I am ashamed. Causing problems with my marriage. I refuse to tell my wife in detail what I went through. How can her strong protective husband allow something like this happen to himself and how can he protect me or our children? I don't want sympathy because it's going to make me remember, having to explain the actions that occurred.

This atrocity to several hundred young men and even boys has to be brought into the light and rectified. Ohio State on the surface has been PC in the media, but behind closed doors are doing everything they can not to take on full responsibility for this. This is on the same magnitude as the Michigan State women's gymnastics claims.

I please ask everyone involved to help this fight, to seek redemption. Please for the love of all that is right support and help pass HB 249. Thank you.