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## **NEW: OSU Fencing Coach Sounded Alarm While Jim Jordan Turned Blind Eye to Sexual Abuse**

**PLAIN CITY, Ohio** -- Democrat Mike Larsen today issued the following statement in response to [new reporting from NBC](#) that an OSU fencing coach “formally sound[ed] the alarm about Dr. Richard Strauss during the nearly two decades that he molested hundreds of young male athletes and students, often under the guise of a medical examination”:

“Jim Jordan stood silent while his wrestlers were being sexually molested, but the Ohio State fencing coach stood up and fought for her athletes. True courage is not the blind defense of a president who has abused his office or turning your back on the young men you’re entrusted to lead. It’s good to know there were adults on the job in the Ohio State Athletics Department. Sadly, Jim Jordan was not one of them.”

In November, [NBC reported](#) that a professional referee said he reported to Jordan that Strauss masturbated in front of him in the shower, to which Jordan responded “**Yeah, that’s Strauss.**”

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*Democrat Mike Larsen is an Emmy-nominated writer and producer who helped run some of the most iconic shows in recent television history, including *The Drew Carey Show*, *Ellen*, *Reba*, *Real Time with Bill Maher*, and *2 Guys & a Girl*. He later left show business to serve the public as a staffer on Capitol Hill. There, Mike helped military sexual assault survivors tell their stories to Congress and created a *Job Hunters Bootcamp* that was duplicated by other members of Congress to help their constituents find jobs. Mike has also owned a business, been a rank-and-file member of four labor unions, and volunteered to teach workshops to incarcerated writers. He and his wife Tina returned to her home state of Ohio to raise their daughter near family.*