

Support Pouring In From All Quarters For Lance Armstrong

After seven-time [Tour de France](#) winner Lance Armstrong was banned for life and stripped of all his titles, support for the cyclist and his cancer foundation increased in numbers.

In Montreal, hundreds of people came out in support of Lance Armstrong and chugged up Mont Royal with the cyclist in a fast-paced training run. Many of the runners said they support him, regardless of the controversies, and added that Armstrong is an inspiration for those fighting against cancer and they truly lauded him for his successful charitable foundation.

Oakley, a longtime supporter and partner of the cyclist, said the decision of Lance is taken in high esteem. He has been an inspiration to many and Oakley will continue to support The Lance Armstrong Foundation. A company that makes natural supplements with quercetin, FRS, said it supports the cyclist and his commitment in increasing awareness and his fight against cancer and the company is proud to be associated with his Livestrong Foundation.

Shoe-giant Nike said the company is disappointed that Lance Armstrong would not be participating in competitions but said it would continue to support the cyclist and his foundation that serves cancer survivors. Sporting KC soccer club CEO Robb Heineman said the club believes strongly in mission of the Livestrong Foundation and it truly appreciates the statement from the Lance Armstrong Foundation for continuing the fight against cancer. Johnson Health Tech that makes a line of fitness equipment with name of Armstrong's foundation on it said the company reaffirms its support of Armstrong and the Lance Armstrong Foundation as they work tirelessly for supporting people and families affected by cancer, especially those in undeserved communities.

Former Major League Baseball player Barry Bonds also came to the defense of Armstrong and said he has great respect for the cyclist and what all he has done for the sport. *"I think if it wasn't for him, U.S. cycling wouldn't even be here,"* Bonds said. *"He was the greatest cyclist of all."*

In another development, twenty-three California state senators are asking two U.S. senators from the state to request a Congressional review of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency in the wake of Armstrong sanctions. In a letter sent to U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) and U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer (D), it was written that the [U.S. Anti-doping Agency](#) receives a majority of funds from taxpayer dollars through the Office of National Drug Control Policy at the White House. The lawmakers demanded that the two senators should call upon the appropriate oversight committees of the United States Congress for developing appropriate constitutional protections and conducting a comprehensive review of USADA's operations and finances. It was also demanded that special attention must be paid to unilateral changes by USADA in rules for dealing with athletes who have never failed a drug test.