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Voting Coalition Submits Complaint to Secretary of State on Behalf of Denison University Students

Nonpartisan organizations call on Public Integrity Division to respond to misinformation and voter suppression attempt from Granville group

COLUMBUS, OHIO — The Ohio Voter Rights Coalition (OVRC) publicly requests that Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose defend the students of Denison University’s right to vote where they are registered following attempts at misinformation and voter suppression by the [Granville Common Sense Coalition](#). Today, OVRC submitted [the following letter](#) on behalf of Denison University students to the Ohio Secretary of State’s Public Integrity Division to condemn this clear example of voter intimidation.

According to reporting by the [Newark Advocate](#), the Granville Common Sense Coalition sought to suppress participation of university students in the 2022 Midterm Election through a factually incorrect advertising and print campaign. In opposition of the Granville Exempted Village Schools income tax renewal, the group specifically targeted students by placing signs and paid advertisements encouraging student body members to not utilize their school address when voting.

OVRC is committed to advocating for all Ohioans — particularly young voters — to have the freedom to vote, free from misinformation, intimidation, and other barriers to the ballot box. This blatant attempt at voter suppression by the Granville Common Sense Coalition violates the 26th Amendment in the U.S. Constitution that gives 18-year-olds the right to vote. Discouraging and confusing young voters is bad for our democracy, which is exactly the type of behavior that the Public Integrity Division was created to investigate.

“The Denison University student body is a vibrant, central part of the Licking County community. I strongly believe that the students’ right to vote should be affirmed and protected,” said **Mary Tuominen, Professor Emerita in Sociology at Denison University**. “Voter intimidation has no

place in Ohio's election processes, especially when dealing with young or new voters. We urge the Secretary of State and Public Integrity Division to join us in condemning and investigating these actions by Granville Common Sense Coalition. This is using false information to instill fear and hesitation in the local student voting population, and should be stopped immediately."

We look forward to seeing the Secretary of State's timely response to this clear and shameful example of voter suppression.

To view the letter submitted to the Secretary of State's Public Integrity Division, [click here](#).

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*The **Ohio Voter Rights Coalition** is a non-partisan network of local, state, and national voter advocates dedicated to ensuring that all elections are modern, secure, and accessible to all Ohioans. The Ohio Voter Rights Coalition Steering Committee includes Ohio Voice, League of Women Voters of Ohio, Common Cause Ohio, All Voting is Local Ohio, and the ACLU of Ohio. For more information, visit ohiovoterrights.org.*