



STATEMENT RELEASE

Pennsylvania State University Interfraternity Council

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

STATE COLLEGE, PA – The Penn State Interfraternity Council (IFC) is deeply troubled by the recent reports involving fraternity members at Cornell University. Sexual violence and sexual misconduct have no place in fraternity and sorority life, on Penn State’s campus, or in our community.

Our chapters are founded on values of integrity, respect, and responsible conduct. Any behavior that threatens another person's safety or dignity directly contradicts those values and the principles of fraternity membership. We condemn sexual violence in all its forms. Brotherhood must never be used to excuse harm, shield wrongdoing, or justify standing by when others are at risk.

We stand with survivors and recognize that speaking up about experiences of harm can be difficult. Creating a safer community requires listening to and supporting those impacted while ensuring they have access to the resources and support they need. We also support processes that ensure those who cause harm are held fully accountable.

The Penn State IFC has demonstrated its commitment to creating a safer and more respectful fraternity community through initiatives such as our growing partnership with R-VOICE and our annual Men Against Violence (MAV) Walk. This event brings together fraternity members, students, and the broader community to take a visible stand against sexual violence, while challenging harmful norms and reinforcing that prevention is a shared responsibility.

We expect all Penn State IFC chapters to uphold their responsibility for prevention, education, and accountability by prioritizing member education, reinforcing our values throughout the year, and fostering environments where individuals feel empowered to speak up and seek support. This includes equipping every member to recognize warning signs and intervene safely when they see behavior that puts others at risk.

Penn State provides multiple resources for individuals seeking support or looking to report sexual violence or sexual misconduct, including the Office of Sexual Misconduct Reporting and Response (OSMRR). Anonymous reporting options are also available through the Penn State Hotline by texting 1-888-778-8173 or submitting an online report. We encourage anyone affected to use these resources.

Individuals may also contact local law enforcement. Penn State University Police and Public Safety offer several ways to report safety concerns, including through an online reporting form or by calling 814-863-1111. If you believe someone is in immediate danger or is experiencing an emergency, call 911.

We are deeply concerned about these reports and the harm they represent. The Penn State IFC will continue to stand with survivors and support those who come forward to report misconduct. We encourage all members of the fraternity and sorority community to speak up and take action when someone's safety and wellbeing may be at risk. We remain committed to fostering a fraternity community rooted in respect, accountability, and safety.

Useful Links:

[Penn State Office of Ethics and Compliance](#)

[Penn State University Police and Public Safety](#)

[Penn State Office of Sexual Misconduct Reporting and Response](#)

[Penn State IFC Website](#)

Respectfully,

The Penn State Interfraternity Council Executive Board

