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PRESS STATEMENT

PA Court of Common Pleas Ruling Against Penn State Admins Calls Entire Indictment Into Question

February 1, 2017 — Members of Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship (PS4RS) are pleased with today's Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas ruling to dismiss the most serious of the remaining charges against Penn State University administrators. The ruling dismisses the felony charge of 'Failure to Report Child Abuse' against administrators Tim Curley, Gary Schultz and Graham Spanier.

With only the charge of 'Endangering Welfare of Children' remaining, members of PS4RS question the necessity of a jury trial, set to begin March 20, 2017.

"Save the courtroom for those connected with the Second Mile," said PS4RS spokesperson Maribeth Roman Schmidt. "For the last five years, the Office of the Attorney General has speciously tried to position Penn State and its administrators as villains in the Jerry Sandusky scandal. The reality is that Sandusky used his charity, the Second Mile, as the gateway to his victims. It defies every sense of reason that those in the Second Mile who allowed him that access have not been held accountable.

"In the meantime, the Penn State Board of Trustees, Louis Freeh, the NCAA have all been responsible for rushing to judgment and impugning loyal, respectable, generous and -- most of all -- innocent men. As we have contended from Day One, this was never a Penn State problem. It was -- and still very much is -- a state of Pennsylvania problem."

Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship (PS4RS), with more than 50,000 members nationwide, was formed to promote positive change within the University Board of Trustees, demanding transparent, trustworthy leadership. For further information on **PS4RS**, please visit www.PS4RS.org, email ps4rsinfo@ps4rs.org, or go to <http://www.facebook.com/PS4RS>. Follow PS4RS on Twitter at **@PS4RS**.

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