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Statement from the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence on Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh

COLUMBUS, OH— As a statewide anti-sexual violence coalition, we are alarmed to learn that the FBI failed to fully investigate the accusations against Kavanaugh prior to his confirmation to the Supreme Court of the United States. This action, along with the Senate Judiciary Committee’s limiting of the investigation, is greatly harmful to the people of the United States and does further harm to survivors of sexual violence.

According to the US Department of Justice website, the FBI is supposed to “uphold and enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and to provide leadership and criminal justice services to federal, state, municipal, and international agencies and partners; and to perform these responsibilities in a manner that is responsive to the needs of the public and is faithful to the Constitution of the United States.” We do not believe the FBI has fulfilled this obligation in this instance, and we believe that the Senate Judiciary Committee greatly affected the FBI’s ability to do so by limiting the investigation into Kavanaugh’s actions to a timeframe of one week and a list of only 10 interviewees.

The Senate Judiciary Committee and the Federal Bureau of Investigations owe due diligence to the people of the United States. They must be held accountable for their lack of proper service, and Justice Kavanaugh must be held accountable for these accusations.

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As Ohio's statewide coalition, OAESV advocates for comprehensive responses and rape crisis services for survivors and empowers communities to prevent sexual violence.

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