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Phi Sigma Sigma Joins Others to Stand Up to Harvard

Today, Phi Sigma Sigma stands in support of a group of sororities, fraternities and students who filed a pair of lawsuits challenging Harvard's sanctions policy that punishes students who join off-campus, single-sex social organizations. Even though we do not have a chapter at this specific school, it is critical that we stand together to protect members' rights to shape their own leadership and social paths.

"Phi Sigma Sigma stands in solidarity with our interfraternal partners who have taken a stand against Harvard's discriminatory policy that infringes on an individual's right to join off-campus, single-sex organizations. Given Phi Sigma Sigma's own history as it relates to diversity and inclusion, we are disappointed that, in 2018, women are still being marginalized by antiquated policies that eliminate opportunities that empower and advance womanhood," stated Phi Sigma Sigma International President Katie Vlietstra Wonnemberg.

Before Harvard announced its policy, one in four undergraduates belonged to sororities, fraternities or all-women's or all-men's final clubs - opportunities protected by Title IX and the First Amendment. Starting this fall, members of these organizations are, in a word, blacklisted - stripped of opportunities to hold leadership roles in Harvard organizations and on athletic teams and to obtain post-graduate fellowships and scholarships influenced or controlled by Harvard.

The impact to women's organizations has been devastating. Almost all of the all-women's sororities and final clubs at Harvard have either closed or had to renounce their proud status as women's groups and commit to admitting men. After membership soared to record highs in recent years, Harvard erased these empowering women's organizations, which were designed to create opportunities, resources and sustainable networks built by women for women.

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