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EMPLOYER INTIMIDATION CONTRIBUTES
TO PENN STATE NO VOTE

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April 24, 2018 – *University Park, PA* – “Although graduate assistants voted against union representation, our work advocating for the rights of Penn State employees doesn’t end here.”

That was the message today from leaders of the Coalition of Graduate Employees (CGE) at Penn State, after it was announced that efforts to unionize the 3,800 graduate employees had failed by a vote of 1438 “No” votes to 950 “Yes” votes.

“We are disappointed about the outcome,” said Jerome Clarke, Co-President of the Coalition. “We’ve been working toward a union for years and our conversations with folks indicated to us that graduate assistants wanted a union. Unfortunately, the Graduate School’s outrageous anti-union campaign bullied and scared graduate assistants, contributing to a vote against union representation.”

“We believe that even without collective bargaining, there’s work to be done to improve Penn State,” stated Harrison Cole, Co-President of the Coalition. “No matter what, we will continue to advocate for the rights of graduate assistants and the rights of all members of our university community.”

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The Coalition of Graduate Employees is an employee-led advocacy group and union campaign organizing Penn State’s 3,800 graduate assistants.