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Elections Commissioner
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Statement on JEC Ruling in JEC-2025-VH-1 (JEC v. Lynne)
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The JEC received a complaint on March 20th, 2025 alleging that a duly registered authorized agent of SGA Presidential candidate Ethan Lynne unlawfully collected signatures in a restricted zone established by the Commission in Title III of the Joint Elections Commission Code of Regulations.

The Commission subsequently conducted an investigation which substantiated this claim. The Joint Elections Commission held a probable cause hearing on March 21st and charged Mr. Lynne with 5 counts of engaging in prohibited activities in a restricted zone in violation of Title II § 2.1 of the JEC Code of Regulations for the actions of his authorized agent.

At a violation hearing on March 23rd, Mr. Lynne pled guilty to all counts of the indictment. The Commission subsequently adjudicated Mr. Lynne guilty on all counts and assessed five penalty points which will appear next to his name on the ballot.

In an email earlier today to all Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, I made it clear that from today forward the Commission will be pursuing a **zero-tolerance policy** for the violation of restricted zones by Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and their authorized agents. I have further directed the Chief Investigator to charge all instances of violating a restricted zone after today to the fullest extent possible under the JEC Code of Regulations. I encourage all candidates to inform their campaign teams of the boundaries of the restricted zones and ensure they understand the consequences candidates will face should they be violated.

Signed,

Michael Ubis
Elections Commissioner

The Joint Elections Commission (JEC) creates, operates, and oversees student body elections for the George Washington University Student Government Association. The JEC is tasked with ensuring fairness and equal access to both candidates and voters. The commission is also empowered to investigate and adjudicate any complaint of wrongdoing during the campaign and election process.