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Hi,

I noticed that I left out lots of valuable information when I was speaking. I would like you to have a copy of my story that has all the important information listed. I will paste it below.

Thank you,
Abby Tartaro

Hi,

my name is Abigail T and I am a freshman that needed to approach the title 9 director at SUNY Fredonia. My experience was unacceptable and nowhere near helpful. I was already anxious when sharing my experience, but the way I was treated by the staff during

this time made my situation 10x worse. After a student teacher was continuously hitting on me, harassing me on social media and telling me about his sexual desires, I immediately reported this to many staff and eventually title 9. Our title 9 interim was very intimidating and unhelpful. She was telling me that I only have 3 options which were to go to court, get a no contact order, or to drop the case entirely. She made sure to explain the court option to me as "traumatizing" and that she did not recommend it.

After hearing this, I decided to do a no contact order as I was not going to drop the situation entirely. Although I knew of 3 other people that had reported the same person to this director, she said she was unable to do something about it because she needed

5 people to come forward. This is beyond unacceptable. There were 4 people coming forward, but this isn't enough to hold HIM accountable, instead of only treating us as victims. Although I had a no contact order, I did not feel safe walking around campus knowing

that this student teacher is also walking this campus too. He remained as a student teacher, and I was removed from the class. I was treated as the problem and he was not treated as the predator. He also attended a club that I was part of, and when I approached

the department chair, I was told that he could not be removed because he deserves the right to be there. He was given more support and freedom than I was. I am speaking here today not only to share my story, but to fight for the victims that are being mistreated, and to fight for the predators to actually have consequences. Thank you.