Response Summary:

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The Florida State University Tallahassee, Florida 32306-4027

Alleged Violation Information

Candidate or Party in alleged violation:	Forward FSU
Statute Allegedly Broken:	710(6)(f)(5)

Q4. Violations may only be filed up to two (2) business days after their discovery by the party alleging.

Discovery Date/Time:	10/12 @ 5:00p
Location of the Violation:	Instagram/Vice Society

Q5. Please present any arguments for this alleged violation along with any relevant evidence.

We believe that Forward Party has violated a Schedule Four violation, in providing food and consumable goods free of charge without the proper requirement of filling out forms indicating the individual was not bribed for their vote for Forward.

The evidence presented below has two main parts. First, we address the act of giving out food to an individual who confessed he did not sign any form and did not see any individuals sign any forms at the location of the event, which would be necessary to satisfy the precedent of a waiver being signed for getting food at events. Secondly, we address what we believe to be a gross act of attempting to cover up wrongful actions under the statute via editing of social media posts.

In the first photo, we see an advertisement on the Forward Party Instagram, advertising free food in a pre-election day event. It was posted originally on October 9th, 2025. An edit shows that, as of midnight on October 13th, it was edited 3-4 hours before the screenshot was taken. We will come back to this later. The key issue here is that the Forward Party clearly advertises free coffee and cheesesteaks in connection with "getting to know some of our candidates". In the bottom of the evidence document, you can find a link, which goes to the video that is displayed in photo 5. The video goes around, interviewing different individuals, two of which are Forward party chairman and the internal chair. They are asked by the interviewer, who is wearing Forward merch and posting on a Forward Instagram, about their votes, and the individuals announced they would be voting Forward down the ballot. This means that the event had at least some discussion of voting, in connection with getting free food and "getting to know some of our (Forward's) candidates".

In photo 2, we see a screenshot from the aforementioned video, where individual John Mueger at the event is holding a plate with a food item on it, clearly eaten. Throughout the video, we see the exact same type of plate being held by other individuals, implying there was some sort of standard item for dining that was provided by Forward, as it was their free event. In photo 3, we can clearly see John Mueger agreeing that he not only went to the event, but did not sign or see anyone signing any waiver, as is required by precedent of the student elections office in photo 4.

This all means that the event, which advertised candidates from the original post, and had discussions of voting, free food provided by Forward, which was clearly consumed, and has no aforementioned required signed form and waiver, shows a complete and total violation of the statute alleged, with no justification or excuse defense that the individuals signed waivers stating that they were not bribed or given food for their votes, which is a clear requirement by the secretary of elections office.

Finally, we must address each post's "Notes", where Forward state that no vote is required for getting food. When these videos were originally viewed, we noted there was no such "Notes", and we are concerned that Forward's team edited the posts after the fact to include these Notes. We buttress our concern with the similarity of when the posts were edited, the similarity of the language, and the time between original posting of the first advertisement and the edit. We question why an edit to a post would be necessary after the event had taken place (it ended at 4pm, and the 3h edit means that the post could not have been edited before 8pm). We are additionally concerned that even if these edits are legitimate, that the precedent of the SOE's office clearly requires a waiver from each individual, not merely a post on social media, in case individuals were called to the meeting not by social media, but by other means of advertising. We note that nowhere on the original flier is a disclaimer that food is free for all, no matter what vote you have. For all of these reasons, we are concerned that Forward has gravely violated the election code, and attempted to hide it after the fact.

Q8. Please upload any specific evidence. Combine any individual files into a single .pdf file. This is not required, but strongly recommended. The Supervisor of Elections will consider a lack of presented evidence as grounds for dismissal of the violation. Such a decision may be appealed to the Elections Commission within twenty-four (24) hours.

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Q7. Please list any witnesses you may call upon for support of the allegation. Witnesses before a hearing of the Elections Commission must sign in with the Supervisor of Elections within one (1) hour of the scheduled hearing.

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Q6. Signature

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