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Response Summary:

Q2.

The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-4027

Alleged Violation Information

Candidate or Party in alleged violation:	Emma Grimes
Statute Allegedly Broken:	710.6.d.4

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

Discovery Date/Time:	October 4, 1pm
Location of the Violation:	Instagram

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

The conduct at issue constitutes a clear violation of § 710.6(d)(4), Student Body Statutes. The operative language of the statute establishes a bright-line rule: no candidate shall engage in campaigning prior to one (1) week before the election. For the Fall 2025 General Election, the designated campaign period commenced on October 6,

2025, at 12:00 A.M.

The Respondent, however, engaged in actions that meet the definition of campaigning prior to this date. Specifically, the Respondent's friend posted on their Instagram account a message stating, "Vote Emma Grimes for Undergraduate Seat 1," directly promoting the Respondent's candidacy before the authorized campaign period. Moreover, the individual who made the post was listed on the Respondent's affiliation form as a volunteer, thereby connecting the campaign-related conduct to the Respondent's campaign team.

This activity cannot be reasonably characterized as independent or unrelated third-party expression. Rather, it constitutes campaign activity intended to solicit support and influence the electorate, which is expressly prohibited under § 710.6(d)(4).

By disregarding the statutory campaign time restrictions, the Respondent gained an unfair electoral advantage over other candidates who adhered to the law. Accordingly, this conduct constitutes a Schedule 2 violation under the Election Code and warrants appropriate sanction.

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.

Kendaly Ramos
Supervisor of Elections
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Q6. Signature

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