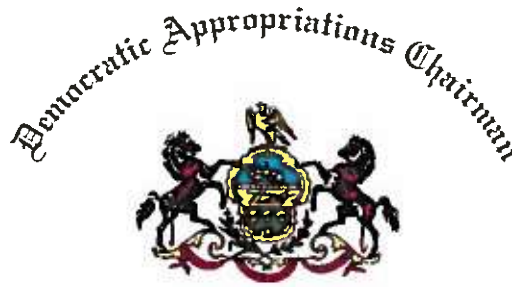


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April 25, 2018

Mr. M. Joel Bolstein, Interim Chair
Harrisburg Regional Office
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Dear Mr. Bolstein:

I am writing to request the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission open an investigation into a troubling and disturbing incident that occurred at Grandview Golf Club in Dover Township, York County.

According to the information I have received, on Saturday, April 21, 2018 a group of five African American women, Carolyn Dow, Sandra Harrison, Karen Crosby, Sandra Thompson and Myneca Ojo, teed off at the Grandview Golf Course. According to one of the women, after frost delayed their initial tee time, they teed off and were keeping a pace of play consistent with other players on the course.

After the women began playing the second hole, they were approached by an individual who serves in an advisory role for the golf course who told them they were not keeping up with the pace of play and asked the women to leave the course. In addition, the advisor for the golf course also threatened to revoke the membership of the women.

In an attempt to defuse the situation, the women skipped the third hole and continued playing the front nine. After taking a break between the front nine and back nine, as is customary in golf, the women were again approached by representatives of the golf course and asked to leave because they were not keeping up with the course required pace of play. After the women refuted the allegations of slow play on the course, representatives of Grandview Golf Course called the Northern York County Regional Police Department. Officers responded to the incidents and "quickly determined this was not a police issue."

As far as I can tell, these women, who are experienced golfers, were the only group asked to leave the course that day. Published interviews with one of the men in the group playing behind the women said, "not one time did we catch up with those ladies."

These women believe they were asked to leave the course because of their race and gender. As you are well aware, race and gender are both protected classes under the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. Additionally, it is clear that the Grandview Golf Course is a public accommodation for purposes of the act.

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These allegations are outrageous and are a blatant violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. I am asking you to immediately open an investigation into racial motivated discrimination in a public accommodation by the Grandview Gold Course

Sincerely,



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