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27th February 2024

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Clerk of Session
First Presbyterian Church of Nelsonville
69 E. Washington Street
Nelsonville, OH 45764

Dear [redacted]

I am writing this letter to express my concern regarding Kevin Lowry, and his involvement with outreach and leadership at First Presbyterian of Nelsonville.

I was shocked reading the documentation of his behavior at Hocking College, which I procured through a public record request (attached). At the very least, he was looking for sexual opportunites among the very young people he was hired to help, serve, and counsel. This behavior is an abuse of power, it is inherently manipulative, and it is wrong. I have no idea why First Presbyterian's lay leadership has not yet made a clear statement condemning this behavior.

First Presbyterian has built tremendous trust among the people of Nelsonville, well beyond the sanctuary. For this reason, the church has a responsibility not only to members, but to the community at large. We are a very low-income community, and we are victims of the opioid epidemic, which has robbed so many children of their parents. It is important that the pastor of First Presbyterian be a person of moral integrity, who does not see 18 year old kids in our community as hookup prospects.

I have faith that the Session and the Presbytery will do the right thing and make a clear statement condemning this behavior and removing him from any leadership role.

Sincerely,

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