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**OAESV Exposes Sexual Harassment On Air
One Major Sponsor Pulls Plug, Will Others?**

The Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence denounces the actions of Rover's Morning Glory Radio Show, and thanks Ricart Ford for expressing their commitment to ending sexual violence by pulling funding from the radio show. When an individual called in to comment during their April 13 show discussing sexual slavery and gave them information on work to stop human trafficking, the DJs responded by saying "**someone needs to tie her down and exploit her,**" then "**someone needs to shove something in your mouth and exploit you. Thanks for calling.**" On subsequent shows they've continued to harass this individual, including reading aloud her full name, discussing her in sexually explicit ways and mocking information from her personal Facebook page.

Executive Director Samar Kaukab Ahmad encourages other advertisers such as Roush Honda and Curves to follow suit and pull funding from this station and morning show. "It is unacceptable that a young woman be continuously and aggressively sexually and personally harassed because she wanted to share information about working to end the exploitation and abuse of human trafficking. There needs to be an immediate end to this harassment, and the station must apologize and make a full and satisfactory commitment against airing such harassment and encouragement of sexual violence in the future."

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Officially established in April of 2009, the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence is a coalition of sexual assault and domestic violence organizations throughout Ohio working to eliminate all forms of sexual violence. The mission of the OAESV is to work to eliminate all forms of sexual violence and to advocate for the rights and needs of survivors and co-survivors of sexual violence.

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