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Constituents ejected from Davidson town hall by Miami County Liberty

Town Hall sponsored by Tea Party group, Miami County Liberty

TROY—Members of Miami County Liberty, organizers of a town hall meeting with Rep. Warren Davidson in Troy Tuesday night, ejected numerous constituents who were attempting to question their Congressman about his statements. Many of the constituents of the Ohio 8th Congressional District had received personal email invitations from Davidson to attend the event. They were ejected by members of Miami County Liberty and told to leave the property by police stationed outside.

“I was invited by my congressman to attend this event, and I was not given the chance to speak to him,” said Lindsay Bohan, a Miami County resident. “When I attempted to ask him a question from the floor, I was told I had to leave by the people who ran the meeting.”

Constituents were told they had to write their questions for the congressman on a piece of paper and drop it into a bowl. The questions were then selected and read by a man seated next to the congressman. It was unclear whether the man was from Miami County Liberty or Davidson’s office. There was no opportunity for follow-up questions or comments from the audience.

“I have been waiting for my representative to hold a public event so I could ask questions and voice my concerns,” said Cindy Young, a Clark County resident. “But I was not given the chance to speak to him or question his replies. His response to a question about a single payer option for health care insurance was to compare it to the VA system to show why it wouldn’t work. But they’re not the same thing at all. The VA is a national health care system with hospitals, doctors, nurses, staff and administrators all working for the government. Single payer is Medicare, which provides health insurance for enrollees. Medicare is working fine. But we were not permitted to question him about that. Instead, we were told to leave the building.”

Indivisible-Springfield has been in discussions for several weeks to host a town hall with Davidson in Clark County. After the Troy event was announced, Davidson’s office agreed he would attend a town hall to be held at the Enon VFW Hall on Tuesday, April 18, at 6 p.m.

“We will welcome all of Rep. Davidson’s constituents to our town hall meeting,” said Pamela Dixon, a member of the leadership team of Indivisible-Springfield. “We respect the first amendment. We will

allow questions and follow-up from the floor, and we will not eject people who wish to engage in a respectful dialogue with their representative to Congress.”

“It’s ironic that a group that calls itself Miami County Liberty should toss constituents out of a meeting where they are trying to exercise their first amendment rights,” said Bradley Miner, member of the leadership team of Indivisible-Springfield. “Liberty doesn't look like what happened last night. Liberty looks like the Boston tea party, women’s suffrage rallies and the Civil Rights march on Washington— that is what liberty looks like.”

About Indivisible-Springfield: Located in Clark County, Ohio, Indivisible Springfield is dedicated to resisting the Trump agenda by engaging in grassroots activism. We are a grassroots movement following the Indivisible Guide in order to resist racism, authoritarianism, and corruption in government.

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