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I think we can all agree that the past nine months have been difficult for Penn State employees, students, alumni and fans. I think we can also all agree that many friends, family members and coworkers who do not understand the depth of Penn State pride and loyalty have chosen to criticize our institution in our presence. I've recently been told that "they must put something in the water in that town!" or "what, are all of Penn Staters in some sort of cult?" My calm reply is always, we are lucky to live in a country where we are all entitled to our own opinion, but my allegiance will forever more and always be to my alma mater, The Pennsylvania State University. We will survive this ordeal and become even stronger in the process because that is what Nittany Lions do. I pity those who doubt us. We ARE The Pennsylvania State; the others are just substitutes!

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May no act of ours bring shame.