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As advocates for change, we understand that meaningful progress often begins at the grassroots level. Little People of America (LPA) recognizes and wholeheartedly supports initiatives aimed at fostering inclusivity and respect.

For decades, LPA has continuously championed the removal of the slur "midget" from everyday language advocating for a shift in how we discuss and represent individuals with dwarfism. This slur is not merely outdated but discriminatory and abusive. We are committed to having it eliminated from all contexts - including its use as mascots.

LPA's position has remained unchanged. LPA aligns with all advocates who are working to ensure that harmful language is removed and replaced with appropriate terminology and that schools abandon the use of this slur, irrespective of the innocuous intentions. Language matters - it shapes the way we view and treat each other. For us, this slur is demeaning and has no place in any setting, particularly those intended for learning, community, and investment for future generations.

To learn more about why the term "midget" is offensive and the harmful impact it has on individuals and communities please visit our website (Ipaonline.org) or directly contact Samantha Rayburn-Trubyk, Advocacy Director (advocacy@lpaonline.org).