

The UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO Instructions

Download and edit the letter below to reflect the addressee and your status as an alumnus or parent(s) of alumni. Add additional comments as you see fit. To make the biggest impact, email your letter to multiple university contacts, including:

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Letter to University of Illinois Chicago

Dear [ADDRESSEE],

My name is [YOUR NAME] and I am a member of the class of [XXXX] at the University of Illinois Chicago. As an alumnus who has given financial support, I am pledging to cease my donations. I refuse to fund a school that does not value a free exchange of ideas or support open discourse.

The outrageous investigation and mandatory training imposed on UIC's law professor Jason Kilborn is an embarrassment to UIC and all alumni. Additionally, I was appalled to learn that the non-partisan Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) rated UIC 179th out of 203 universities regarding "student comfort expressing ideas."

The erosion of free expression at UIC is disgraceful. Instead of fostering an atmosphere where ideas flourish, UIC is enforcing self-censorship, ideological conformity, and a culture of fear among students, faculty, and staff. Until there is overwhelming evidence that UIC recommits to ensuring intellectual freedom, I will withhold my financial support. This evidence includes, but is not limited to, dismantling UIC's DEI bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]