



Chicago Statement Endorsement Letter to University

[DATE]
Office of the President
[OFFICE ADDRESS]

Dear [INSTITUTION PRESIDENT],

My name is [INSERT NAME] and I am a [YEAR IN SCHOOL] here at [INSTITUTION]. I'm writing you today to express my support for the Chicago Statement and to ask the school to adopt these principles to ensure that [INSTITUTION] remains devoted to unfettered inquiry and the search for truth.

In January 2015, the Committee on Freedom of Expression at the University of Chicago issued a powerful new statement on the importance of freedom of expression on campus. The Chicago Statement guarantees "all members of the University community the broadest possible latitude to speak, write, listen, challenge, and learn" and makes clear that "it is not the proper role of the University to attempt to shield individuals from ideas and opinions they find unwelcome, disagreeable, or even deeply offensive." This inspiring commitment provides students and professors the freedom needed to learn and teach to the best of their abilities.

Princeton University and Purdue University, among more than 20 other institutions, have adopted sections of the Chicago Statement as operative policy following its introduction. If colleges and universities nationwide follow their excellent example, the now-commonplace censorship of student and faculty expression would face a powerful new challenge. I urge [INSTITUTION] to help lead the charge.

Sincerely,
[NAME]

NOTE:

The more you customize your letter or email, the more effective it will be. You may want to elaborate why the Chicago Statement is particularly important to you and your campus community. Include in your letter or email a link to the Chicago Statement, which can be found [here](#).