

Dear President Kornbluth, Chancellor Nobles, and Provost Barnhart

A new year allows for new beginnings. We are writing to you now with serious concern about the spring 2024 semester, as we continue to entrust our children (and tuition payments) to you. Last fall, our children came to campus expecting an atmosphere of learning and instead were subjected to frequent protests and disruptions. Student groups responsible for these threatening acts have publicly committed to repeat or escalate their efforts in the spring semester.[1,2] **This cannot continue.** Our students deserve an atmosphere conducive to learning and growth, and it is the responsibility of the administration to provide it.

We eagerly await an official and public announcement that harassment and bullying policies will henceforth be strictly enforced, and there will be serious consequences for those who violate them.

As parents of the students who currently attend MIT, we are united in reminding you of the trust that we have placed in your administration. We expect you to provide a safe learning environment for all students on campus pursuant to applicable federal law. We believe this reminder is necessary due to your failure to deter the disruptive activity caused by a lack of timely, meaningful disciplinary consequences during the fall 2023 semester.

Our children, your students, entered the 2023-2024 academic school year expecting a serious academic environment conducive to learning. Instead, there were numerous intentional disruptions both in and out of the classroom that distracted the students from focusing on their studies, social life, and extracurricular activities.

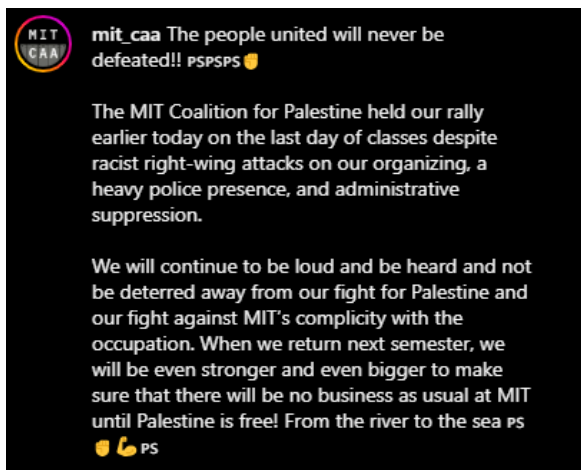
Please understand that we are not advocating the restrictions of anyone's legally protected rights to express their views. Rather, we insist that your administration enforce your own rules and procedures to keep MIT's campus a safe and disruption-free learning environment with reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions to the disruptive and hateful protests.

In this challenging time, other elite American universities have been more successful in fulfilling their responsibility to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for their students. Future students, and their parents, will be carefully watching to see if MIT opts to restore a serious and respectful learning environment in the coming semester.

We look forward to hearing from you.

[1] December 13, 2023

[2] January 24, 2024



We, as the **MIT Coalition for Palestine**, draw from a **rich legacy of organizing at MIT** where students and workers have supported the efforts of SNCC in fighting for **Black liberation**, protested the **Vietnam War**, pushed for divestment from **South African apartheid**, and more.

We will **continue to organize**, even stronger in the new semester. **We will not let business continue as usual during the genocide.** These potential threats come nothing close to the **genocide of 25000+ Palestinians in Gaza.**

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