

From: [Averion, Andre Sebastian](#)
To: [police](#)
Cc: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
Subject: The Mercury Newspaper
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:42:55 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-y41ivqxp.png](#)

Hello UTD-PD,

My name is Andre Averion, I'm a reporter for The Mercury Newspaper. We've been told by SJP representatives that "Our administration has already started threatening students with expulsion and possibly getting the state troopers here." To formally communicate with students as to the events unfolding today, including the encampment, would a representative or your organization be able to make a statement on these events and this claim? We will be publishing an article as soon as possible covering the event, and your voice could help communicate what's happening today.



Andre Averion

The University of Texas at Dallas

Psychology - Senior

[The Mercury Newspaper](#) Distribution & Outreach Manager - CMA Award Winning

[AMP Magazine](#) Distribution Manager

[LinkedIn](#)

From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Ables, Kelsey](#)
To: [police](#); [NewsCenter](#)
Cc: [News - Global Hubs](#)
Subject: [police] Washington Post (Urgent) Media Request: Arrests at
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:35:53 AM

Hello,

I'm a reporter at The Washington Post, and I'm reaching out because I saw local media [reporting](#) that there were 20 arrests Wednesday evening in connection with pro-Palestinian protests at the University of Texas at Dallas. Can you confirm whether this is correct?

I'm also seeing it reported that those arrested will not see a magistrate until Thursday morning, is that right? And where have those arrested been taken?

Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Please include my colleagues (cc'd) in your reply.

Thank you,
Kelsey

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Kelsey S. Ables
Breaking News Reporter
The Washington Post
[Recent writing](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Twitter](#)

From: [Perry, Adam](#)
To: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
Subject: RE: Anyone been in contact with Amanda on protest?
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 7:58:53 AM

No

Adam Perry / Captain
Special Operations
UT Dallas Police Department
800 W Campbell Rd
Richardson, TX 75080
972-883-2572

-----Original Message-----

From: Tourangeau, Brent <bat140330@utdallas.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 7:03 AM
To: Perry, Adam <Adam.Perry2@UTDallas.edu>; Zuber, Karl <kzuber@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Anyone been in contact with Amanda on protest?

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kratz, Dennis](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#)
Subject: FW: Campus protest
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:01:52 AM

[REDACTED]

From: President Sian Leah Beilock <presidentsdesk@dartmouth.edu>
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 9:47 AM
To: Kratz, Dennis <dkratz@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Campus protest

[View in browser](#)

Office of the President

Dear Dartmouth community,

Last night, approximately 90 people, including many unaffiliated with Dartmouth as well as students and faculty here, were removed from the Green by police after declining several opportunities to stage their protest in a manner consistent with Dartmouth's policies. Protestors pitched a "Gaza Solidarity Encampment" and physically prevented its removal despite multiple opportunities to avoid arrest.

This year, there have been more than 15 peaceful protests on our campus. Last night, people felt so strongly about their beliefs that they were willing to face disciplinary action and arrest. While there is bravery in that, part of choosing to engage in this way is not just acknowledging—but accepting—that actions have consequences.

Our long-standing policies limit the time, place, and manner where protests can occur. They prohibit encampments or the occupation of buildings that interfere with the academic mission or increase safety risks to members of our community. When policies like these have been ignored on other campuses, hate and violence have thrived—events, like commencement, are canceled, instruction is forced to go remote, and, worst of all, abhorrent antisemitism and Islamophobia reign.

Protest and demonstration are important forms of speech. Yet, we cannot let differences of opinion become an excuse for disrupting our amazing sense of place and the lived experience of our campus. And, most importantly, our opinions—no matter how strongly they are held—can never be used to justify taking over Dartmouth’s shared spaces and effectively rendering them places only for people who hold one specific ideology. This is exclusionary at best and, at its worst, as we have seen on other campuses in recent days, can turn quickly into hateful intimidation where Jewish students feel unsafe.

The protesters demanded that the Dartmouth Board of Trustees hold a vote on divesting its endowment from companies connected to Israel despite the fact that [the Board has a clearly articulated process](#) for considering such decisions, which was explained to student protesters. I am a deep believer in free speech. Dartmouth’s [freedom of expression and dissent policy](#) also defends this right. However, Dartmouth’s endowment is not a political tool, and using it to take sides on such a contested issue is an extraordinarily dangerous precedent to set. It runs the risk of silencing academic debate, which is inconsistent with our mission.

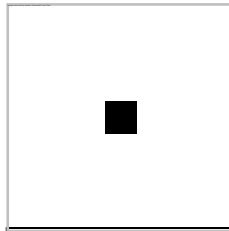
We do not agree on everything, and this is not the goal. But we all have a responsibility to foster and contribute to a community where we can enjoy open, civil discussions on any topic, regardless of the complexity or difficulty of the subject matter.

Let us work together as we continue to foster dialogue and understanding on this complex, emotionally charged conflict.

Sincerely,

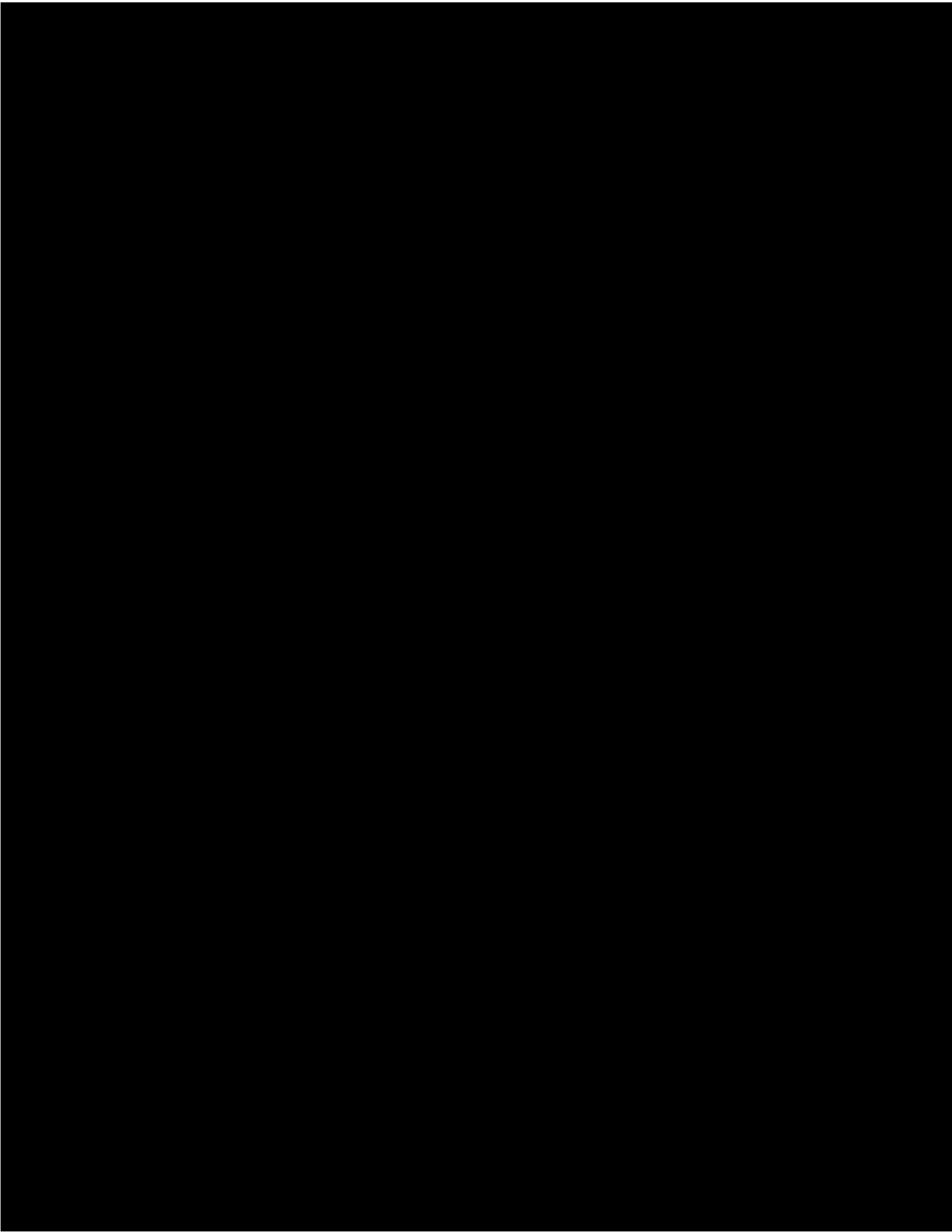
Sian Leah Beilock

President



Office of Communications, Dartmouth College, 7 Lebanon St., Suite 201, Hanover, NH

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From: [Rockow, Amanda](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#)
Cc: [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Jamison, Calvin](#); [Goodfriend, Kimberly](#)
Subject: Re: report of road blockage on campus this morning
Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024 10:23:16 AM

I do not remember that we have ever shut down University Parkway 10 days before Commencement. Not sure what has changed. We had to make signs to reroute voters today to our Dallas County polling place. (Likely all 8 of them.)

Amanda Rockow
Vice President, Government & Community Relations
UT Dallas
972-883-2107
arockow@utdallas.edu

On May 4, 2024, at 9:29 AM, Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu> wrote:

Thanks. Pretty sure that [REDACTED] was referring to a road blockage on Friday. I'll write back.

From: Martin, Rafael O <rafael.martin@utdallas.edu>
Sent: Saturday, May 4, 2024 8:56 AM
To: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
Cc: Jamison, Calvin <cjamison@utdallas.edu>; Rockow, Amanda <arockow@utdallas.edu>; Goodfriend, Kimberly <kimberly.goodfriend@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Re: report of road blockage on campus this morning

Dick:

The northbound lanes of University Parkway were blocked earlier this week in anticipation of construction activities for University Commencement. Access to campus was still available via Armstrong. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

At no time have we received reports that protesters were blocking any roads on or around campus.

Regards,

Rafael

Rafael Martín

Vice President and Chief of Staff | UT Dallas

972-883-3550 | rafael.martin@utdallas.edu

From: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>

Sent: Saturday, May 4, 2024 08:31

To: Martin, Rafael O <rafael.martin@utdallas.edu>

Cc: Jamison, Calvin <cjamison@utdallas.edu>; Rockow, Amanda <arockow@utdallas.edu>; Goodfriend, Kimberly <kimberly.goodfriend@utdallas.edu>

Subject: Fwd: report of road blockage on campus this morning

Rafael,

Please see the note below. Did the protestors block roads? Or, is this result of some other action? Specifically, has University Parkway been closed in order to prepare for commencement? Please advise.

Thanks,

Dick

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]

Date: May 3, 2024 at 11:04:22 PM CDT

To: "Benson, Richard" <Benson@utdallas.edu>

Subject: report of road blockage on campus this morning

Dr. Benson,

I am writing to report that one of my best students was 20 minutes late to class this morning. She reported that she was delayed by protestors blocking the main entrance to the campus.

I am a firm believer in free speech. People should have the right to say what they think – even if it is hateful. However, they do not have the right to prevent others from going about their business. In today's case, protesters do not have the right to block roadways and prevent students from going to class.

Our students invest significant time and money at our school to gain access to an excellent education. Allowing protesters on campus to prevent them from reaching their classes is a dereliction of our responsibility as a university to them.

It was my understanding that you were not going to allow protesters to block roads. Protesters who do so should be arrested and, if they are students, expelled. Non-students should be charged with trespassing and jailed if necessary to prevent them from blocking roadways.

If my student reported the situation accurately, please take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the situation does not happen again.

Respectfully,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the sender.

From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Moss, Ashley](#)
To: [police](#)
Subject: [police] CBS Texas Media Request: UTD Student Gathering and Encampment
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:21:46 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Morning,
Can you confirm if and how the department is responding to the student gathering and encampment that's set up at and around the Edith O'Donnell Arts and Technology Building on campus?

Ashley Moss

Assignment Desk
CBS Texas



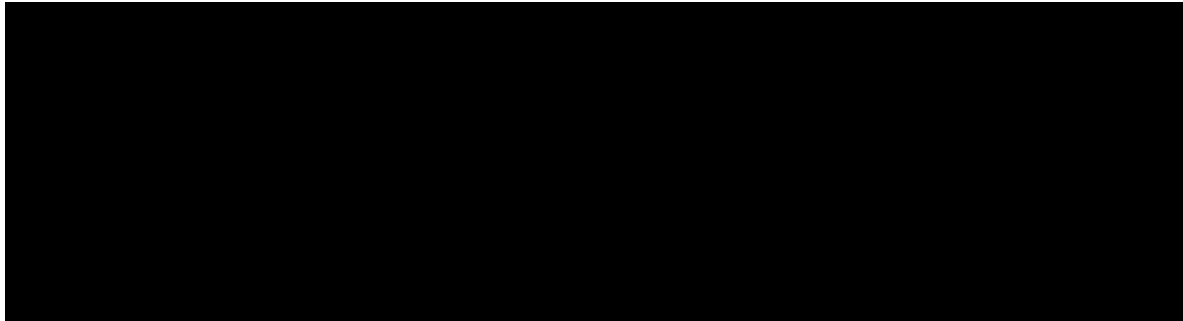
From: [REDACTED]
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [AHTDean](#); [Prakash, Ravi](#)
Subject: Meet to exchange perspectives
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:53:44 AM

Dear Dr. Benson,

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Regards,

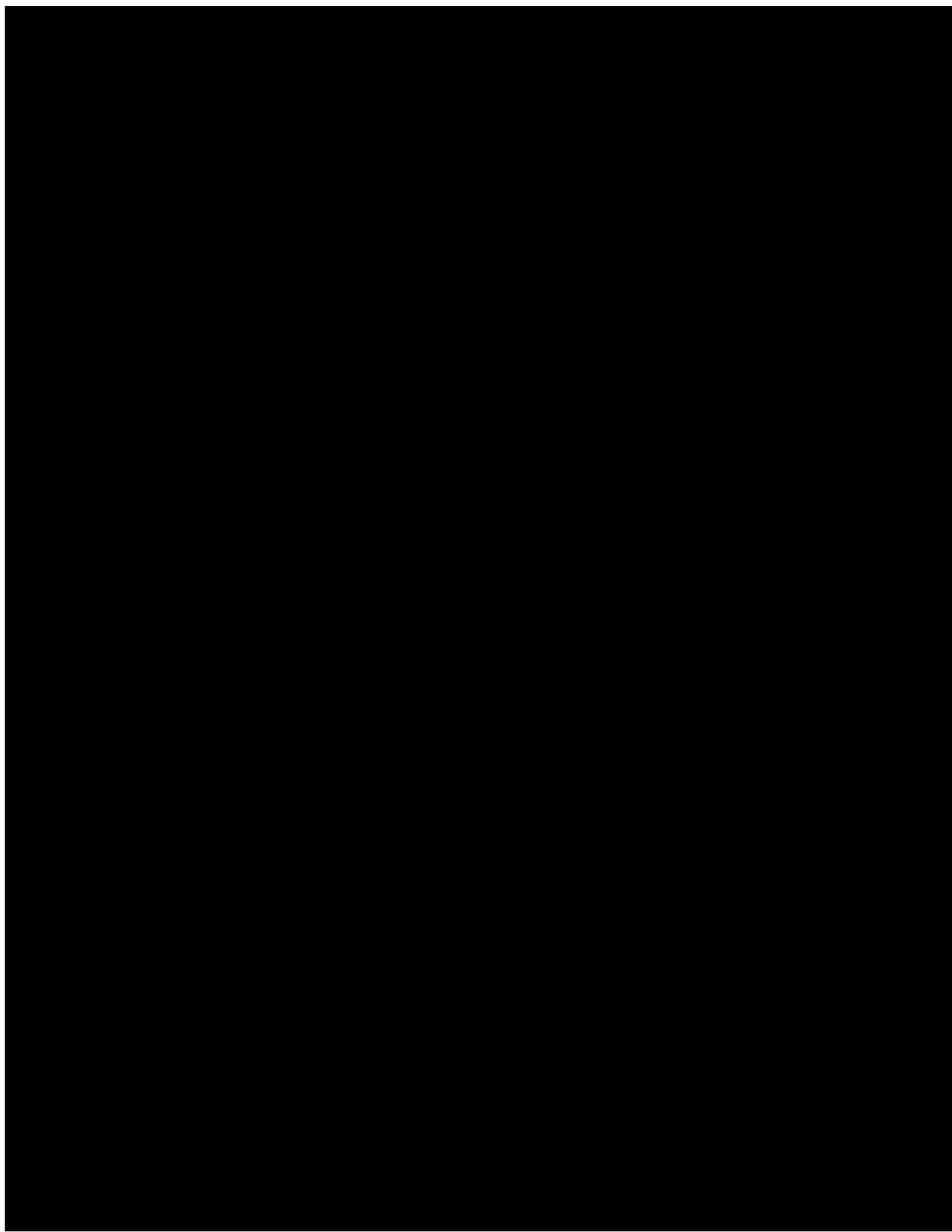
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Benson, Richard](#)
Subject: Bad
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:42:28 PM

This is a disaster.
Only acts of violence by police.
Thanks,
[REDACTED]






From: [Musselman, Inga](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#)
Subject: Re: Meet to exchange perspectives
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 10:52:27 AM


Regards from Austin,
Inga

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FYI. 

From: 
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:53 AM
To: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>; President <President@utdallas.edu>;
Musselman, Inga <Inga.Musselman@utdallas.edu>; Martin, Rafael O
<rafael.martin@utdallas.edu>; AHTDean <AHTDean@utdallas.edu>; Prakash, Ravi
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Regards,





From: [REDACTED]
To: [Edgington, Kyle](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#)
Subject: A request from a community member
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 3:25:08 PM

Dear UTD leadership:

American history books often place a high value on non-violent protest, from the Revolutionary-era boycotts and protests against the Stamp Act, which was seen as an attempt to silence the free press; to the petition campaigns against Indian Removal and slavery in the 1830s, which was met with a gag rule unconstitutionally tabling anti-slavery petitions; to suffragists' Silent Sentinel protest outside the White House, which led to their false imprisonment remedied by the courts after the Night of Terror and unlawful violence against them nearly ended several of their lives; to the non-violent sit-ins, pray-ins, and read-ins of the 1960s Civil Rights Movement—which were met with police dogs, fire hoses, beatings, and more.

The right to peaceful, free speech is an American value. While it is often controversial in its day, the exercise of the freedom of speech is widely regarded by generations looking back to earlier days.

I ask that you stand up for that value and drop the charges against the protestors and the faculty/staff/alumni/community members who stood by them, even if you disagree with their rhetorical goals of the protesting students. What good could possibly come from pursuing this course of action at this time?

I suggest perusing the websites of universities known for their tough responses to protests in the 1960s and 70s and seeing how these very institutions view such responses a few decades later. May we all learn from our history.

A few resources:

Berkeley: <https://www.berkeley.edu/free-speech/#:~:text=The%20Free%20Speech%20Movement%20began,full%20constitutional%20rights%20on%20campus>.

Kent State: <https://www.kent.edu/may-4-1970/commemoration>

Columbia: <https://news.columbia.edu/content/new-perspective-1968>

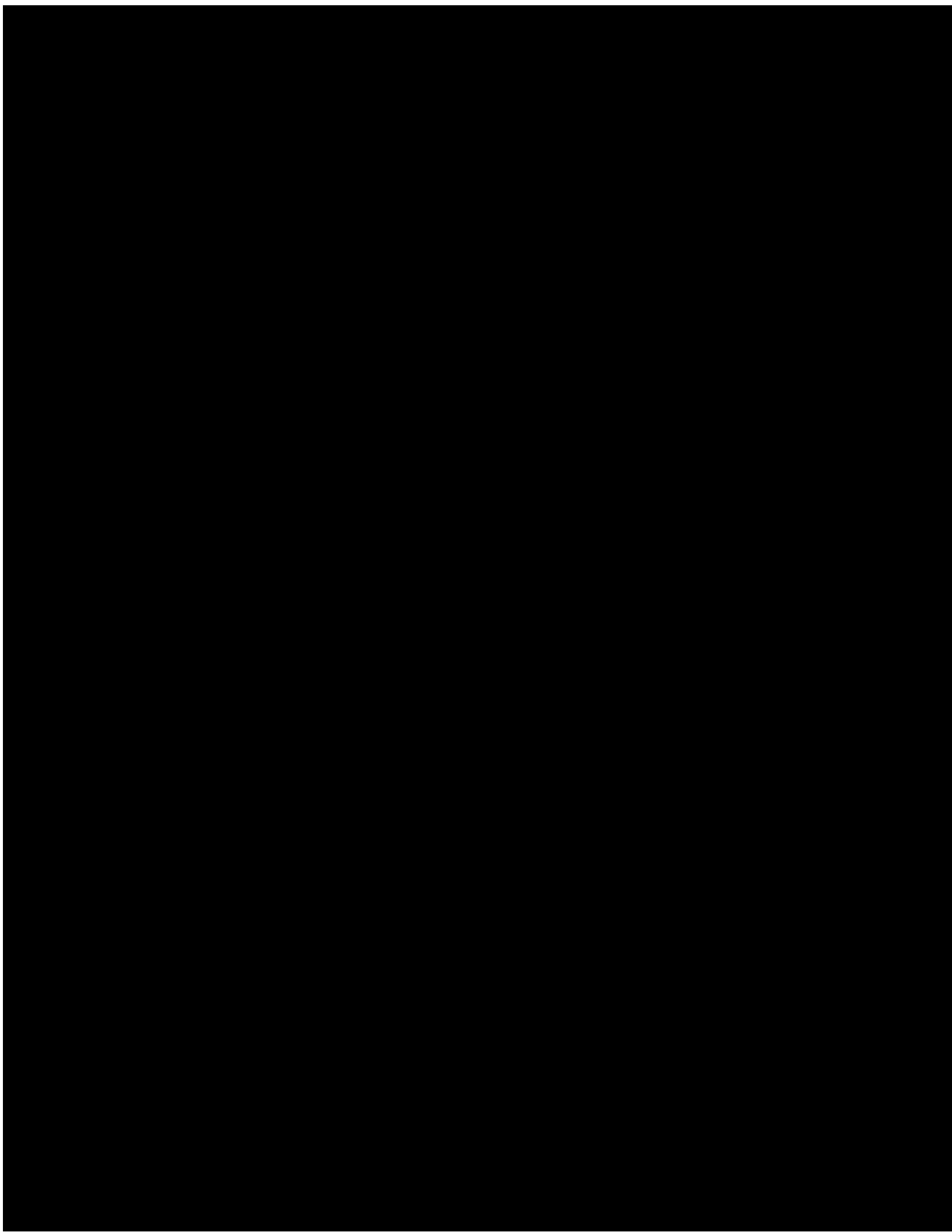
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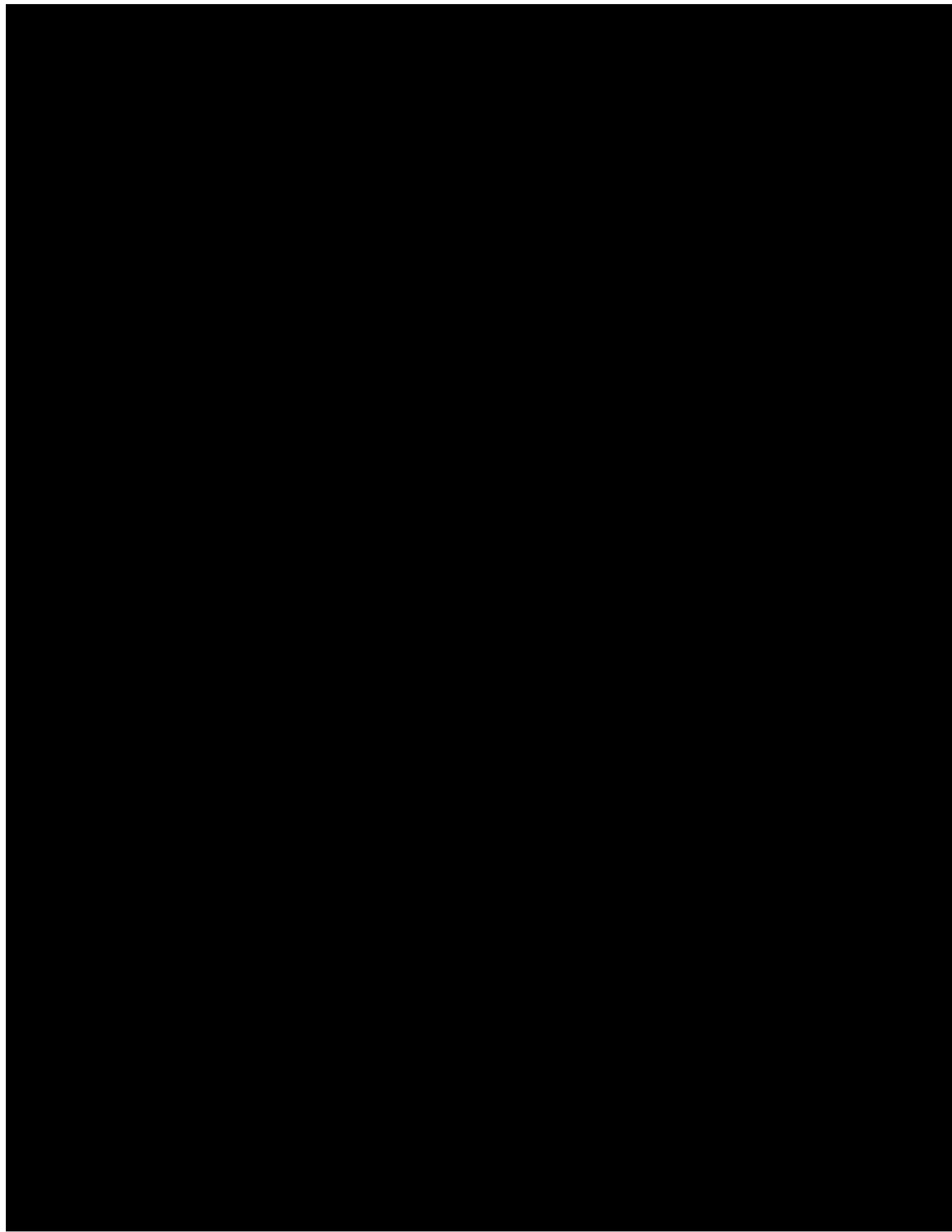
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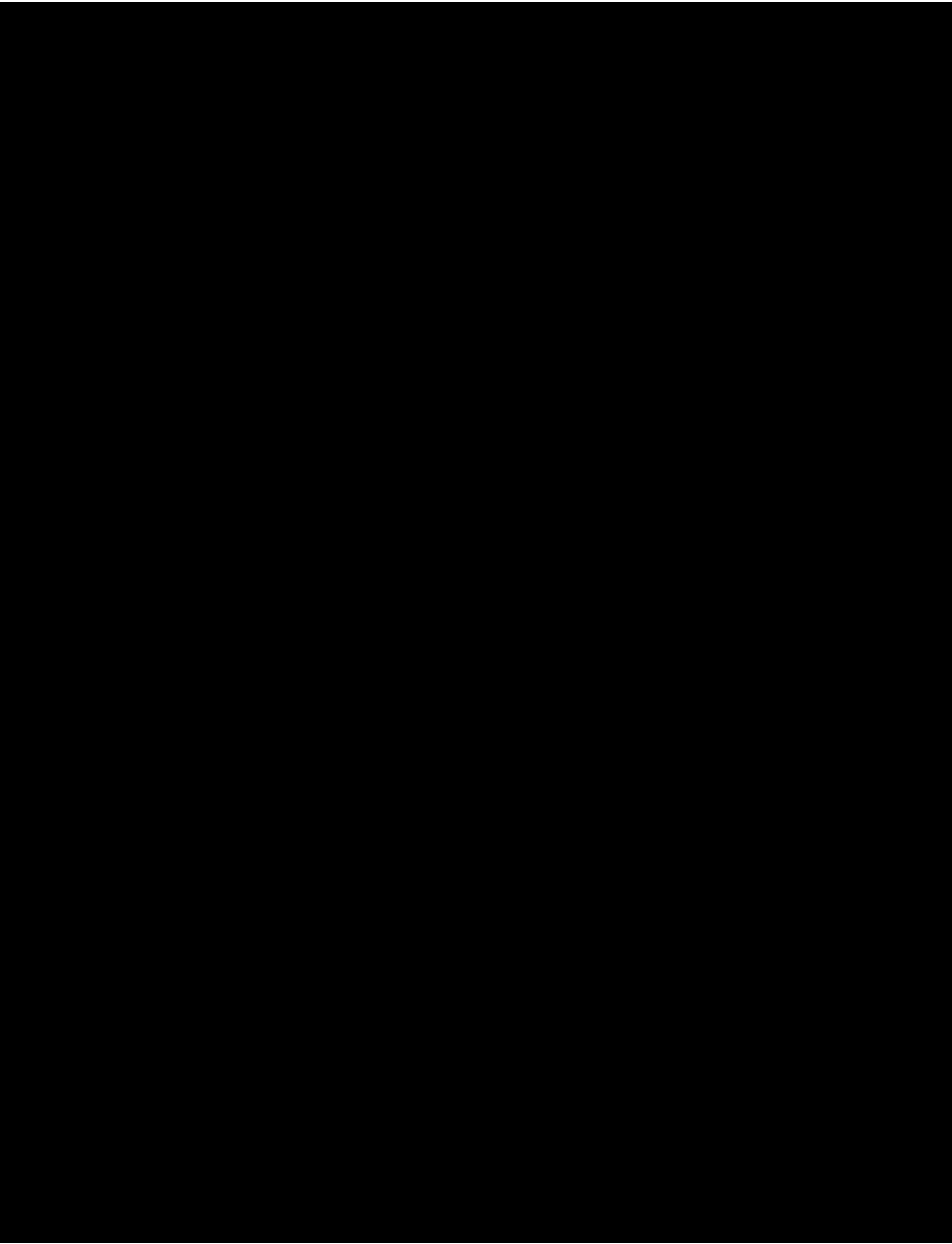
From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Rockow, Amanda](#)
Subject: Demonstration 5/1/24
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 1:54:00 PM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

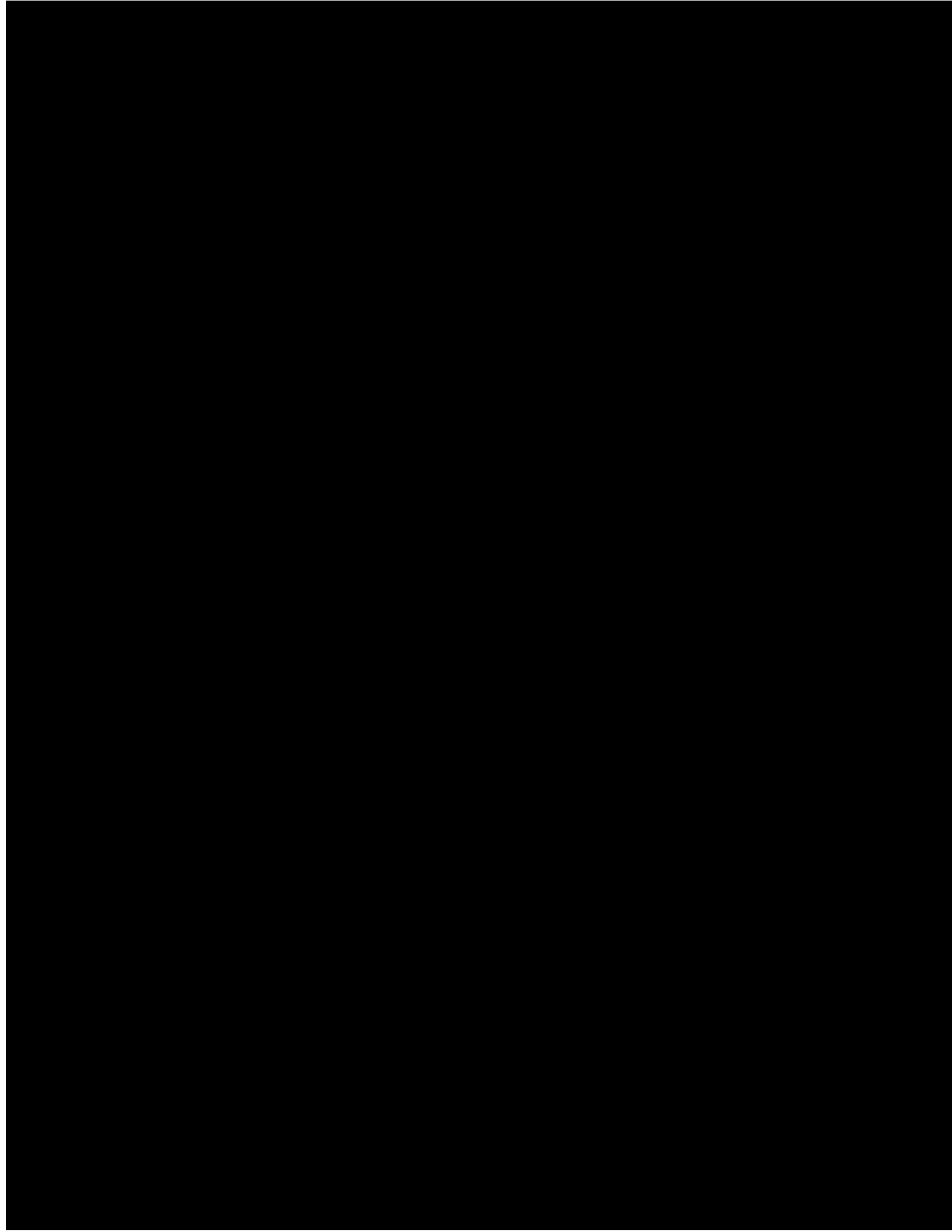
- 6am notification of encampment (tents/pallets for barricades/car tires)
- 7:56am UTD PD began notifications to other police departments (DPD, RPD ,CCSO, UTSW) of the situation and requested assistance
- 9:09am SJP used social media to message they were surrounded and needed help
- 9:30am the encampment had grown to approx.. 100 people, and campus lost power – restored 30 minutes later
- 10:07am demonstration supporters arrive to encampment with food and supplies the number of demonstrators continued to grow
- 11:23am Letter to vacate drafted
- 1:09pm SJP posts on social media they are bringing generators, tents, rain gear and food
- 3:20pm EOC ready to deliver letter. At this time all law enforcement resources are in place except transport buses
- 3 :38pm buses arrive
- 3:42pm Message delivered
- 3:53pm Crowd control team moves to disperse encampment
- 4:05pm encampment deconstruction begins
- 5:40pm encampment deconstruction complete

Chief Brent Tourangeau
UT Dallas Police Dept
800 West Campbell Rd. PD 11
Richardson, TX 75080
Office – 972-883-2321









From: [Nathan Citino](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Edgington, Kyle](#)
Subject: Academic Freedom at UT Dallas
Date: Friday, May 17, 2024 2:49:49 PM

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to express my concern about academic freedom at UT Dallas and other institutions where administrators called police to arrest faculty and students who were engaged in peaceful protest.

Please note that there were institutions where arrests did not occur. I teach at such an institution in Texas, and in the department where [UT Dallas Associate Professor Ben Wright](#) earned his PhD. I am deliberately not using my university email or title to emphasize my personal commitment to academic freedom.

As you know, the ability of universities and their faculties to freely pursue research, teach, and engage in public speech on issues of the day is under direct assault. As a faculty member at a private university, I am more insulated from this threat than colleagues at public institutions. Nevertheless, we all face it.

In these circumstances, it is essential for administrators to protect their faculty and students from external political interference and to preserve the protections of academic freedom and tenure. These should be among administrators' highest priorities.

Bringing police onto campus, or employing "time, manner, and place" restrictions on demonstrations to create a pretext for "trespassing" charges, especially against an institution's own students and faculty, erodes those protections. It's also a short-sighted policy that will lead to more confrontational demonstrations later. Officials at Columbia University in New York learned this the hard way. Their proscription of certain groups escalated a confrontation from the outset with a significant segment of the campus community. The results speak for themselves.

UT Dallas doesn't have to follow this path. I urge you drop the charges against students and faculty arrested on May 1. Preserve academic freedom and the reputation of your institution.

Sincerely,

Nathan J. Citino, PhD

From: [Musselman, Inga](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Walls, John](#); [Shaw, Timothy](#)
Subject: Fwd: [faculty] Emergency meeting of the Academic Senate: Friday, May 10, 4-5 pm
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 10:33:00 AM
Attachments: [ravip.vcf](#)

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: May 9, 2024 at 10:22:57 AM CDT
To: "Musselman, Inga" <Inga.Musselman@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Fw: [faculty] Emergency meeting of the Academic Senate: Friday, May 10, 4-5 pm

Dear Provost Musselman,

I have been a faculty member here at UTD for about 12 years, I'm curious as to how the email below [and its content] is UTD business and how is Dr. Prakash allowed to use his position to carry out such activities and correspondence. I never said anything during "covid" when Dr. Prakash used his position in sending out an email that basically called those who didn't agree with his beliefs "irresponsible" and "cowardice" (In an email he sent out on Wed 8/11/2021 at 1253 pm.)

- It's only my opinion, but I think UTD, President Benson, UTD Police (Especially Capt. Adam Perry), and yourself, handled the issue on campus last week perfectly. It made me very proud to be a member of the faculty here and to be associated with UTD.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: Prakash, Ravi <ravip@utdallas.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:01 PM
To: FacultyList <Faculty@lists.utdallas.edu>
Subject: [faculty] Emergency meeting of the Academic Senate: Friday, May 10, 4-5 pm

Dear colleagues,

An emergency meeting of the Academic Senate has been called to **discuss the events on campus on May 1**. President Benson and Provost Musselman have been invited to the meeting.

Two of the three faculty members arrested that day, Ben Wright and Ali Asgar Alibhai, have also been invited to the meeting to address the attendees.

The Senate will deliberate on the matter, and debate, possibly amend, and vote on any resolutions placed before it.

As of now, a group of faculty members has submitted the following draft resolution, related to those arrested on May 1, to be debated, possibly amended, and voted on during the meeting:

The Academic Senate of the University of Texas at Dallas moves that University leadership:

1. Drop or refrain from pressing legal charges against all individuals.
2. Allow student activists to complete their semester's coursework, without suspension, expulsion, or other punishment this semester, and without restricting their future options to enroll in classes or live in University housing.
3. Affirm that faculty who were detained will face no professional repercussions.

As you know, Academic Senate meetings are open to all faculty members. Below is the link to join the meeting.

Thanks,
Ravi Prakash, Speaker of the Academic Senate

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

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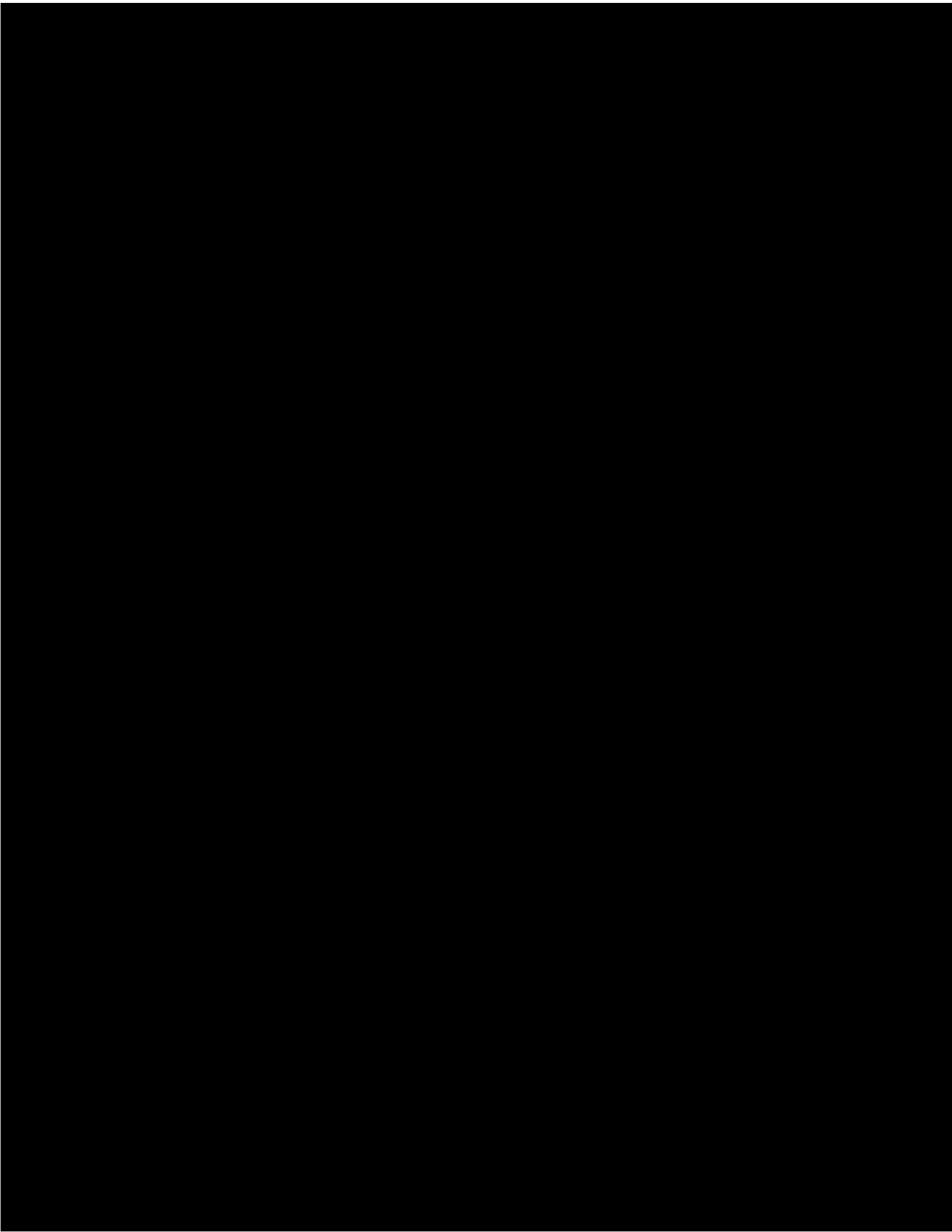
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Thanks,
Ravi



From: [Morales, Katherine](#)
To: [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Walls, John](#); [Benson, Richard](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Rockow, Amanda](#); [Fitch, Gene](#); [Smith, Amanda](#)
Subject: Austin American Statesman story
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 11:39:52 AM

All - please see attached story:



UT System Chairman Kevin Eltife on pro-Palestine protests: 'Divestment is not an option'

Lily Kepner Austin American-Statesman

University of Texas System Board of Regents Chairman Kevin Eltife in addressing the pro-Palestinian demonstrations being held at schools across the system said that divestment from weapons manufacturers that contribute to Israel — as demanded by those protesting — will not happen at UT System institutions.

“Divestment is not an option,” Eltife said. “We will continue to maximize our investments to ensure our students have scholarships and that we can provide an affordable, accessible education.”

Some UT System universities have had protests on their campuses, with those demonstrating calling on the schools to divest from Israel as the Jewish state continues bombarding Gaza in response to an Oct. 7 deadly attack by Hamas, the militant group that governs the region. At UT, more than 130 people have been arrested during demonstrations.

Fifty-seven protesters were jailed during an April 24 protest at UT held in solidarity with other demonstrations at universities across the country. On April 29, 79 protesters were arrested after demonstrators set up a surprise encampment. On May 1, more than 20 people were arrested at an encampment at UT Dallas.

Across the country, more than 2,400 people have been arrested since April 18, the day the first arrests at Columbia University occurred, according to an analysis by CNN.

Many pro-Palestinian organizations and rights groups have called UT's response to the protests excessive as police, some on horseback and others clad in riot gear, descended on the demonstrations on campus and zip tying people before hauling them off to jail. On April 29, police also pepper sprayed protesters to help disperse crowds.

All the criminal trespassing charges for those arrested at UT on April 24 were dropped as they lacked probable cause, officials said. The cases for those arrested April 29 have not been disposed, and at least one man from San Marcos has been charged with illegally carrying a loaded semi-automatic pistol at the campus protest — the first felony-level charge filed in the 136 protest-related arrests.

At the scheduled UT System Board of Regents meeting Wednesday, Eltife said he and the chancellor were involved in all the decisions to call outside law enforcement to campuses, and maintained that it was “the right decision” to ensure safety.

“This board is proud of how this has been handled on all our campuses,” Eltife said. “Anyone that questions our decisions need only to look to Columbia and Yale.”

Eltife reiterated that protest organizers had the “explicit intention of causing disturbance, disrupting campus,” and said that will not be tolerated.

“They thought they could take over our campuses and establish their own set of rules like they tried at other universities,” he said. “That will never happen and that’s not negotiable.”

The UT System has been a vocal supporter of free speech, Eltife said, but added that “institutional policies and restrictions must exist to maintain order, to protect our students and the greater campus community.”

He applauded the Texas Department of Public Safety for its “invaluable” help at the protests to prevent potentially “dangerous situations.” State troopers were called to help UT police at the April 24 and April 29 protests, which resulted in arrests.

DPS officers and DPS director Col. Steve McCraw, who were present at the meeting at Eltife’s invitation, stood up as the board chairman and those in the meeting applauded them.

“We will not hesitate to call upon them again if necessary,” Eltife said.

He also praised police across all UT System institutions who “protect and serve, everyday putting their lives on the line.”

In regards to “talks of no confidence,” like the letter more than 600 UT faculty members signed to voice no confidence in UT President Jay Hartzell for his response to the protests, Eltife said the regent board’s opinion is the important one.

“I would say that the vote of no confidence, or of confidence, that matters the most is

the vote of this board,” he said. “We will not allow our campuses to be destructed by the few at the expense of the many.”

Best,

Katherine

From: [Prakash, Ravi](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [Walls, John](#)
Cc: [Kesden, Michael](#); [Warren, Shilyh](#); [Hefley, William](#)
Subject: Fwd: Message distribution: Authorization denied
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 11:48:09 AM
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Why is this message being rejected?

Thanks,
Ravi

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Date:Fri, 10 May 2024 11:34:56 -0500
From:UTD Sympa <sympa-request@lists.utdallas.edu>
To:ravip@utdallas.edu

This is an automatic response sent by Sympa Mailing Lists Manager.
Impossible to distribute your message for list 'Faculty@lists.utdallas.edu'
for the following reason:

Your message for list 'faculty' (attached below) was rejected.
You are not allowed to send this message for the following reason:

you are not allowed to perform this action.
For further information, please contact faculty-request@lists.utdallas.edu

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Prakash, Ravi](#)
Cc: [Benson, Richard](#)
Subject: RE: Emergency meeting of the Academic Senate: Friday, May 10, 4-5 pm
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:33:48 PM

Ravi,

Thanks for setting up this special session – it is good to have debate on these 3 points for past actions.

I think UTD must also plan for the future. I fully support peaceful protests against Israel's actions in Gaza, but these must not be detrimental to the rest of UTD such blocking walks, disrupting graduation, and harassing Jewish students who have nothing to do with the actions of Israel in Gaza.

I have personally witnessed previous peaceful protests that have gotten more confrontational. I was a PhD student at Stanford during their Viet Nam protests where students occupied buildings similar to what currently happened at Columbia. In both instances, outsiders seemed to have influenced the student actions. I think this also occurred in the Jan 6 capitol riots when groups like the Proud Boys changed a peaceful protest into a dangerous riot.

I think future protests at UTD must follow University rules. The protesting students are a small percentage of the total student body so they must not negatively impact the other students. It should be made very clear to all students and faculty that consequences will occur if University rules are not followed.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Prakash, Ravi <ravip@utdallas.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2024 8:02 PM
To: FacultyList <Faculty@lists.utdallas.edu>
Subject: [faculty] Emergency meeting of the Academic Senate: Friday, May 10, 4-5 pm

Dear colleagues,

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Two of the three faculty members arrested that day, Ben Wright and Ali Asgar Alibhai, have also been invited to the meeting to address the attendees.

The Senate will deliberate on the matter, and debate, possibly amend, and vote on any resolutions placed before it.

As of now, a group of faculty members has submitted the following draft resolution, related to those arrested on May 1, to be debated, possibly amended, and voted on during the meeting:

The Academic Senate of the University of Texas at Dallas moves that University leadership:

1. Drop or refrain from pressing legal charges against all individuals.
2. Allow student activists to complete their semester's coursework, without suspension, expulsion, or other punishment this semester, and without restricting their future options to enroll in classes or live in University housing.
3. Affirm that faculty who were detained will face no professional repercussions.

As you know, Academic Senate meetings are open to all faculty members. Below is the link to join the meeting.

Thanks,
Ravi Prakash, Speaker of the Academic Senate

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Thanks,
Ravi

From: [Wilson, Joe](#)
To: [Walls, John](#); [Benson, Richard](#)
Cc: [Prakash, Ravi](#); [Kesden, Michael](#); [Warren, Shilyh](#); [Hefley, William](#)
Subject: Re: Message distribution: Authorization denied
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:23:51 PM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

All,

Dr. Hefley forwarded me a copy of the original message. OIT is telling me that they believe it's the ICS file attachment that triggered the automated rejection. It seems our mass email sender software, Sympa, doesn't allow those types of attachments to the group lists.

Dr. Prakash, I believe if you remove that attachment the email should go through without issue. I've uploaded the ICS file to the Senate Box Share and so you can provide this link in your email for users to download it. [REDACTED] Just let us know when you plan to resend, and we will stand by to approve it right away.

Link for ICS file: [REDACTED]

Joe Wilson
(he/him/his)

From: Wilson, Joe <joe.wilson@UTDallas.edu>
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 at 1:48 PM
To: Walls, John <john.walls@utdallas.edu>, Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
Cc: Prakash, Ravi <ravip@utdallas.edu>, Kesden, Michael <kesden@utdallas.edu>, Warren, Shilyh <Shilyh.Warren@utdallas.edu>, Hefley, William <Bill.Hefley@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Re: Message distribution: Authorization denied

Dr. Prakash,

I tried giving you a call, but I'm guessing you are tied up at the doctoral hooding ceremony. I've looped in OIT to see if they know why the email was rejected, but they haven't been able to determine the cause yet either. We aren't able to access the content of your original email, so just let me know once you are available to try resending it. We can troubleshoot in real time or, if it's easier we can build and send the email with content you provide. Thank you and my sincere apologies again for the inconvenience.

Joe Wilson
(he/him/his)

From: Wilson, Joe <joe.wilson@UTDallas.edu>
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 at 12:22 PM

To: Walls, John <john.walls@utdallas.edu>, Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
Cc: Prakash, Ravi <ravip@utdallas.edu>, Kesden, Michael <kesden@utdallas.edu>, Warren, Shilyh <Shilyh.Warren@utdallas.edu>, Hefley, William <Bill.Hefley@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Re: Message distribution: Authorization denied

My apologies Dr. Prakash. I'm not sure why you received this rejection email. It seems like it was automated somehow as we never received your request in our moderation queue. Would you mind attempting to send it again? Based on the information below, it does look like you submitted it correctly, but just to confirm, it should be sent to faculty@lists.utdallas.edu. If we see it in the moderation queue, we will approve it. If for some reason you get another rejection email, we will find a workaround to get the email distributed right away.

Joe Wilson

(he/him/his)

From: Walls, John <john.walls@utdallas.edu>
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 at 12:14 PM
To: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
Cc: Prakash, Ravi <ravip@utdallas.edu>, Kesden, Michael <kesden@utdallas.edu>, Warren, Shilyh <Shilyh.Warren@utdallas.edu>, Hefley, William <Bill.Hefley@utdallas.edu>, Wilson, Joe <joe.wilson@UTDallas.edu>
Subject: Re: Message distribution: Authorization denied

Ravi, I have contacted Joe Wilson from our web services. He is investigating and will contact you shortly. He is copied here.

Sincerely,

John

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2024, at 11:56 AM, Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu> wrote:

Looks like it was machine generated. I trust VPC Walls can assist.

On May 10, 2024, at 11:48 AM, Prakash, Ravi <ravip@utdallas.edu>
wrote:

[REDACTED]

Why is this message being rejected?

Thanks,
Ravi

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Date:Fri, 10 May 2024 11:34:56 -0500

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To:ravip@utdallas.edu

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From: [Martin, Rafael O](#)
To: [Shayan Gaziani](#)
Cc: [Khalid Hamideh](#); [Smith, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: IANT x UTD Conversation
Date: Sunday, May 12, 2024 5:54:00 PM

Mr. Gaziani:

I have shared your message with President Benson and have also spoken to him about our meeting with the IANT Board last Thursday evening. First, we would like you to know that we have provided explicit instructions to our university events personnel that keffiyehs and flags may be worn by students at all graduation events in a manner consistent with other adornments to academic regalia (i.e. draped around the neck). [REDACTED]

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significant number of graduates who were unable to participate in ceremonies in their completing semester return to campus to celebrate with their family, friends, and fellow graduates. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However, we remain committed to ongoing dialog and to developing a relationship with IANT that allows us to better understand and to support the success of our students. I look forward to our next meeting.

Regards,

Rafael

Rafael Martín | Vice President and Chief of Staff
The University of Texas at Dallas
www.utdallas.edu

From: Rafael Martin <rafael.martin@utdallas.edu>
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 at 16:07
To: Shayan Gaziani [REDACTED]
Cc: Khalid Hamideh <khalid@hamidehlawfirm.com>, "Smith, Amanda" <amanda.smith@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Re: IANT x UTD Conversation

Mr. Gaziani:

I too would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to meet with you and the Board of IANT last night. We appreciate your willingness to engage in candid discussion and the commitment to ongoing dialog. I will be certain to convey this message to Dr. Benson and will ensure that your advocacy on behalf of our students is understood.

I look forward to our next meeting.

Regards,

Rafael

Rafael Martín | Vice President and Chief of Staff
The University of Texas at Dallas
www.utdallas.edu

From: Shayan Gaziani [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 at 15:06
To: Rafael Martin <rafael.martin@utdallas.edu>
Cc: Khalid Hamideh <[REDACTED]> "Smith, Amanda"
<amanda.smith@utdallas.edu>
Subject: IANT x UTD Conversation

Dr. Martín,

On behalf of IANT, thank you again, to you and your team, for taking the time to meet with us last night. We appreciate the administration's candor and willingness to have a conversation, and we look forward to additional, constructive dialogue soon.

As IANT noted last night, our primary concerns are the well-being of the students who were arrested and charged. As we advocated, we certainly hope that inroads can be made so that UT Dallas, as the complaining witness in the proceedings, can leverage its voice to drop, or at least encourage the district attorney to drop, the charges against the students. As our organizations discussed, student protests have a storied history in our nation's fabric. Our organization hopes that these students can pursue vibrant careers, coupled with their education from the university, to give back to our communities without these charges on their records. For students that are graduating, we certainly hope that the university can allow, and encourage the magistrate to do the same, for these students to be able to attend their graduations. Many of these students may be first-generation college students, and the impact of this occasion on the families cannot be understated. With graduation approaching quickly, we hope these conversations begin in earnest.

I understand from our conversation last night that you may have met with Dr. Benson this morning. We hope those discussions were fruitful and look forward to learning more about the outcome and how IANT can support the initiatives above

Following our conversation regarding the university's notice to students, I wanted to thank you and Dr. Smith for letting us know that the *keffiyeh* would be permitted for graduation regalia as neckwear. As you may know, the *keffiyeh* is a key part of many Palestinian students', and others', identities, and we welcome and appreciate this clarification.

IANNT looks forward to our next conversation with you and your team. Please feel free to reach out to me or Khaled Hamideh as needed. We will be in touch next week to schedule an additional conversation between our teams.

Khaled Hamideh

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Shayan Gaziani

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Shayan Gaziani
Secretary of the Board of Directors
Operations Council
Islamic Association of North Texas

IANNT Masjid

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [President](#)
Cc: [Benson, Richard](#)
Subject: Please DROP the CHARGES
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:12:18 AM

Dear President Benson,

The police response to the May 1 protests on campus was an extreme and disproportionate overreaction to a peaceful demonstration. Our campus was infiltrated by those in military gear with live ammunition, something that should never happen again. Yet the first thing that must be addressed is the well-being of those arrested, who are facing the potential of jail time if convicted. I support our students, faculty, alumni, and community members who were arrested, and call for you to pressure the Collin County DA to drop all charges and ensure that no individual faces repercussions for their actions. They have suffered enough. We also must address the issue of divestment. It is time for UTD to become a moral leader and encourage UTIMCO to divest from the five weapons companies identified by the student protestors.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Faculty Senate Resolution:

The Senate voted with a tally of 19 For, 9 Against, and 2 Abstaining, to pass the following resolution:

Motion to not penalize faculty and students involved in May 1st protest

The Academic Senate of the University of Texas at Dallas motions that university leadership:

1. Urge the Collin County DA to drop the legal charges against all students and faculty arrested as part of the protest and encampment at UTD on May 1st.
2. Allow the affected student activists to complete their semesters' coursework, without suspension, expulsion, or other punishment this semester, and without restricting their future options to enroll in classes or live in university housing.
3. Affirm that faculty who were detained will face no professional repercussions for actions related to the protest and encampment at UTD on May 1st.

From: [Nasir Iqbal](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#)
Subject: Drop all charges against the students and facullites
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 4:05:24 PM

Hello

As a parent of 2 kids who graduated from UTD, I was horrified to see heavily armed militarized police being brought in to clear out the peaceful protestors. To add insult to injury, the peaceful protestors were arrested too.

This was a totally uncalled for and a disproportionate use of force when the alternative could have been to simply engage with them, empathise with them and reach a peaceful resolution as so many other universities have done.

Thos university leaders demonstrated courage and the moral fortitude in listening to the students and negotiating with them to bring about a peaceful resolution without resorting to violence or trampling the free speech rights.

How can we teach our kids the values of empathy, courage and standing up for justice when we ourselves don't have those values? If your own family and kids were in Gaza or were part of the protests, would you have reacted in the same way as you have? It's time for some soul searching.

We can't undo what's been done, but there is always a way forward for the willing. I call on you to **do the right thing and drop all the charges** and actually listen to the brave protestors who risked their future and freedom to call to attention the genocide happening right in from of our eyes.

As history has shown, the student protests have always been on the right side of history, be it the anti-war protests or the anti-apartheid protests. Please support our students and the faculty in their noble and selfless endeavour instead of penalizing them.

Regards,
Nasir

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Benson, Richard](#)
Cc: [Musselman, Inga](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Roemer, Nils](#)
Subject: Issues of leadership
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 4:12:07 PM
Importance: High

Dear President Benson:

While I may not agree with the political positions of protestors on May 1st, they have the right to peacefully protest. I also believe that, whether they broke any campus policy or code of conduct (which is not synonymous with breaking the law), they did not deserve the response with which they were met: dozens of riot-gear-clad officers marching in military formation with batons, guns, and armored vehicles, plus a night in jail. I therefore urge you to ensure that no protestors arrested on May 1st face any further consequences. I may also disagree with the students' call for divestment but we cannot ignore the democratic bodies on our campus, including student government and the Faculty Senate. Please form a committee of faculty, staff, and students to study the issue of divestment.

In my view, your administration has handled this situation poorly from the start, but the over-reaction on May 1st is an example of failed leadership.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Benson, Richard; President](#)
Subject: Please Show the Leadership UTD Needs
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 4:33:49 PM

Dear President Benson,

Whether or not I agree with the political positions of the protestors on campus on May 1, I do agree that they have the right to peacefully protest. And that is what they did.

I also believe that, whether or not they broke any campus policy or code of conduct (which is not tantamount to breaking the law), they did not deserve the disproportionate and brutal response with which they were met: dozens of militarized riot-gear-clad police officers with batons, guns, and armored vehicles, plus a night in jail.

I therefore urge you to ensure that no protestors arrested on May 1 face any further consequences. And please call for the Collin County DA to drop all charges and ensure that no individual faces repercussions for their actions.

Our campus also must recognize and respond to the two student government resolutions that called for UTD's divestment from five weapons companies. I ask that you work with the campus community to create a committee of faculty, staff, and students to explore the issue further.

Thank you.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Benson, Richard](#)
Subject: an appeal for clemency for May 1 protesters
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 3:53:03 PM

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Dear President Benson,

It was a joy to sit in the faculty front-row seats at yesterday's BAHT commencement ceremony. I appreciated Rafael's pre-ceremony briefing about the administration's step-by-step plans to handle possible disruptions from student protestors. I watched with trepidation as the first of the graduating students who chose to make such a statement unfurled a Palestinian flag as she approached Nils. But she marched across the stage without breaking the flow of graduates (thanks in no small part to Nils's equanimity). So it went with the other few students who either displayed a flag or a prominently-worn kaffiyeh. The protestors had their say, but the event was not theirs. Like any ordinary graduation it was jubilant, poignant, and a vivid reminder of the huge range of students (even just in our little school!) that make the UTD community so special.

That experience seems to me emblematic of a practical and low-intensity response to student protests. Such a response would have made for a different scene on May 1. Perhaps the encampment would not have been so forcefully taken down; perhaps the protesting students would have been given a timeline for taking it down themselves, and their faculty allies asked to help them brainstorm different paths for exercising their right to speak out against the war.

That is not how things played out. I know little of the many pressures you face at the top level of UTD's administration. But as a faculty member who does the ground-level work of trying to teach our students how to think and speak and interpret the world, I ask you to proceed with the May 1 protestors much as you did with the graduation ceremony protestors.

Of course these are apples and oranges—the different scale and form of the protest matters. But the principle seems to me to apply in both cases: the principle of teaching through mistakes. In the ordinary work of the classroom, we encourage students to experiment with an argument and we hold them accountable when they err. But we show them how to do it right and allow them one or two tries (or more!) to get there.

The students who were arrested needed to be held accountable for violating the university's rules. But they were not given a chance to reconsider their methods before they found themselves in jail. As for my three colleagues who were jailed with them, their case seems to me especially acute: they were making the most of a chance to teach students whose instincts (as far as I can tell) aim at justice for the oppressed. That's not an instinct to be punished but one to be guided, and the faculty trying to guide them now find themselves threatened with more jail time.

I ask you to request that the Collin County DA drop the charges against the students and faculty who were arrested; to allow the students to complete their spring semester course requirements; and to affirm that the faculty will face no professional repercussions for their involvement with those students. I hope, too, that you'll be in contact with Ravi Prakash and other leadership in the Academic Senate, and that we can move forward together as a community.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



From: [Safiyah Zaidi](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Edgington, Kyle](#); [Patrick, Shanon](#); [Arredondo, Jill](#); [Bhatti, Christopher](#); [Neill, Lauren](#); [Jines, Erin](#); [Hyndman, David William](#)
Subject: A Demand from an Alum to Do the Right Thing
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 8:03:50 PM

Dear UTD Admin,

I graduated with a BS in 2022. I was a McDermott Scholar and proudly involved in campus life and culture as a Muslim student. Today I am deeply ashamed of my affiliation with UTD and will not be supporting the university without serious action on your part. My pride in our Comet community was shattered by the shameful decision to bring riot police to our campus on May 1st, arresting peacefully protesting faculty and students. If you hope to regain any element of respect from this alum, please immediately call on the Collin County DA to drop the charges against all of the protestors and heed the call of the students and alums to proceed with divesting from weapons companies. I will not be making any donations to the university unless both of these things happen immediately.

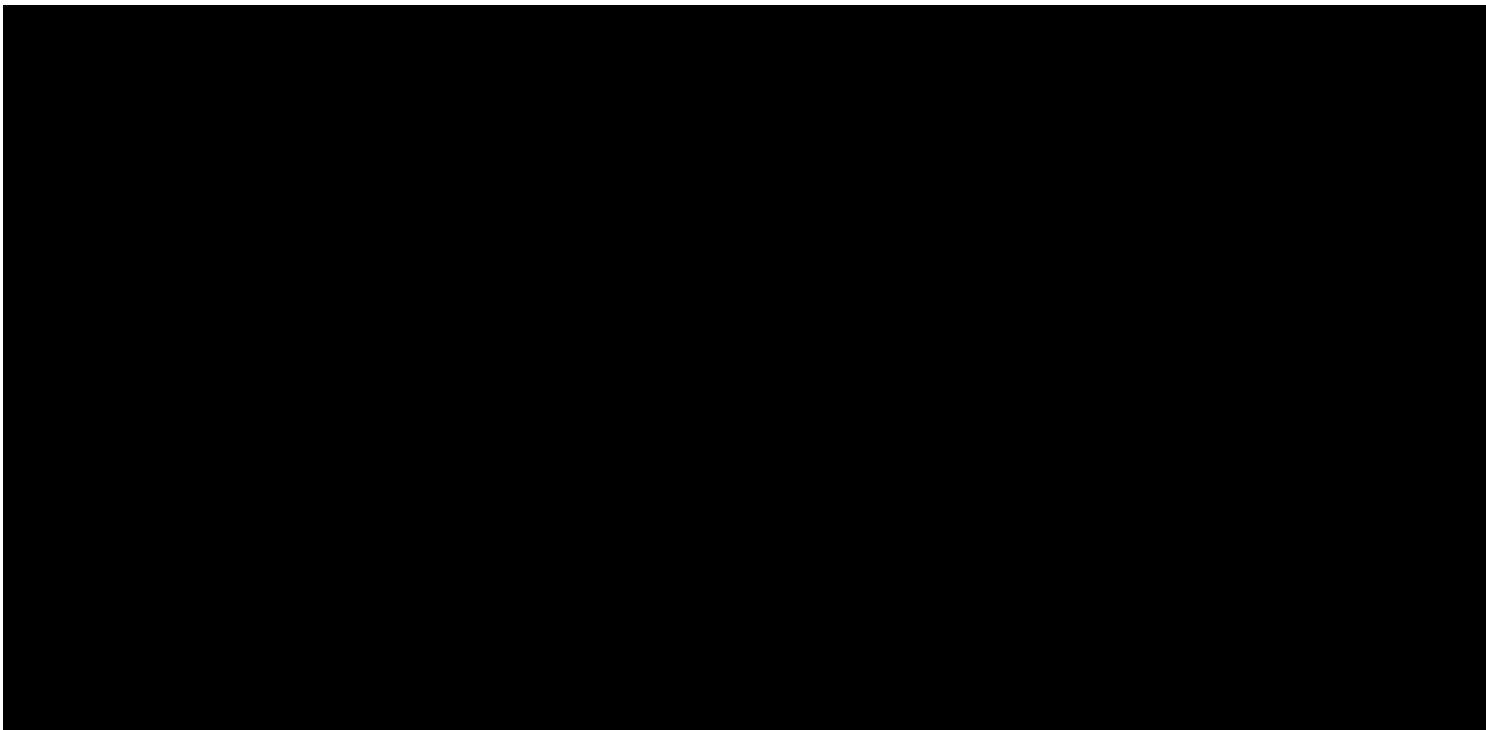
You owe to your alumni, students, faculty, and institution to exhibit integrity - what you do now will be judged. I urge you to do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Safiyah Zaidi

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Benson, Richard](#)
Cc: [Musselman, Inga](#)
Subject: Do the right thing
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:29:25 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

President Benson

The police response to the May 1 protests on campus was an extreme and disproportionate overreaction to a peaceful demonstration. Our campus was infiltrated by those in military gear with live ammunition, something that should never happen again. Yet the first thing that must be addressed is the well-being of those arrested, who are facing the potential of jail time if convicted. I support our students, faculty, alumni, and community members who were arrested, and call for you to pressure the Collin County DA to drop all charges and ensure that no individual faces repercussions for their actions. They have suffered enough. We also must address the issue of divestment. It is time for UTD to become a moral leader and encourage UTIMCO to divest from the five weapons companies identified by the student protestors.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Smith, Amanda](#); [Fitch, Gene](#); [Benson, Richard](#)
Subject: How you all have failed your students
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 10:51:27 AM
Attachments: [processed-AC6FC1B6-1E69-4D1C-9C13-86D39B88852B.jpeg](#)

Hi all,

I recently just saw a video of a student who during their own graduation was escorted off the premises by police. I am completely appalled by the actions the university has been continuing to take by using force to remove students that PAY YOU ALL for their education and university services. YOU ARE HERE TO SERVE US NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

I took a moment to look at the UTD Dean of Students website to get an idea of what you claim you do for us. I think it's funny as a Black woman how you claim to recognize our "deep pain, anguish, and trauma...due to senseless losses of life" when you are currently playing a part in the pain, anguish, and trauma of Palestinian lives RIGHT NOW. You contribute to these senseless losses of life by putting OUR money into these weapon manufacturers that are directly involved in the murder and genocide of the Palestinian people RIGHT NOW. You do not provide a sense of belonging. You do not embrace our diversity. You have no empathy and no understanding for any oppressed people. You enable the oppressors. Don't you dare claim you have any understanding for Black people because your empty promises mean nothing. I am sure that page was created in 2020 to ensure you did your "due diligence" to speak up on black lives matter despite how frivolous your actions are and fake your solidarity is. If you truly believed the words on your website, you wouldn't have arrested the 21 people on campus, you wouldn't continue to silence your students, and you would have already divested from companies that are contributing to the mass murder of Palestinians.

I am completely embarrassed by you all, and you are all spineless cowards. Despite how badly you all have failed, the students will prevail and will not be silenced.

Do better.

FREE PALESTINE

DIVEST FROM THE GENOCIDE

I attached a screenshot from your website which is where I got the information on all the things you "claim" to do.



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From: [Joseph Locke](#)
To: [Edgington, Kyle](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#)
Subject: Arrests & Charges
Date: Friday, May 17, 2024 12:44:34 PM

Dear UTD leadership,

I am writing in support of all students and faculty members who were arrested earlier this summer for participating in peaceful protests on the UTD campus. I support their request that charges be dropped and any institutional penalties revoked. Universities should be obligated to protect the free speech and free assembly rights of students and faculty members. UTD is no exception. Riot gear-clad state troopers certainly have no business on a peaceful university campus. Apologies should be made to any members of the university community who were arrested for exercising their constitutional rights to peacefully protest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Joseph Locke, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Criminal Justice, Political Science, and History
Associate Professor of History
University of Houston-Victoria

From: [Arden Wells](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#); [Patrick, Shanon](#); [Arredondo, Jill](#); [Bhatti, Christopher](#); [Neill, Lauren](#); [Jines, Erin](#)
Subject: Concerns at UTD's commitment to student safety
Date: Friday, May 17, 2024 2:09:51 PM

Hi All,

I am a UTD Alumni (2016 B.S. Geosciences), a McDermott Scholar alum, and a former Student Ambassador. I visited UTD last month while in town for the eclipse, and I was reminded of what a special place the university is. I felt really proud to be a UTD alum.

I feel a little less proud these days. While at UTD, I was involved in my fair share of activism on campus. A lot of it was for small things, like getting more vegetarian options on campus, but I am proud that I stood with students and organizations addressing bigger issues, like stopping sexual assault on college campuses and the ensuring the safety of LGBT students. I have very positive memories of the prompt and appropriate way that UTD admin responded to our petitions and protests. Consequently, I've been shocked and disappointed by the way violent UTD handled student protests a few weeks ago.

I think that students speaking out in favor of divesting from weapons companies were right to do so. I think they practiced nonviolent civil disobedience in an appropriate way, in line with student movements of the past that history has looked kindly upon. Additionally, other campus groups, like Kappa Sig, have built encampments on the main campus before. The response to bring weapons to our campus and arrest them was completely inappropriate and just added fuel to the fire. I am really ashamed that UT Dallas's admin did that.

As an alum, I am disappointed that alumni have not been notified and told that the faculty and students who participated in these protests are safe and will not face negative consequences for their activism. I also am disappointed that the university has not sought alumni opinions on whether UTD should divest from weapons corporations.

So here it is: Please ensure that all charges are dropped against the students and faculty who were wrongly arrested. Please make sure they can stay at UTD. Our campus is better with them. And please listen to what they have to say and consider adjusting our investments to reflect our campus's values.

Thanks for listening.

Arden

From: [Simon R. Doubleday](#)
To: [Edgington, Kyle](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [President](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Benson, Richard](#)
Subject: Justice and freedom for pro-Palestinian protestors.
Date: Friday, May 17, 2024 5:25:32 PM

Dear President Benson, Provost Musselman, VP Martín, and VP Edgington,

I am writing to express my deep concern at the UTD treatment of peaceful protestors against the war on Gaza.

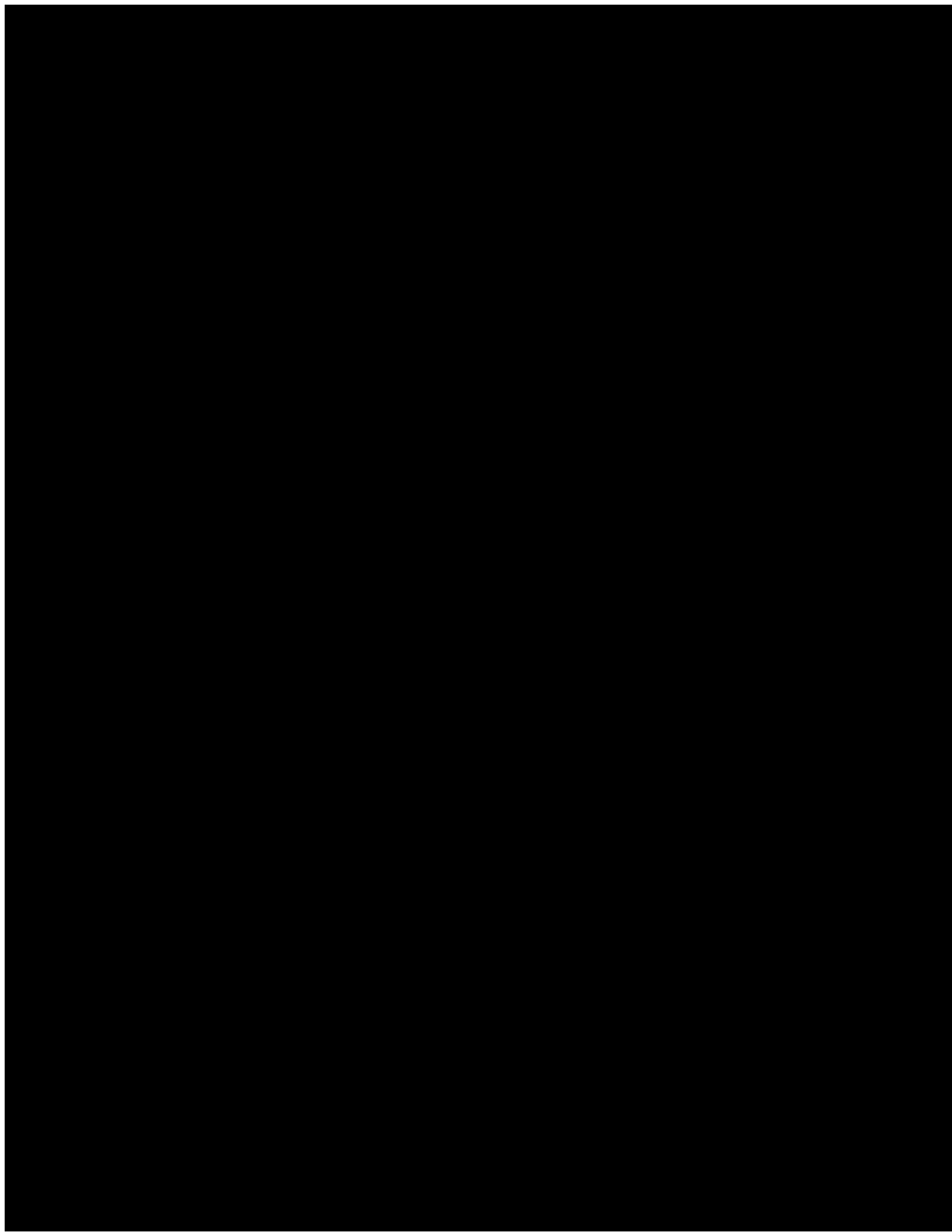
The aggressive and wholly unnecessary violent arrest of protestors on May 1, 2024 is deeply alarming and adds to the growing international reputation of Texas as a place where brute force and political self-interest effectively triumph over justice and freedom. It is not too late for you to change course and to join other institutions which have settled campus tensions peacefully and amicably.

I would point out that this incident on the UT-Dallas campus has been covered by a major newspaper in Spain. It threatens, therefore, to become a serious embarrassment to your university.

Out of a concern with justice and freedom, please ensure that all charges are dropped against those who are arrested, and that peaceful protest is never again met with violent intimidation.

Yours sincerely,

Simon R. Doubleday
Full Professor of History, Hofstra University
John Simon Guggenheim Fellow, 2022-23



From: [Safiyah Zaidi](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Edgington, Kyle](#); [Patrick, Shanon](#); [Arredondo, Jill](#); [Bhatti, Christopher](#); [Neill, Lauren](#); [Jines, Erin](#); [Hyndman, David William](#)
Subject: A Demand from an Alum to Do the Right Thing
Date: Friday, May 17, 2024 6:13:54 PM

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Sincerely

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Subject: A Demand from an Alum to Do the Right Thing
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 7:00:30 AM

Dear UTD Admin,

I graduated with a BS in Biology in 2022. I was a McDermott Scholar and proudly involved in campus life and culture as a Muslim student. Today I am deeply ashamed of my affiliation with UTD and will not be supporting the university without serious action on your part. My pride in our Comet community was shattered by the shameful decision to bring riot police to our campus on May 1st, arresting peacefully protesting faculty and students. If you hope to regain any element of respect from this alum, please immediately call on the Collin County DA to drop the charges against all of the protestors and heed the call of the students and alums to proceed with divesting from weapons companies. I will not be making any donations to the university unless both of these things happen immediately.

You owe to your alumni, students, faculty, and institution to exhibit integrity - what you do now will be judged. I urge you to do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Safiyah Zaidi

From: [Sharron Conrad](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Edgington, Kyle](#); [Patrick, Shanon](#); [Arredondo, Jill](#); bhatti@utdallas.edu; [Neill, Lauren](#); [Blockley, Caylin](#); [UTD JSOM Alumni](#); [Hunt, Matt](#); [Miori, Holly](#); [Jines, Erin](#); [Dougherty, Erin](#)
Subject: Class of 2019 Alumna Requests that UTD Calls Upon Collin County DA to Drop All Charges
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 11:19:23 AM

UTD Leadership Community:

I write to you as a UTD alum in the hope that you will do the right thing and encourage the Collin County DA to drop all charges against the May 1 protestors who were unjustly arrested for exercising free speech.

I am a graduate of UTD who takes pride in the Ph.D. in Humanities I earned from the institution in 2019. However, I was shocked and deeply disappointed by the handling of protests on the campus earlier this month. The use of riot police and the arrest of students and faculty are not in keeping with the values I hold dear and the lessons on civic engagement I learned (and cherished) during my time at the university.

I trust that President Benson, Provost Musselman, and the administration will do the right thing by calling upon the Collin County DA to dismiss the charges so that the educators and students can continue to do what they do best: serve as role models on the purpose--and responsibility--of education in our society.

Go Comets!

Sharron Wilkins Conrad, Ph.D. in Humanities (UTD Class of 2019)

[REDACTED]

From: [James Uanhoro](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#)
Cc: [Musselman, Inga](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Edgington, Kyle](#)
Subject: Neither history nor your grandchildren will look kindly on your current actions
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 1:00:24 PM

Dear President Benson,

Today, the International Criminal Court prosecutor requested arrest warrants for Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant. Your ongoing support for the weapons companies actively enabling genocide is morally abhorrent (see: A Textbook Case of Genocide by the Israeli Holocaust scholar, Raz Segal, <https://jewishcurrents.org/a-textbook-case-of-genocide>). Please begin the process of divesting from these companies now.

That a university president will send a special weapons tactical force against peacefully protesting students standing up against war criminals is heinous. If you have any decency, you will immediately and loudly publicly call for all charges to be dropped, and you will listen to the voices of your students and neighbors.

James Uanhoro,
Assistant Professor,
University of North Texas.

CC:

Provost Musselman
Vice President and Chief of Staff Rafael Martín
Vice President of Development Kyle Edgington

From: [Daniel Podolsky, M.D.](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:26:51 AM

[REDACTED]
Things [REDACTED] remain calm on our campus [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:20 AM
To: Daniel Podolsky, M.D. [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:

EXTERNAL MAIL

Thanks for your kind words, Dan. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Best regards, Dick

From: Daniel Podolsky, M.D. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:54 AM
To: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>
Subject:

Dick – thought I would check in to ask how you are doing? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dan

UT Southwestern

Medical Center

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From: [Arden Wells](#)
To: [Benson, Richard](#); [President](#); [Patrick, Shanon](#); [Arredondo, Jill](#); [Bhatti, Christopher](#); [Neill, Lauren](#); [Jines, Erin](#)
Subject: Re: Concerns at UTD's commitment to student safety
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 5:51:30 PM

Hi all,

I just wanted to check in with you about the status of the students and faculty who were arrested on campus. I haven't received any alumni notices ensuring that all charges will be dropped and the university will refrain from punishing students and faculty. What's going on? I encourage you to call for the charges to be dropped and consider divesting from weapons corporations.

Thanks,
Arden

On Fri, May 17, 2024 at 12:09 PM Arden Wells [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi All,

I am a UTD Alumni (2016 B.S. Geosciences), a McDermott Scholar alum, and a former Student Ambassador. I visited UTD last month while in town for the eclipse, and I was reminded of what a special place the university is. I felt really proud to be a UTD alum.

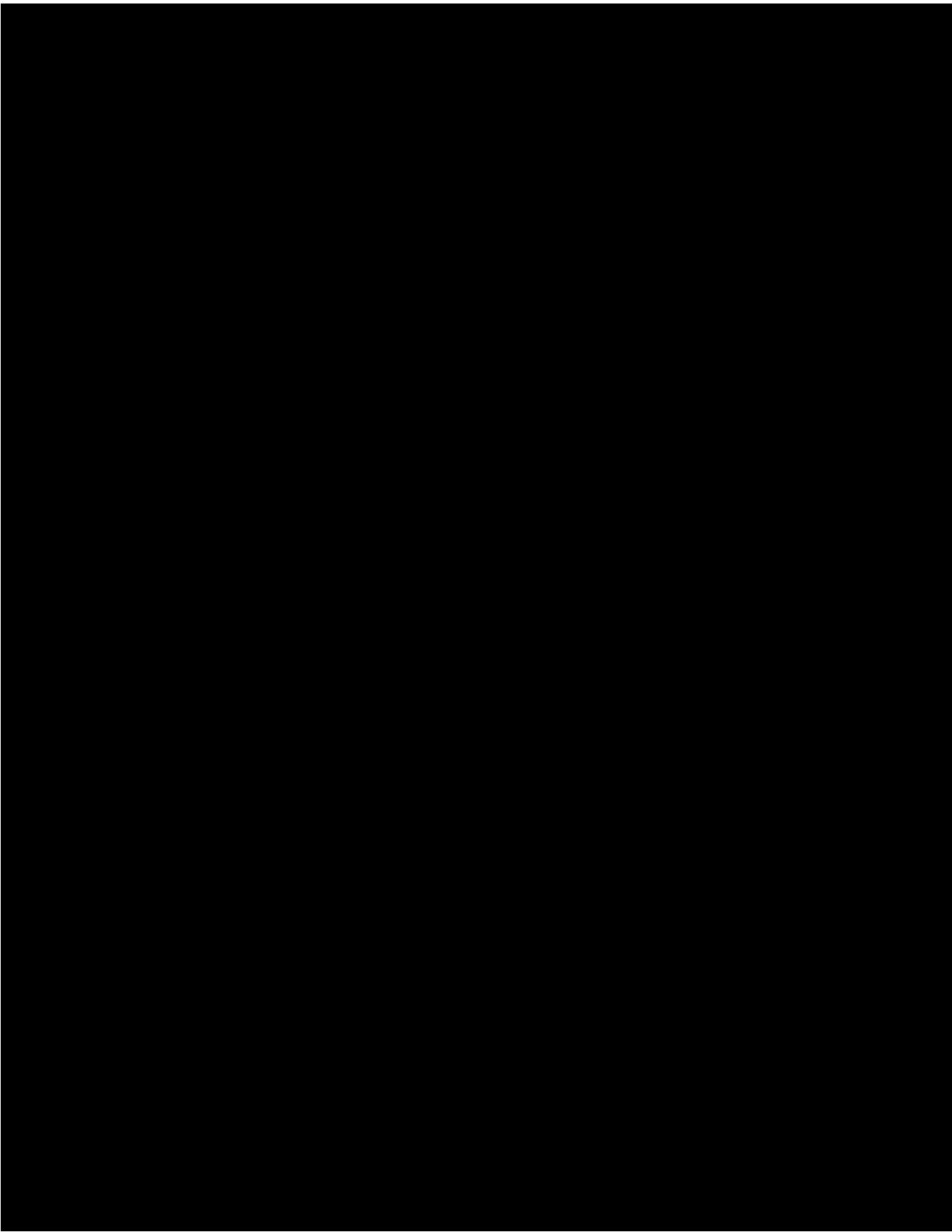
I feel a little less proud these days. While at UTD, I was involved in my fair share of activism on campus. A lot of it was for small things, like getting more vegetarian options on campus, but I am proud that I stood with students and organizations addressing bigger issues, like stopping sexual assault on college campuses and the ensuring the safety of LGBT students. I have very positive memories of the prompt and appropriate way that UTD admin responded to our petitions and protests. Consequently, I've been shocked and disappointed by the way violent UTD handled student protests a few weeks ago.

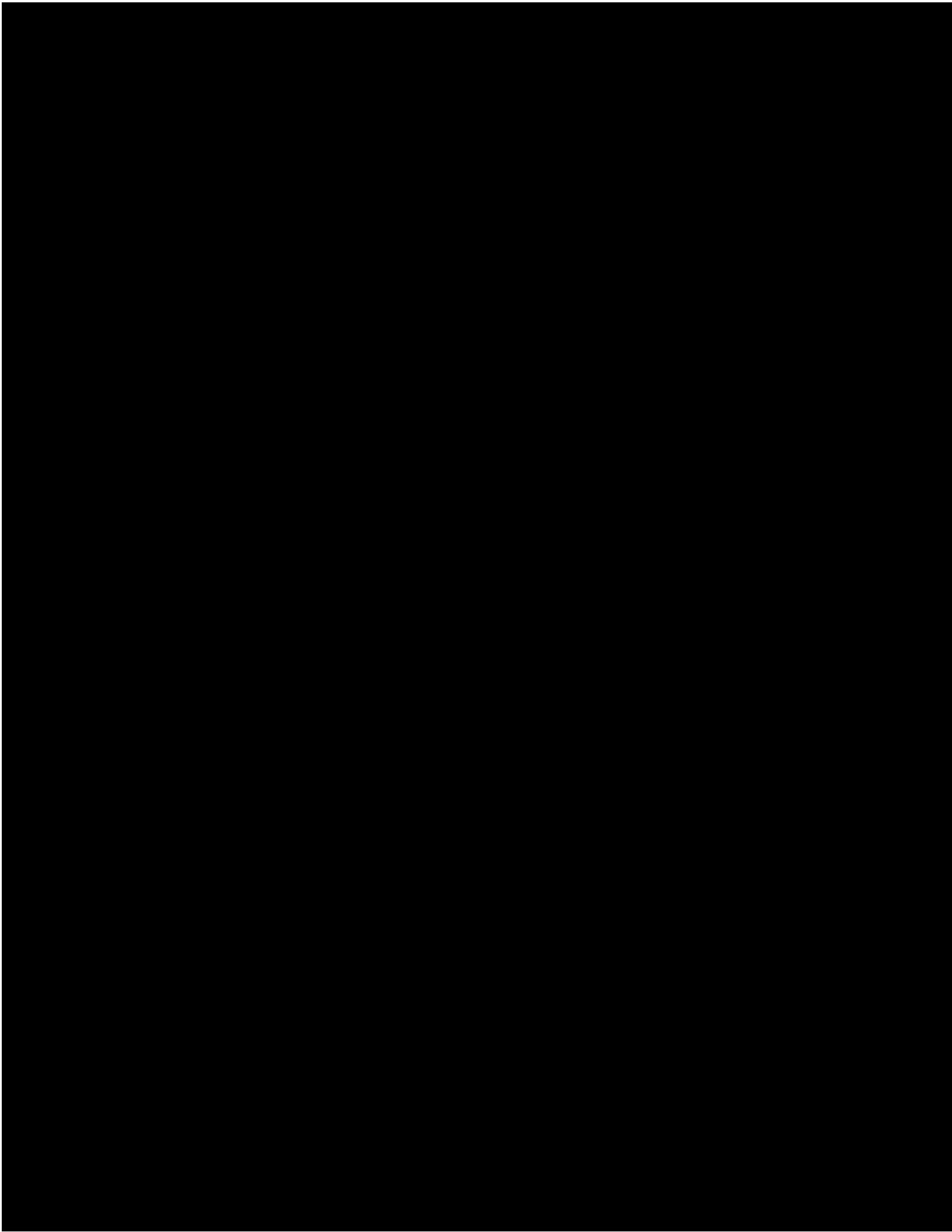
I think that students speaking out in favor of divesting from weapons companies were right to do so. I think they practiced nonviolent civil disobedience in an appropriate way, in line with student movements of the past that history has looked kindly upon. Additionally, other campus groups, like Kappa Sig, have built encampments on the main campus before. The response to bring weapons to our campus and arrest them was completely inappropriate and just added fuel to the fire. I am really ashamed that UT Dallas's admin did that.

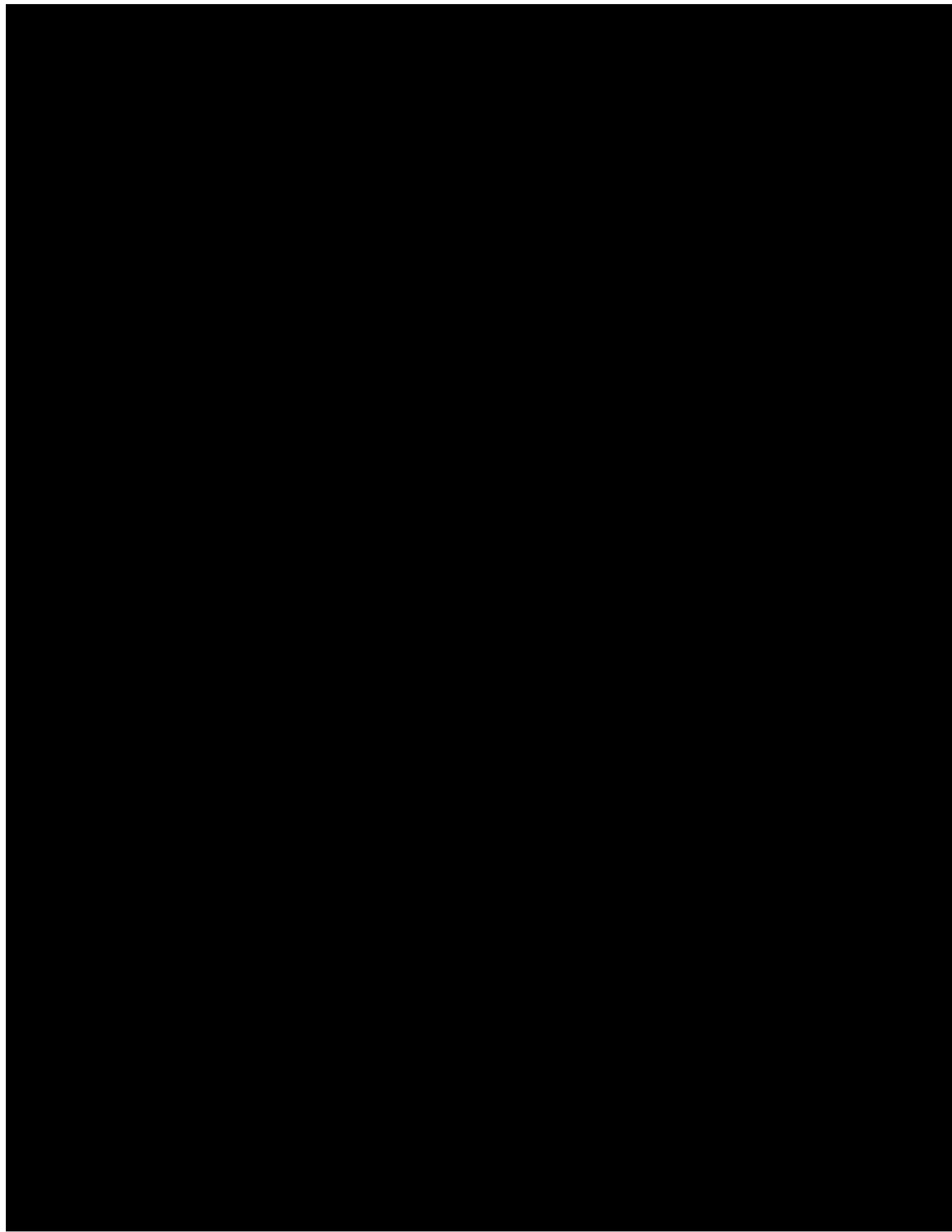
As an alum, I am disappointed that alumni have not been notified and told that the faculty and students who participated in these protests are safe and will not face negative consequences for their activism. I also am disappointed that the university has not sought alumni opinions on whether UTD should divest from weapons corporations.

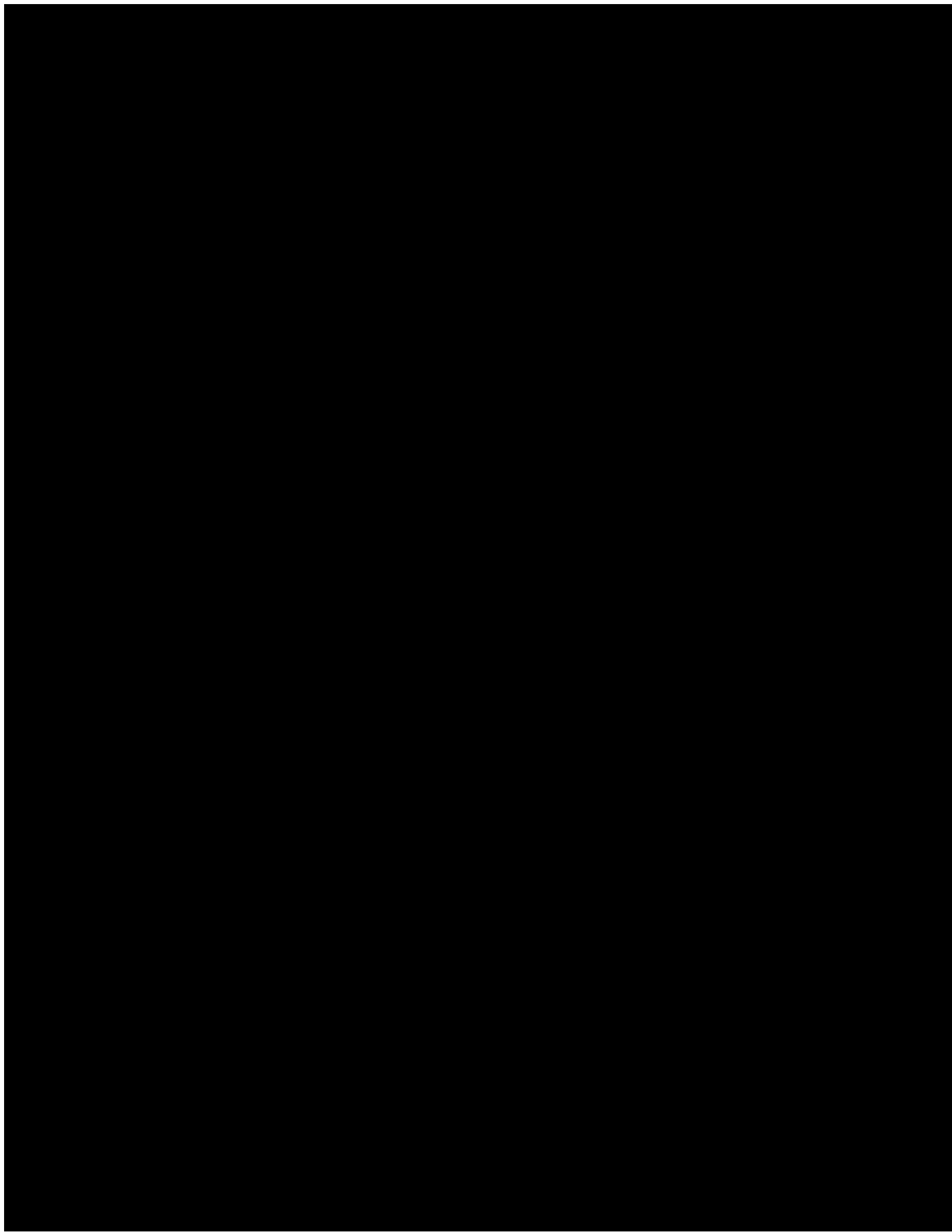
So here it is: Please ensure that all charges are dropped against the students and faculty who were wrongly arrested. Please make sure they can stay at UTD. Our campus is better with them. And please listen to what they have to say and consider adjusting our investments to reflect our campus's values.

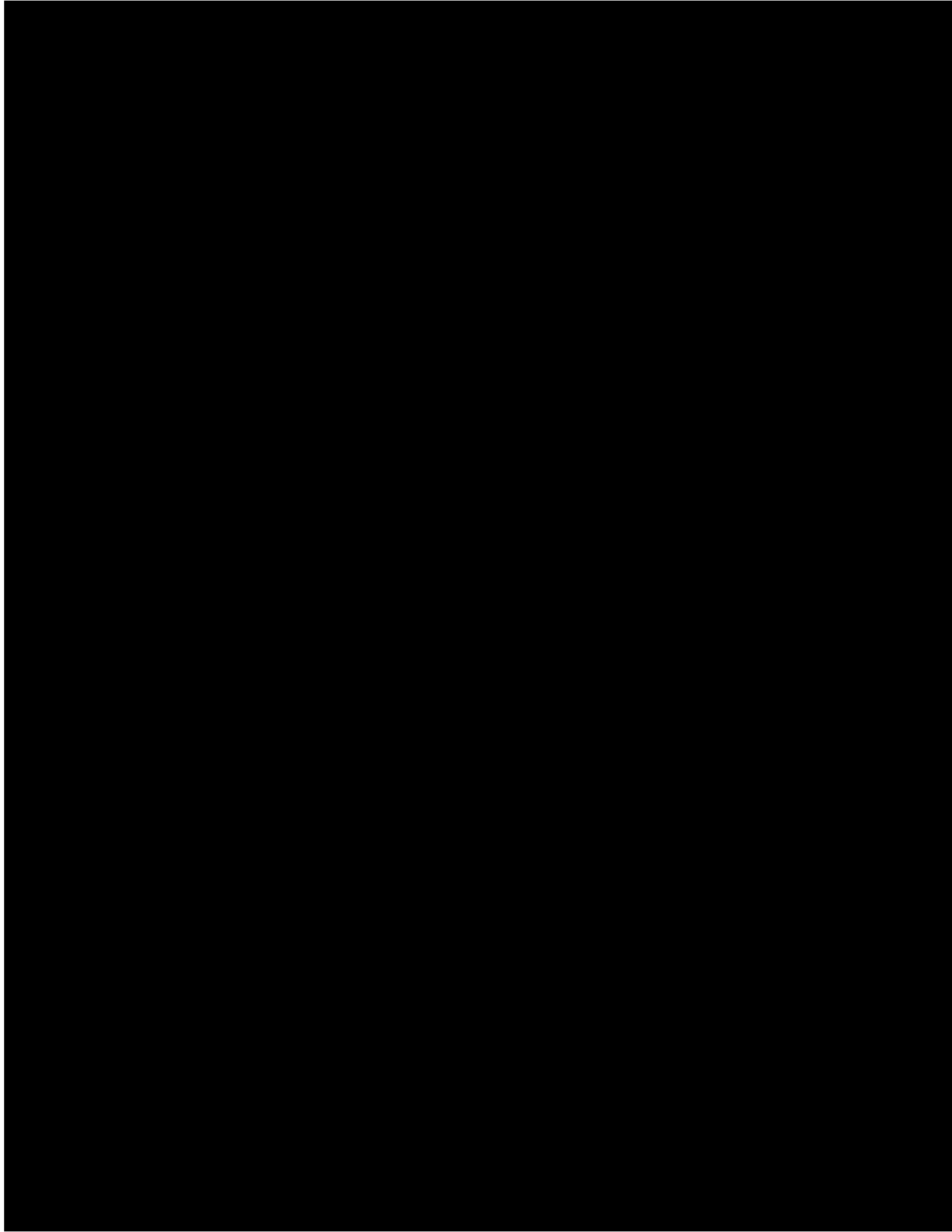
Thanks for listening.
Arden











From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Mendez, Yamile \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [police](#)
Cc: [Molinero Sample, Joanna \(NBCUniversal\)](#); [Randolph, Patrick \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
Subject: [police] NBC/TELEMUNDO INQUIRY
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:27:53 PM

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out to request an interview outside the UT Dallas protest regarding the situation that is going outside the school. Would it be possible?

Any information will be great.

Thank you!

From: [Perry, Adam](#)
To: [Elliott, Sheila](#)
Cc: [Tourangeau, Brent](#); [Mitchell, Bradley](#)
Subject: Re: Protests
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:19:25 PM

Will do

Adam Perry
Captain
UT Dallas Police Department
800 W Campbell Rd
Richardson, TX 75080
972-883-2222

From: Elliott, Sheila <Sheila.Elliott@UTDallas.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:18:44 PM
To: Perry, Adam <Adam.Perry2@UTDallas.edu>
Cc: Tourangeau, Brent <bat140330@utdallas.edu>; Mitchell, Bradley <Bradley.Mitchell@UTDallas.edu>
Subject: Re: Protests

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sheila Elliott | MS, Licensed Paramedic
EMS Director
University Emergency Medical Response
North Texas Paramedic Education Consortium
Office: Safety & Grounds (SG) | Cell: [469-469-0675](tel:469-469-0675)
sheila.elliott@utdallas.edu

On May 1, 2024, at 11:54 AM, Elliott, Sheila <Sheila.Elliott@utdallas.edu> wrote:

Thank you both for keeping me in the loop regarding the protests.

[REDACTED]

Chief Poovey called me just a bit ago and was basically asking the same questions you guys have [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I have posted the following on our communication channel:

UEMR Administration and Leadership are aware of the protests on campus. Please be advised UEMR members are prohibited from participating in any protests on campus. It will be considered conduct unbecoming and insubordination if you are involved in the protests or protest planning. If you are involved, you need to cease and leave that area immediately. Please acknowledge this message.

UEMR is an emergency management organization. With the increase of protests and the potential for escalation on campus, we need to know who is available in the event of a disaster from now until graduation.

Sheila Elliott | MS, Licensed Paramedic
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From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Martinez, Olivia \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [police](#)
Subject: [police] Request for Telemundo 39
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:47:14 PM

Good afternoon,

My name is Olivia with Telemundo 39. We are covering the protest happening at the UT Dallas campus and we wanted to know if the protesters will be allowed to stay there overnight. What's the protocol or if you are asking them to pick up what time would that be?

I also noticed more police presence, can you let us know how did you guys prepare for today's protest (knowing what has been happening at other campuses)

I appreciate the help.

**Olivia Martínez /
Reporter**

C: [REDACTED]

KXTX Telemundo 39 Dallas

[REDACTED]



From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Mendez, Yamilé \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [police](#)
Cc: [Molinero Sample, Joanna \(NBCUniversal\)](#); [Randolph, Patrick \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
Subject: RE: [police] NBC/TELEMUNDO INQUIRY
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:12:22 PM

Good afternoon,

I am following back. We are coming to a deadline by 4p.m.

We would like to know if the protestors who are there currently would have to go eventually? Or able to camp there? What would happen if they eventually do not leave?

Any information will be great.

Thank you!

From: Mendez, Yamilé (NBCUniversal)
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:28 PM
To: police@utdallas.edu
Cc: Molinero Sample, Joanna (NBCUniversal) [REDACTED]; Randolph, Patrick (NBCUniversal) [REDACTED]
Subject: NBC/TELEMUNDO INQUIRY

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Any information will be great.

Thank you!

From: [Zacharias, Larry](#)
To: [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
Subject: FW: UEMR Grievance Form -
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:24:05 PM

FYI

From: noreply@jotform.com <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:12 PM
To: Zacharias, Larry <larry.zacharias@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Re: UEMR Grievance Form -



UEMR Grievance Form

Who would you like this form to go to?	Chief Zach (UTD Chief of Police)-ONLY if grievance directly concerns Director
Please describe your grievance in detail.	Sheila Elliot is unfit to continue in her position as Director of UEMR. Prohibiting the right to free speech and peaceful protest of volunteers is inherently unlawful and unconstitutional. This is a direct violation of the privileges and powers she holds, stripping away the constitutional privileges of U.S. citizens who are UNPAID VOLUNTEERS under her administration. UEMR is associated with UTD, however, the student volunteers hold every right to participate in peaceful protests for their causes. Calling this "insubordination" is cruel and disgusting. This is a grotesque abuse of power. Any action taken to terminate those who have spoken out against these fascist ideologies is discrimination and also equally unlawful. I am calling for the UTD Chief of Police to find someone else who will respect the constitutional rights of UTD students and refuse to hold them hostage under a tyrannical abuse of power.

You can [edit this submission](#) and [view all your submissions](#) easily.

From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Smart, Sara](#)
To: [police](#)
Subject: [police] CNN CALLING
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:19:56 PM

Good afternoon,

Sara Smart with CNN here.

Reaching out to see if you have any information regarding the ongoing encampment on campus. Any information on arrests? Any action being taken?

Thank you,

Sara Smart

Assignment Editor I

CNN National Desk

O: 404-827-1511

From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Hernandez, Itzel](#)
To: [police](#)
Cc: [WFAA Newsdesk](#)
Subject: [police] WFAA Inquiry - UT Dallas Wednesday Protest
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:24:19 PM

Greetings everyone,

Reaching out regarding today's protest at UT Dallas. We understand students launched today a university encampment in solidarity with Palestine. Now we are seeing students being kept outside their camping perimeter and some people were detained during this protest. Will students be asked to leave campus this evening? How many people have been arrested?

Thanks in advance for any information you can provide.

Best,

Itzel Hernandez (she/her)

Content Editor



Newsroom: 214-977-6213 | Email: [REDACTED]
Website: www.wfaa.com | Twitter: [@itzelnews](https://twitter.com/itzelnews)

From: [Smart, Sara](#)
To: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
Subject: CNN CALLING
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:40:36 PM

Good afternoon,

Sara Smart with CNN here.

Reaching out to see if you have any information regarding the ongoing encampment on campus. Any information on arrests? Any action being taken?

Thank you,

Sara Smart

Assignment Editor I

CNN National Desk

O: 404-827-1511

From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Kakouris, Carla \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [police](#)
Cc: [@NBC UNI Miami Bureau Desk](#)
Subject: [police] NBC News Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:02:50 PM

Hello,

I'm reaching out on behalf of NBC Network News. We're seeing reports of people being arrested on the University of Texas Dallas campus in connection with the pro-Palestinian encampment. Can you please confirm if this is true, and if so how many arrests? Any guidance is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Carla Kakouris-Solarana

Associate Producer

1 Telemundo Way

Miami, FL 33182

C: [REDACTED]

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From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Megan Cardona](#)
To: [police](#)
Subject: [police] Media request, KERA News
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:14:12 PM

Good afternoon,

My name is Megan Cardona and I'm a reporter at KERA News in Dallas. Can someone with the UT Dallas Police Department confirm whether or not officers assisted with breaking up the encampment at the UT Dallas campus today (May 1) and, if so, how many were arrested?

Thank you for your time,

Megan Cardona

Daily News Reporter, KERA

p: 214.740.9325 c: [REDACTED] e: [REDACTED]

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From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Robert York](#)
To: [police](#)
Subject: [police] Arrests
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:46:44 PM

Trying to figure out how many arrests have been made during the protests today. Any current numbers? Thanks for all your help!!

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Austin York
Anchor/ Reporter, Newsradio 1080 KRLD

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From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Fichten, Lauren J](#)
To: [police](#)
Cc: [@CND National Desk Staff \(CBS DL\)](#)
Subject: [police] CBS News Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 6:12:15 PM

Good evening, this is Lauren reaching out from CBS News. We're seeing reports that there were arrests today at UT Dallas in relation to protests today. Is there any guidance you're able to share? Thank you in advance.

Please reply all

Best,

Lauren Fichten

CBS News



From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Kuntz, Roy \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
To: [police](#)
Cc: [Mendez, Yamile \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
Subject: [police] NBC\TELEMUNDO INQUIRY
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 6:24:13 PM

Good evening,

We are reaching out to request some information about the arrests at the college today.
How many arrested? Were they all students?
Were Professors arrested? Where were those arrested taken to for booking?

Any other reportable information?

Thanks,

Roy Kuntz

Assignment Editor

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From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Cannon Burton](#)
To: [police](#)
Subject: [police] Thank You and Stay Safe
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:09:42 PM

Hello UT Dallas Police Department,

Just wanted to quickly write to you all and say thank you for helping keep our campus safe. Your department continues to uphold the integrity of the Constitution, and the order within our campus.

Your department helped shape me into the person I am today, and we are extremely lucky to have such Professional & Compassionate Officers.

Sincerely,
Cannon Burton
Class of 2020

PS. I saw Officer Steve Rooney on TV (Well Youtube, while watching this craziness)! Professional as ever, but was missing the Aviators! Please tell him I say hello, thank you, and that I hope he is doing well.

PPS. If you all need anything, please feel free to let me know. I've moved back to Houston, but Uber Eats isn't too far away from y'all!

From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Moisés ÁVILA](#)
To: [police](#)
Subject: [police] Request, Agence France-Presse (AFP)
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:36:23 PM

Hello:

I'm Moisés Avila, journalist, Agence France-Presse (AFP) correspondent in Texas.

I hope this email finds you well.

I'd like to know if you have information about how many people were detained today during the demonstration at the UT Campus in Dallas.

Please, if you also have any additional information, I'll appreciate it.

Thank you so much for your attention.

Best.

Moises AVILA

Correspondent in Houston, TX, USA

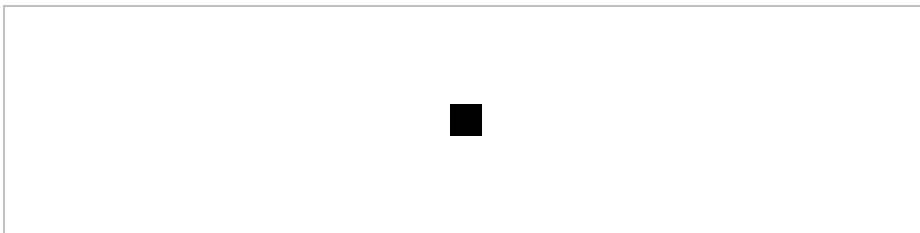
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From: [Morales, Katherine](#)
To: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
Subject: Re: [police] Media request, KERA News
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:14:50 PM

Thanks Chief - I believe we responded to reporters from all of these organizations .

Best,

Katherine

On May 1, 2024, at 9:00 PM, Tourangeau, Brent <bat140330@utdallas.edu> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Megan Cardona [REDACTED]
Date: May 1, 2024 at 6:14:12 PM EDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
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From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [police](#)
Subject: [police] 05/01: Protest on Campus
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:49:58 PM

Good Evening,

I am sure that you all are well aware of the protest and encampments and such that were set up today right outside the SSB, JSOM, and ATEC/AHT buildings today.

I just wanted to let you all know that, since I was on campus for much of the day earlier today, I was a bit uncomfortable and uneasy with seeing the protest, demonstrators, walls, barricades, encampments and such all set up BUT I am doing ok and well nonetheless and tried to stay away from that area all day today.

I just thought I'd let you all know.

I heard that some students and faculty got arrested unfortunately.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [police](#)
Subject: Re: [police] 05/01: Protest on Campus
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:56:41 PM

[REDACTED]

Yes we are aware. We do not believe your safety is In Jeopardy. You should be able to go about your campus activities as normal. Thank you for contacting us.

Chief Tourangeau.
Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2024, at 12:49 AM, Sun, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] wrote:

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From: [James Hughes](#)
To: [Gary Tittle](#); [Tourangeau, Brent](#); [Jeremy Sherrod](#)
Cc: [Steven McCraw](#); [David Dean](#)
Subject: Protest encampment
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:25:20 AM

I wanted to commend y'all on a job well done yesterday at UTD. Your officers were very professional. It was textbook.

Jim

James F Hughes
Dallas Police Department (Ret)
Director
North Texas Crime Commission
thenorthtexascrimecommission.org


From: [Sherrod, Jeremy](#)
To: [James Hughes](#)
Cc: [Gary Tittle](#); [Tourangeau, Brent](#); [McCraw, Steven](#); [David Dean](#)
Subject: Re: Protest encampment
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:58:14 AM

Thanks Jim! I appreciate the kind words.

Jeremy M. Sherrod
Regional Director
North Texas Region
[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

> On May 2, 2024, at 8:25 AM, James Hughes [REDACTED] wrote:
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From: [Gary Tittle](#)
To: [James Hughes](#); [Tourangeau, Brent](#); [Jeremy Sherrod](#)
Cc: [Steven McCraw](#); [David Dean](#)
Subject: Re: Protest encampment
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:07:03 AM

Thanks Jim!

The results from valued partnerships and trusted relationships.

Thanks again, to all.

Gary

From: James Hughes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:25:08 AM
To: Gary Tittle <Gary.Tittle@cor.gov>; Brent Tourangeau <bat140330@utdallas.edu>; Jeremy Sherrod <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Protest encampment

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[REDACTED]

From: [Zacharias, Larry](#)
To: [Tourangeau, Brent](#); [Perry, Adam](#)
Subject: Pro-Palestinian protesters gather at Collin County jail as UT Dallas arrestees are released
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:01:34 PM

The faculty should be terminated.

Protesters gathered outside the Collin County jail while waiting for those arrested on the University of Texas at Dallas campus to be released.

<https://www.fox4news.com/news/utd-protest-collin-county-jail>

From: police-request@lists.utdallas.edu on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [police](#)
Subject: [police]
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:35:33 PM

Hello UTDallas Police,

I am sitting here in the [REDACTED] classroom where [REDACTED] classroom has moved to. It appears to me that the entire classroom is going on and on talking crap about law enforcement, especially their actions related to the anti semetic protests here at UTDallas and across the country. A class member said the rest of the class is at the jail trying to achieve the release of those jailed. To be quite honest, I am finding this upsetting and intimidating.

[REDACTED]

From: [Zacharias, Larry](#)
To: [Tourangeau, Brent](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#)
Subject: FW: UEMR Grievance Form -
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:59:10 PM

From: noreply@jotform.com <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:58 PM
To: Zacharias, Larry <larry.zacharias@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Re: UEMR Grievance Form -



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To: [Tourangeau, Brent](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#)
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Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:06:48 PM

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From: [Olivares Gutierrez, Gregorio](#)
To: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
Subject: Request for Interview Regarding the Events of May 1
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:38:06 PM

Hello Chief Brent Tourangeau,

This is Gregorio Olivares, the new Editor in Chief of *The Mercury*. I am reaching out to you in hopes of arranging interviews regarding the events of May 1 regarding the actions taken by protesters and campus administration alike — with specific emphasis placed on UTD PD's presence at the event and how that intersected with the presence of other local and state level law enforcement forces present during the clearing of the encampment.

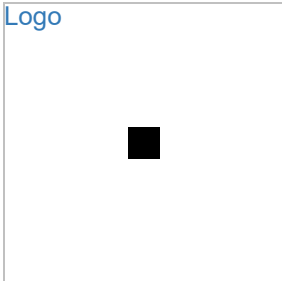
The Mercury has provided live coverage of the developing situation since the [creation](#) of the encampment, the use of [police to disperse](#) the encampment and the protests at [Collin County Jail](#) in response to the arrest of 21 students, staff and community members.

The Mercury is particularly interested in details regarding who ordered the use of police on the protest, any warnings or messages which were conveyed to the protesters beforehand, who was in charge of the deconstruction of the encampment, and the role of UTD PD.

We would love to have your voice in our upcoming summative piece looking at what occurred on May 1, let me know what possible interview time works best for you or the appropriate UTD PD officers for an interview sometime within the next week.

Best regards,

Logo



Gregorio Olivares Gutierrez

Editor-in-Chief

phone: +1 (214) 600-6245

email: editor@utdmercury.com

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To: [Olivares Gutierrez, Gregorio](#)
Cc: [Billa, Shreya Reddy](#); [Gautam, Tisha Smitha](#); [Mitchell, Bradley](#); [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
Subject: Re: UEMR Protest Policy
Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 12:02:22 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-The Univer.png](#)

Thank you for your patience in this matter. I have copied our student leadership, Operations Manager and Chief of Police on this email.

First, I need to address information that the Mercury printed in a story on 5/1 that was inaccurate.
<https://utdmercury.com/comets-create-encampment-in-solidarity-with-gaza>

*"At 11:15 a.m. SJP shared a **message** from UTD Emergency Medical Services Director Sheila Elliott, in which she said that UEMR members "are prohibited from participating in any protest on campus." Elliott said if UEMR employees were found to be involved in protest planning, it would be considered "insubordination" and they would be ordered to cease immediately. At the time of publication, Elliott has not responded to requests for comment."*

Please understand that UEMR members are not "employees." I am the only full-time employee of UEMR. The EMS Providers within UEMR are VOLUNTEERS and are licensed EMS providers with the state of Texas. As a licensed provider, they are required to uphold the following the Texas Administrative Code, or they can receive disciplinary action and/or lose their medical license:

- [https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=36](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=36)

Furthermore, as a licensed First Responder Organization, UEMR is required to uphold the following Texas Administrative Code:

- [https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=14](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=14)

I am the EMS Director for University Emergency Medical Response (UEMR), the licensed first responder organization at The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). I would like to take this time to clarify and contextualize a message that I made on May 1st regarding our campus EMS providers refraining from participating in the protests on campus. This announcement was made on SLACK, which is University Emergency Medical Response's private internal communication system.

UEMR provides first responder services at UTD but is organized as an independent entity that is legally separate from UTD. As a state-licensed first responder organization (not a UTD student organization), our sole focus is promoting the health and welfare of the students, faculty, and all other individuals on the UTD campus. We treat all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or political stance. UEMR is 93 members strong, where we have been nationally recognized as an

EMS Ready Campus, at the highest tier.

Our first responders are VOLUNTEERS, not employees. UEMR has no affiliation with or bias toward any political viewpoint. In the same message asking our EMS providers to refrain from participating in the protests on campus, I also notified our providers of the need to increase EMS coverage in the case of a large-scale medical emergency related to the demonstration on 5/1. In no instance did I instruct UEMR providers to abstain from providing care to protestors on campus.

In regard to my message about prohibiting providers from participating in the protests: this is not a result of the issue being protested. During any moments of protest or unrest on campus, UEMR providers have a responsibility to promote the safety and order of the individuals on campus. This preserves the ability of our members to respond as medical providers in cases of escalation.

Furthermore, UEMR has a civic responsibility as a state-licensed first responder organization to be viewed as unbiased so that anyone who is in need, is comfortable calling on our organization for help instead of identifying us as part of any side of a protest and then choosing not to seek help from us out of fear of bias.

UEMR is a unique EMS agency in that its providers are both students and emergency response personnel, resulting in us having a close working relationship with both the student body and response organizations that are a part of UTD (Police Department, Emergency Management, etc.).

With all this said, UEMR Volunteer licensed EMS Providers must maintain medical integrity and are prohibited from participating in protests on campus while ON DUTY and/or representing UEMR. I have also urged our EMS Providers to use professionalism and discretion in these matters.

Sheila Elliott | MS, Licensed Paramedic

EMS Director

University Emergency Medical Response

North Texas Paramedic Education Consortium

Office: Safety & Grounds (SG) | Cell: 469-469-0675

sheila.elliott@utdallas.edu



From: Olivares Gutierrez, Gregorio <news@utdmercury.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:00 PM

To: Elliott, Sheila <Sheila.Elliott@UTDallas.edu>

Subject: Re: UEMR Protest Policy

That is okay,

Thank you for letting me know. We look forward to being able to include your response when it

is ready.

Best regards,
Gregorio Olivares Gutierrez(he/him/they/them)
Editor in Chief
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214-600-6245
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On Thu, May 2, 2024 at 6:41 PM Elliott, Sheila <Sheila.Elliott@utdallas.edu> wrote:
My apologies for the delay. It will probably be tomorrow for my response.

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On May 2, 2024, at 1:28 AM, Olivares Gutierrez, Gregorio
<news@utdmercury.com> wrote:

Hello,

That works. Thank you for the response, I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,
Gregorio Olivares Gutierrez(he/him/they/them)
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On Wed, May 1, 2024 at 10:12 PM Elliott, Sheila <Sheila.Elliott@utdallas.edu> wrote:

My apologies for the delay in responding. I am happy to send a statement answering your questions. However, I ask that you give me until end of day Thursday 5/2 so I can respond appropriately.

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On May 1, 2024, at 1:04 PM, Olivares Gutierrez, Gregorio
<news@utdmercury.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

This is Gregorio Olivares with *The Mercury*, UTD's award winning student-run newspaper. We are reaching out to you in response to a recent instagram [post](#) highlighting a statement you made about UEMR members ability to participate in protests.

We would appreciate it if you could send us a statement explaining the veracity of this message, and the context behind it. Moreover, we would appreciate it if you could tell us if the work contract, if any, that students are made to sign to participate in UEMR contains any clauses which prohibit their ability to protest.

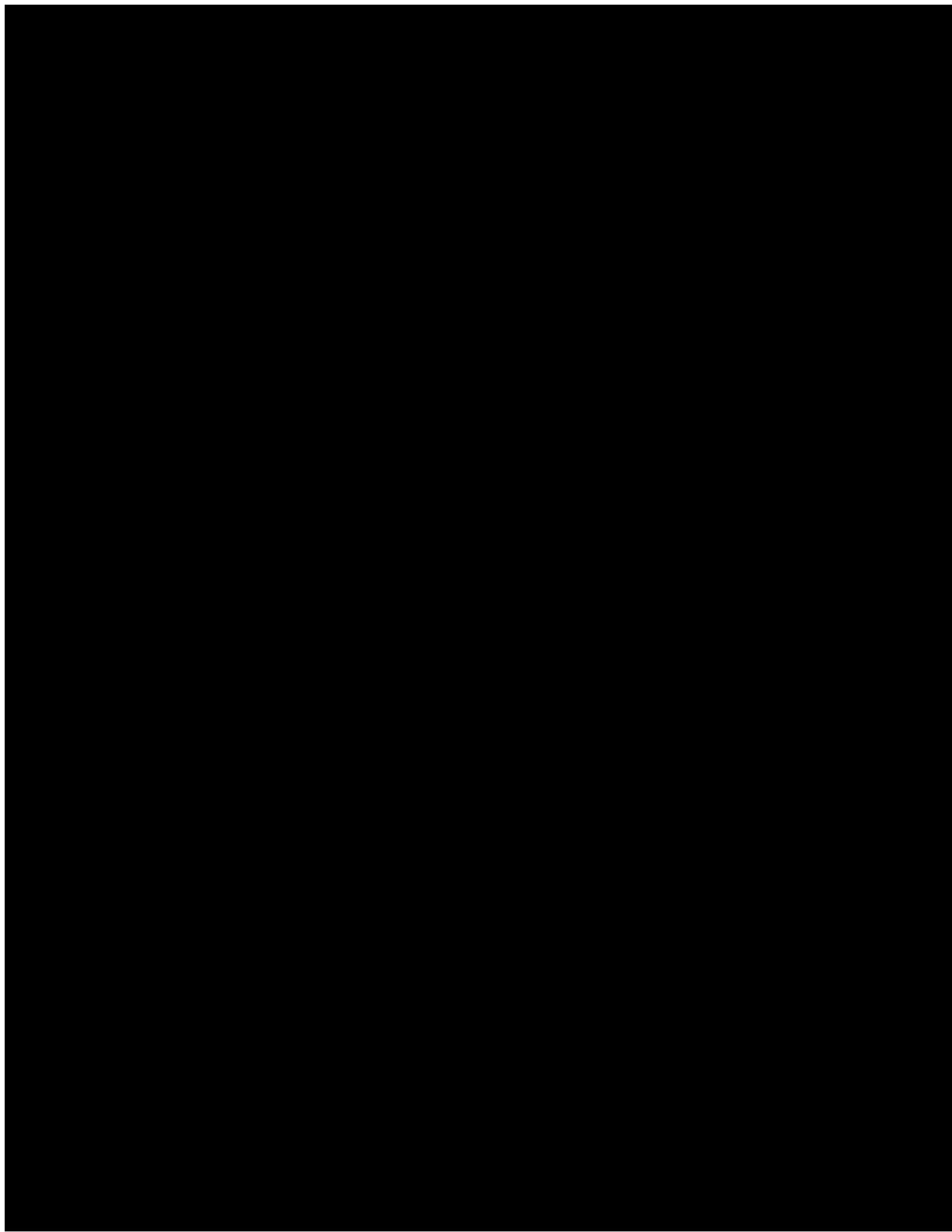
This information is for a breaking news story, and we would appreciate a response by the end of the work day.

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From: [Zacharias, Larry](#)
To: [Tourangeau, Brent](#); [Perry, Adam](#)
Subject: Faculty Arrests
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:02:40 PM

FYI, I just got off the phone with Colleen and gave her my opinion on the violations they committed causing them to be arrested.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Tourangeau, Brent](#); [Zuber, Karl](#); [Perry, Adam](#)
Cc: [Smith, Amanda](#)
Subject: A Note of Gratitude
Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024 7:41:01 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-http_www.png](#)
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Good Morning,

I wanted to send a note of gratitude to you three and the rest of UTDPD. The last few weeks have been active to say the least, and without much comparison over my 8 years here. In many cases we have had to react on the fly and deal with several very heated members of our community. We in the [REDACTED] Office would not be able to handle these situations appropriately if we didn't have a great campus partner like yourselves. Every instance where there has been disruption on campus, I have seen UTDPD ready to assist us in making sense of what has been in front of us, but also how to appropriately manage it.

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I will leave you with this anecdote. I was in Austin a few weeks ago at a workshop for Texas public higher education administrators specifically to talk about matters of free speech and expression. I was happy to share our albeit new foray into campus protests and disruptions and our relationship with campus law enforcement in relation to this. Little did I know how the last few weeks would unfold, but it provided me with a great deal of confidence that we can all continue to work together and continue to learn from each other how to best approach these challenges.

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[REDACTED] Thanks.

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From: Tourangeau, Brent <bat140330@utdallas.edu>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 11:07:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Zuber, Karl <kzuber@utdallas.edu>; Perry, Adam <Adam.Perry2@UTDallas.edu>; Smith, Amanda <amanda.smith@utdallas.edu>; Martin, Rafael O <rafael.martin@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Re: A Note of Gratitude

[REDACTED]
Thank you! I will share your message with our team. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] We have been together every step of the way, partners in every instance.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
I have watched events like ours unfold at universities around the country and have spoken to my counterparts within the law enforcement community, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I look forward to an opportunity for us to celebrate our appreciation for each other.

Sincerely,

Brent

Sent from my iPhone

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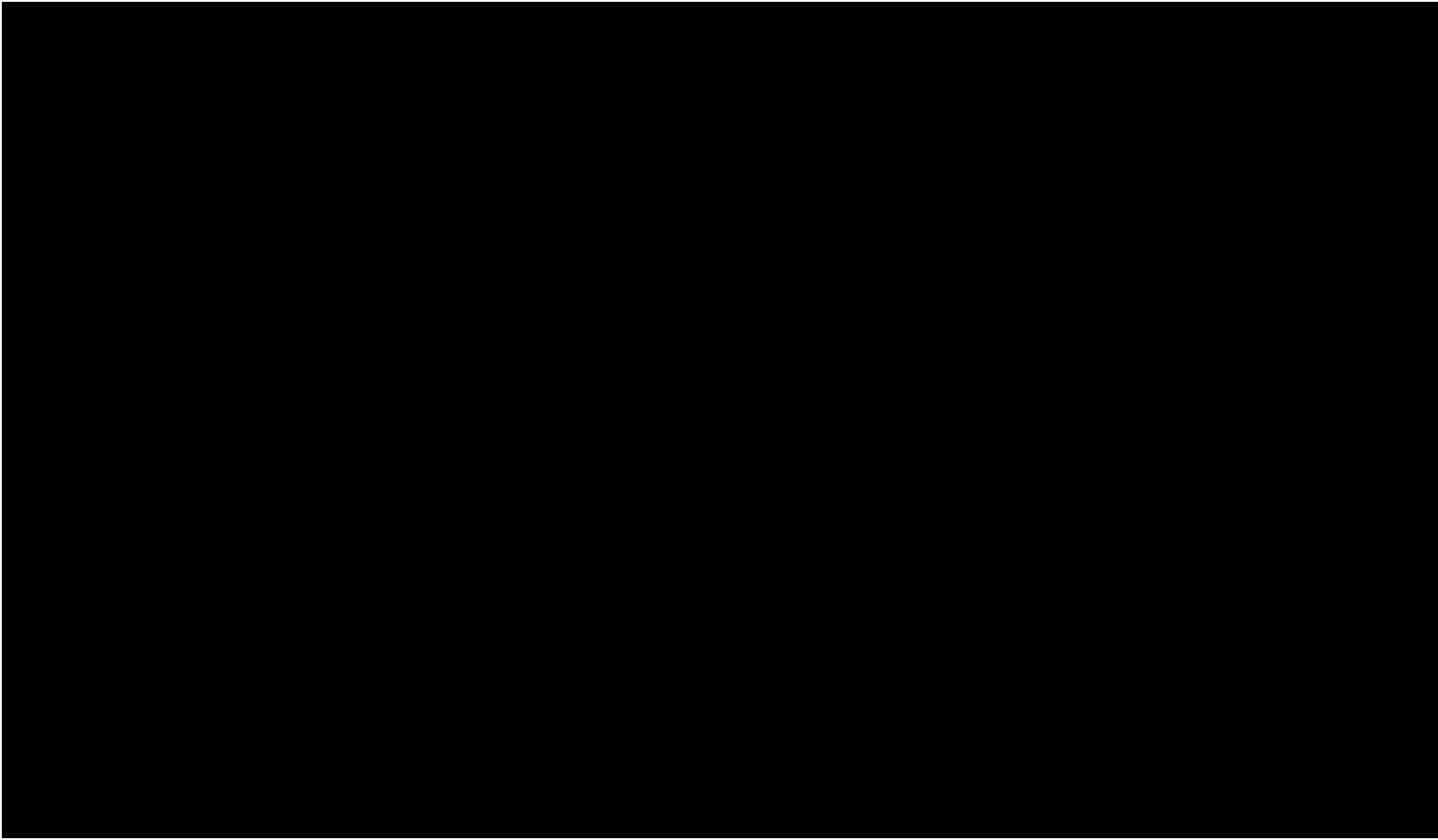
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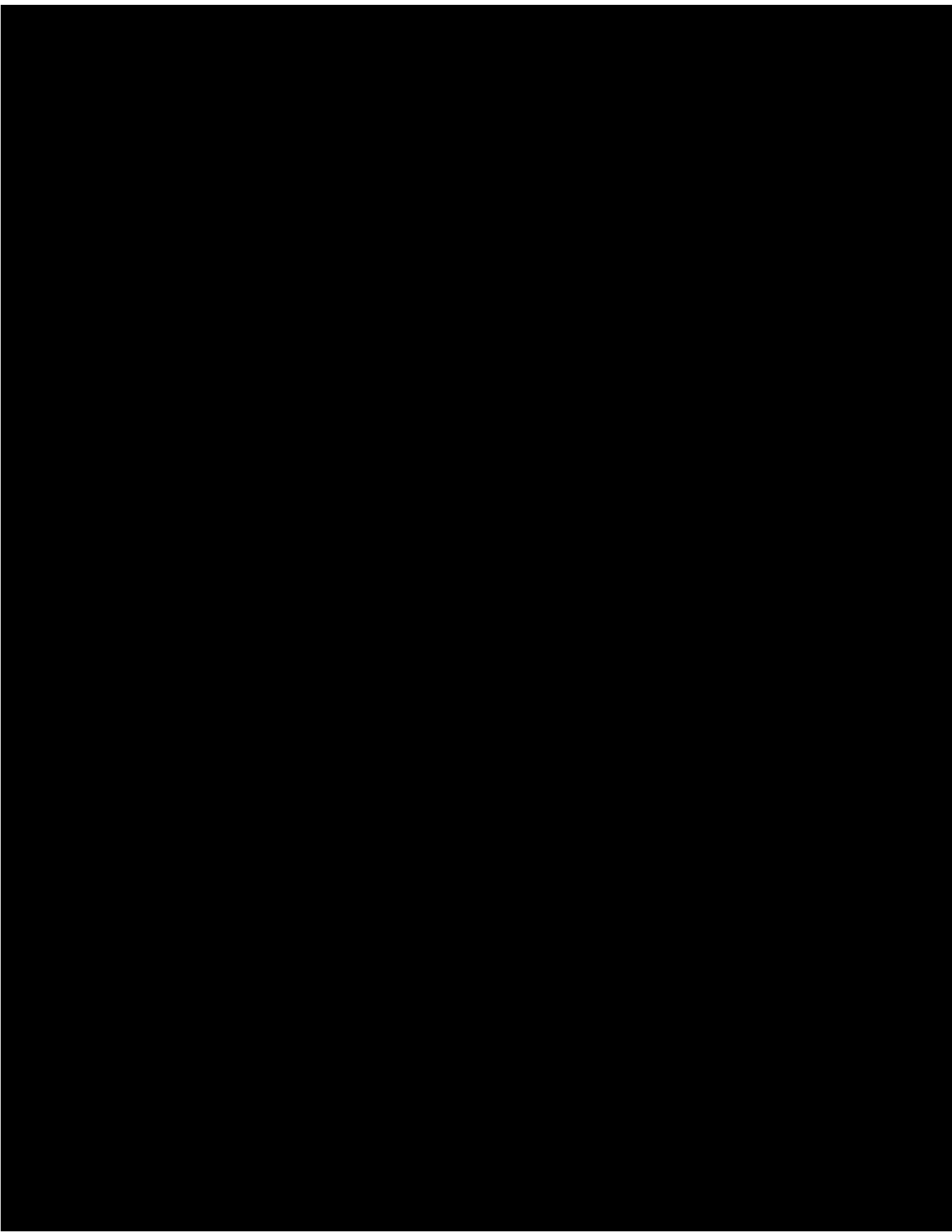
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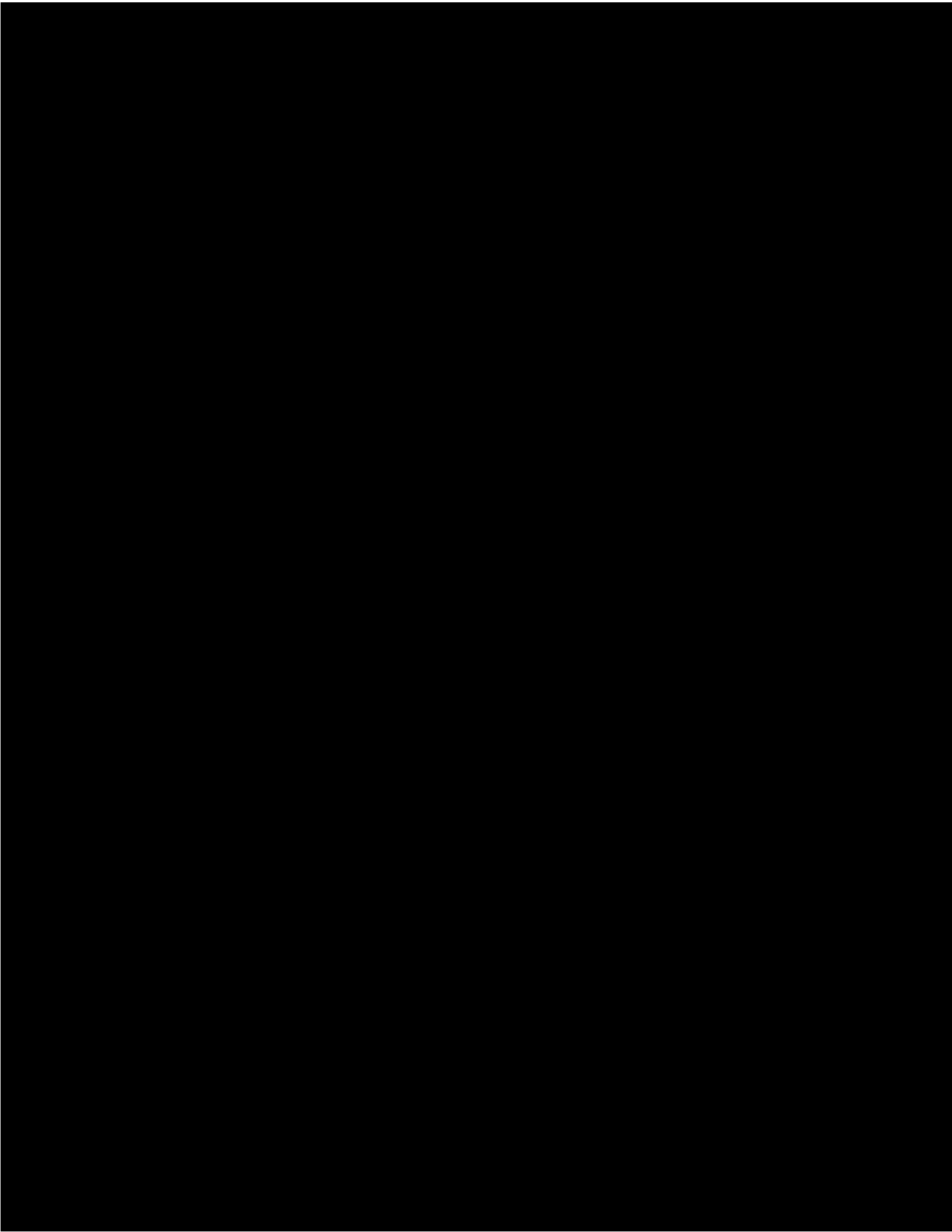
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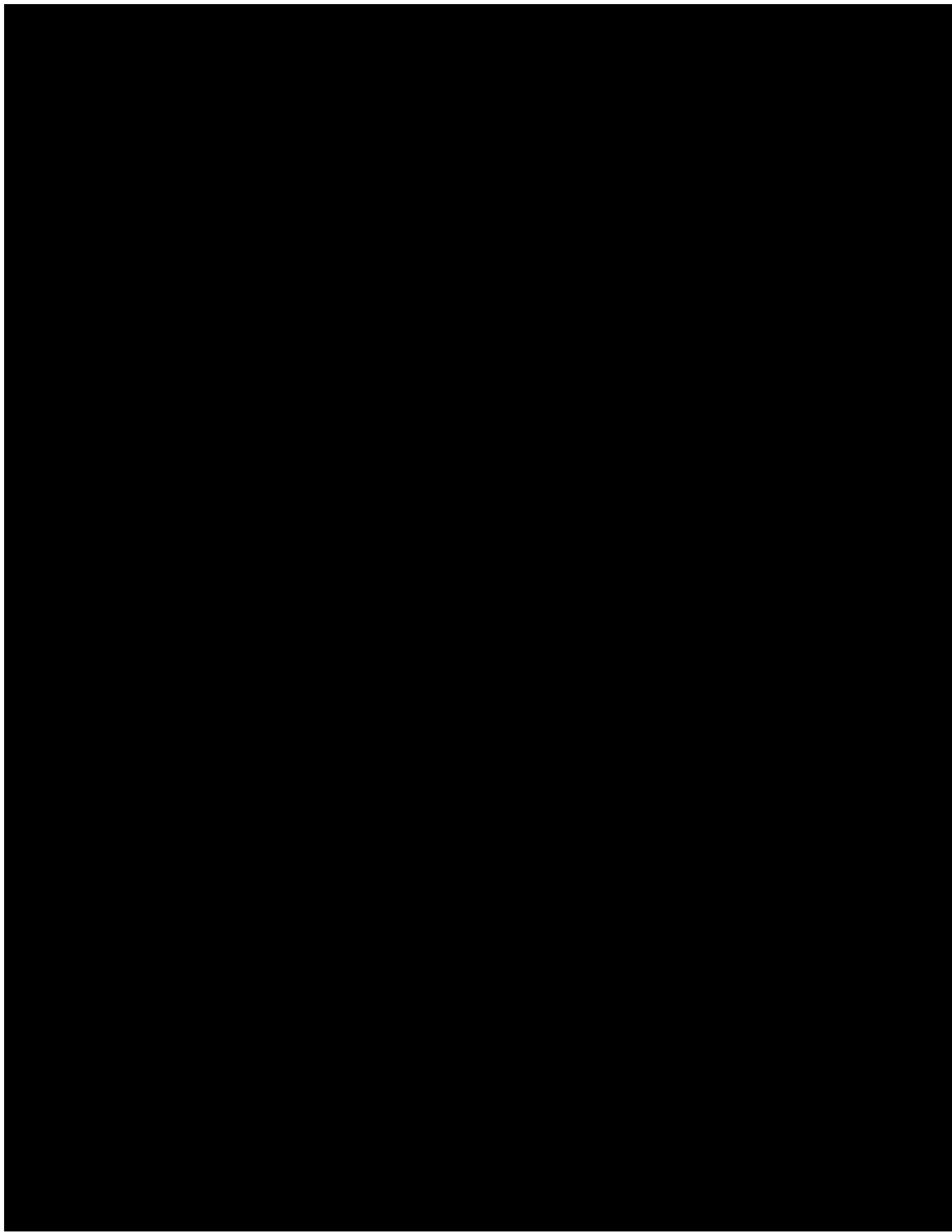
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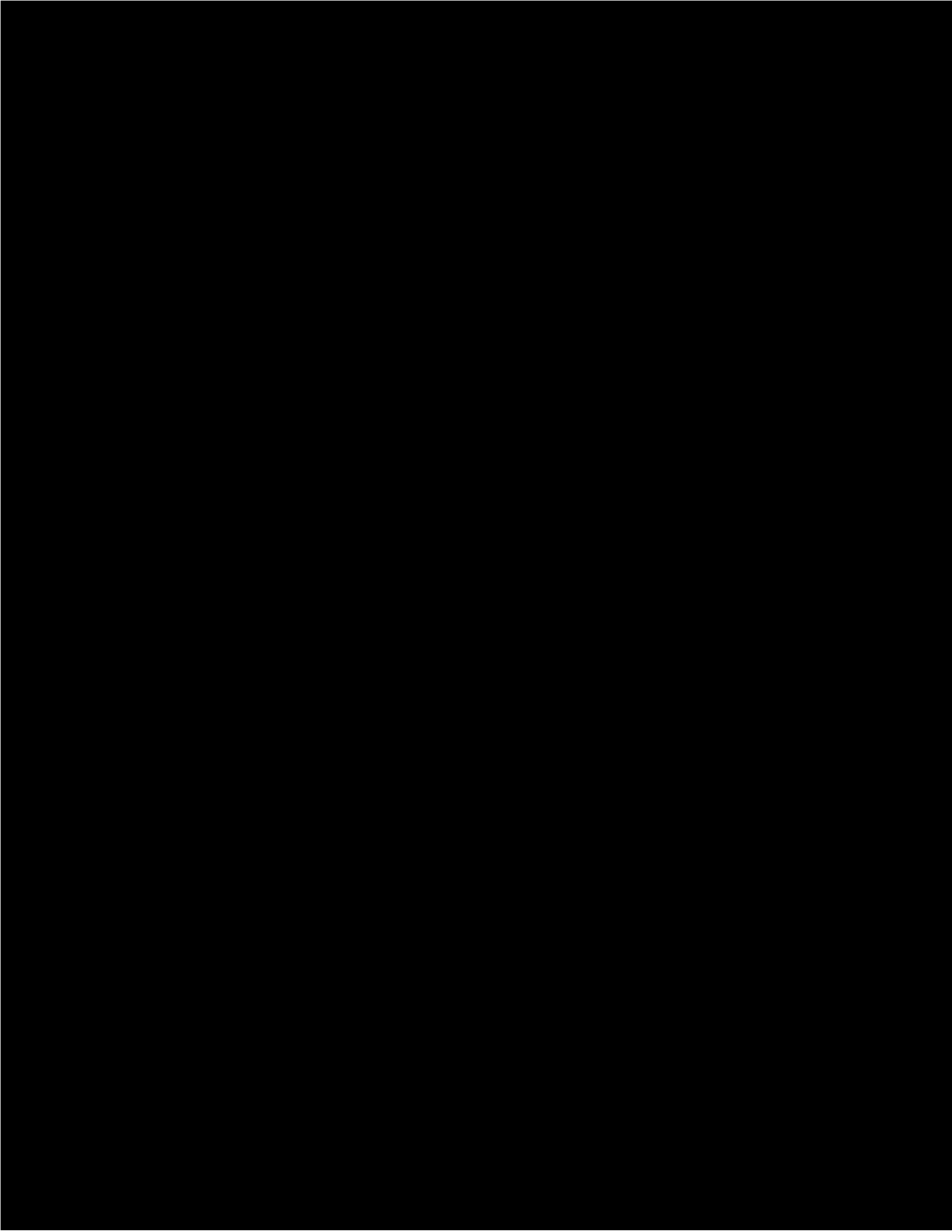
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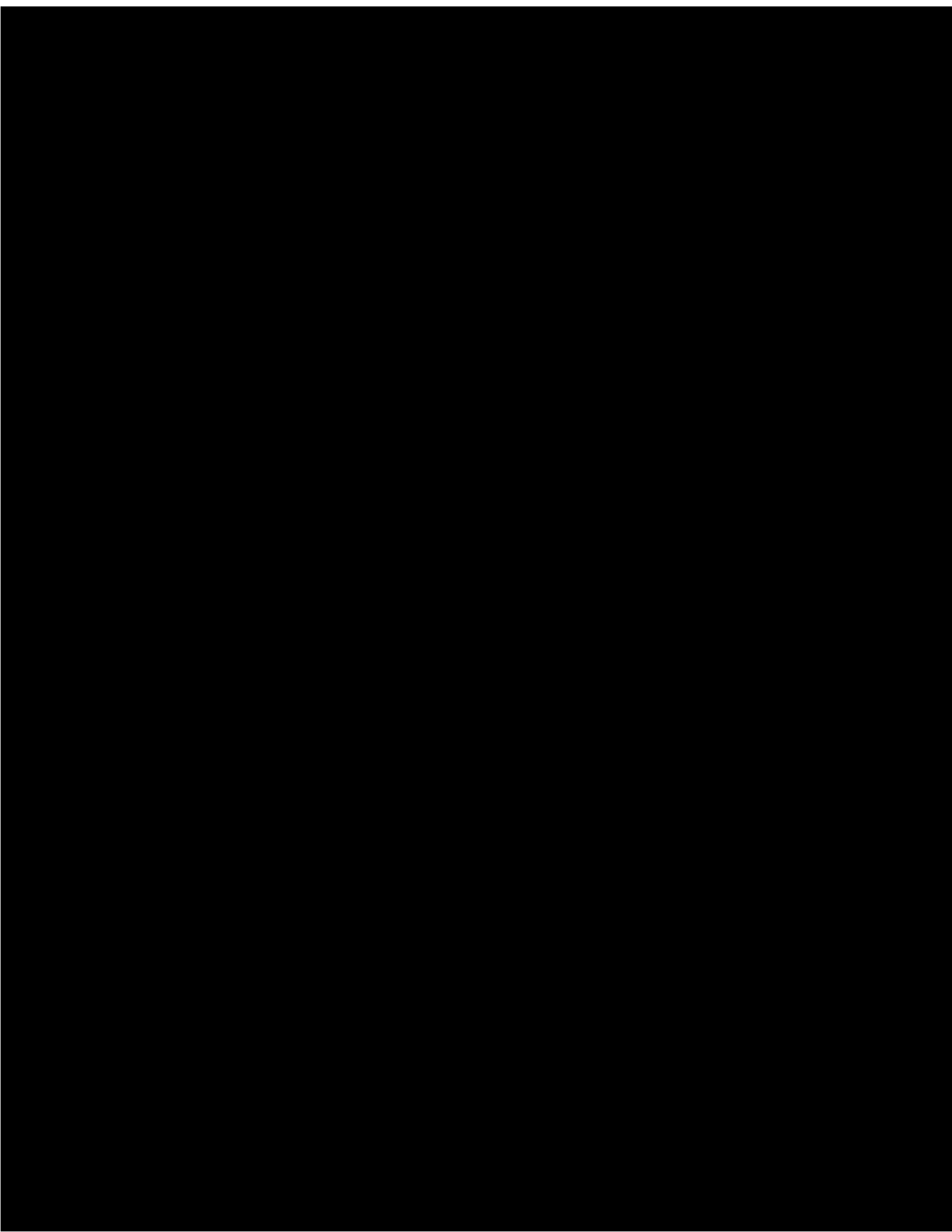


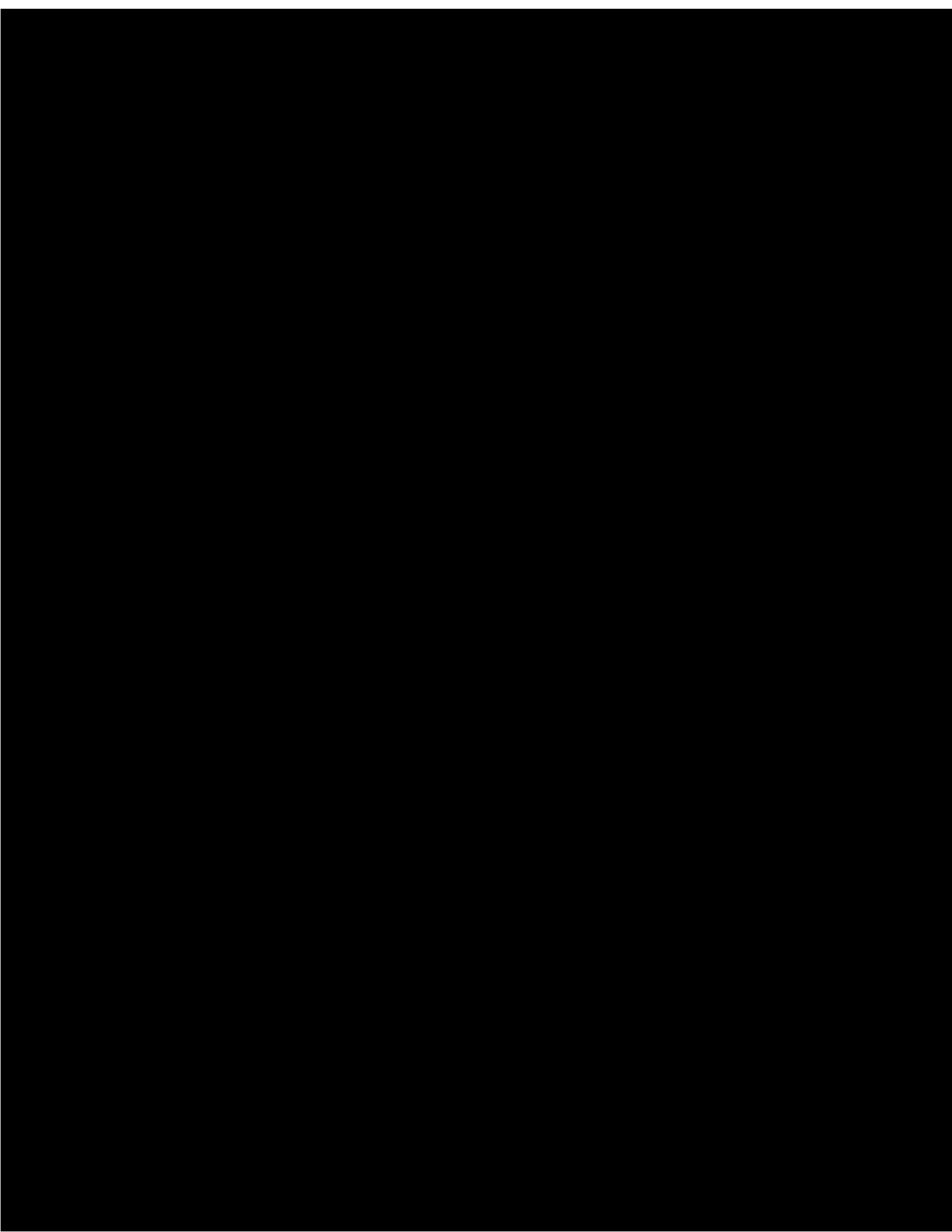


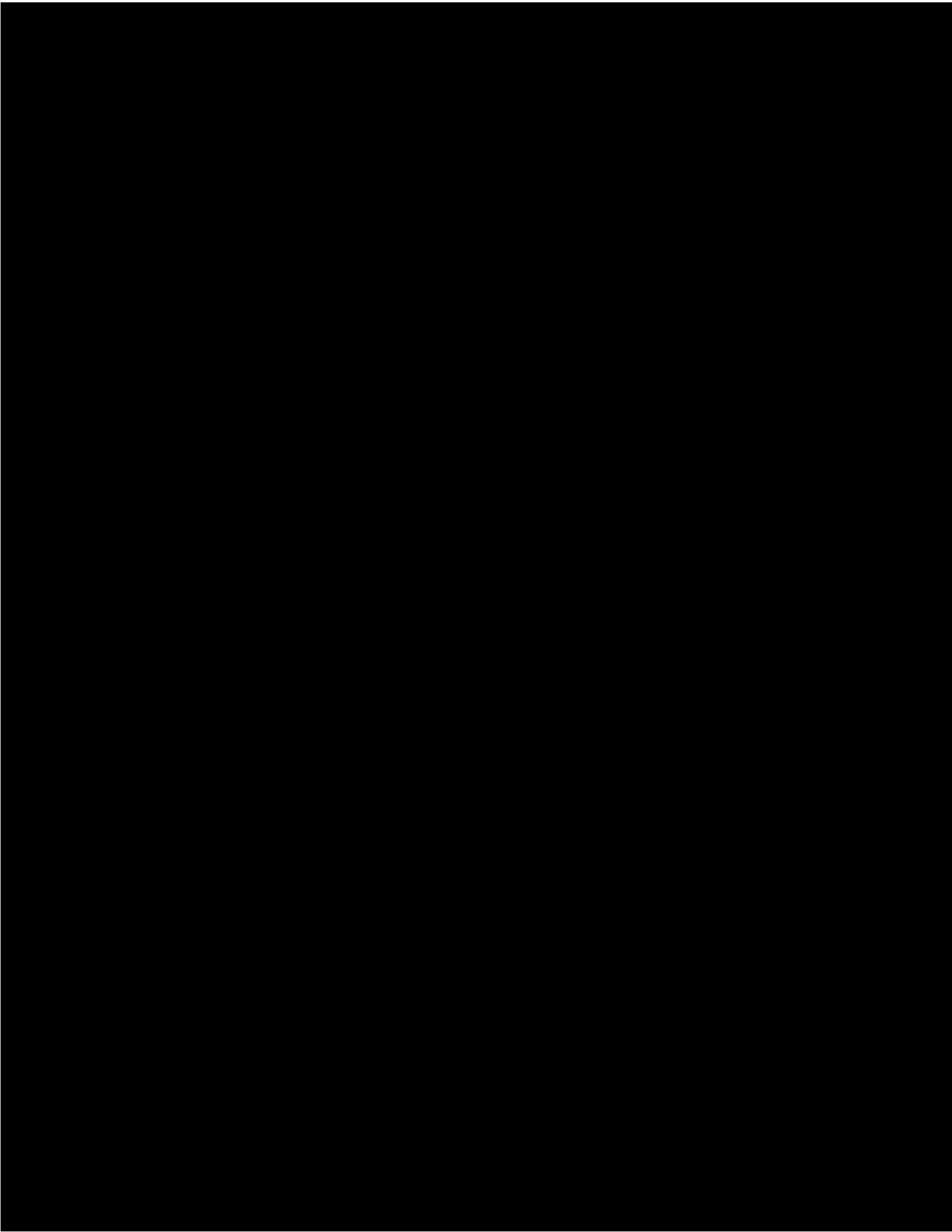












From: [Benson, Richard](#)
To: [Walls, John](#); [Morales, Katherine](#); [Martin, Rafael O](#); [Musselman, Inga](#); [Fitch, Gene](#); [Smith, Amanda](#); [Rockow, Amanda](#); [Edgington, Kyle](#); [Jamison, Calvin](#); [Tourangeau, Brent](#); [Pankratz, Terry](#); [Pancrazio, Joseph](#); [Goodfriend, Kimberly](#); [Shaw, Timothy](#)
Subject: FW: Please Show the Leadership UTD Needs
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 5:15:59 PM

FYI:

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For the record, I am also getting letters *thanking* me/UTD for the actions taken on May 1.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 4:34 PM
To: Benson, Richard <Benson@utdallas.edu>; President <President@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Please Show the Leadership UTD Needs

Dear President Benson,

Whether or not I agree with the political positions of the protestors on campus on May 1, I do agree that they have the right to peacefully protest. And that is what they did.

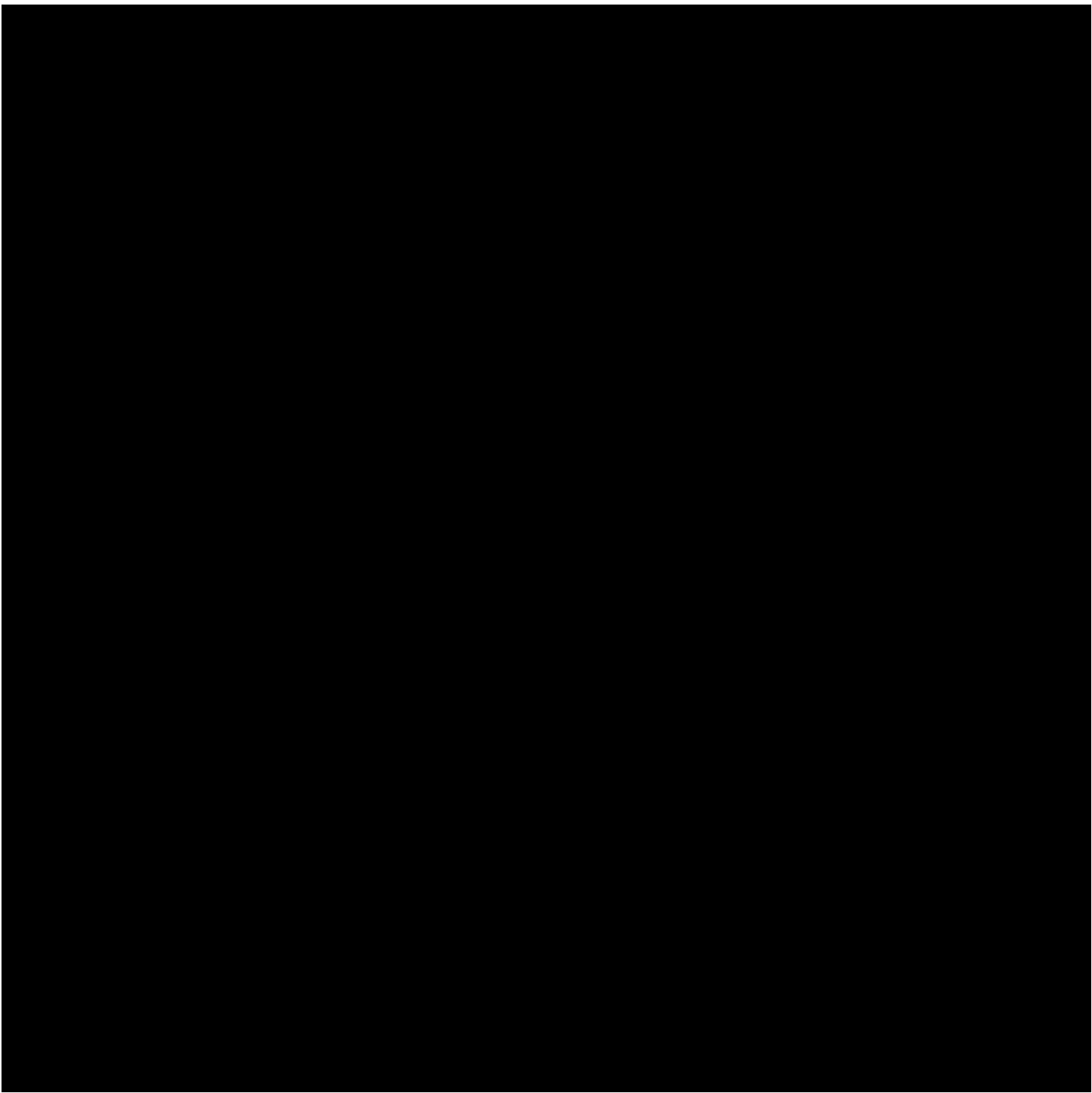
I also believe that, whether or not they broke any campus policy or code of conduct (which is not tantamount to breaking the law), they did not deserve the disproportionate and brutal response with which they were met: dozens of militarized riot-gear-clad police officers with batons, guns, and armored vehicles, plus a night in jail.

I therefore urge you to ensure that no protestors arrested on May 1 face any further consequences. And please call for the Collin County DA to drop all charges and ensure that no individual faces repercussions for their actions.

Our campus also must recognize and respond to the two student government resolutions that called for UTD's divestment from five weapons companies. I ask that

you work with the campus community to create a committee of faculty, staff, and students to explore the issue further.

Thank you,
-Josef



From: [Perry, Adam](#)
To: [Zacharias, Larry](#); [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
Subject: Re: DallasNews.com: Who's behind the pro-Palestinian protests on Texas college campuses?
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 10:42:47 AM

They haven't even been filed yet with the DAs office

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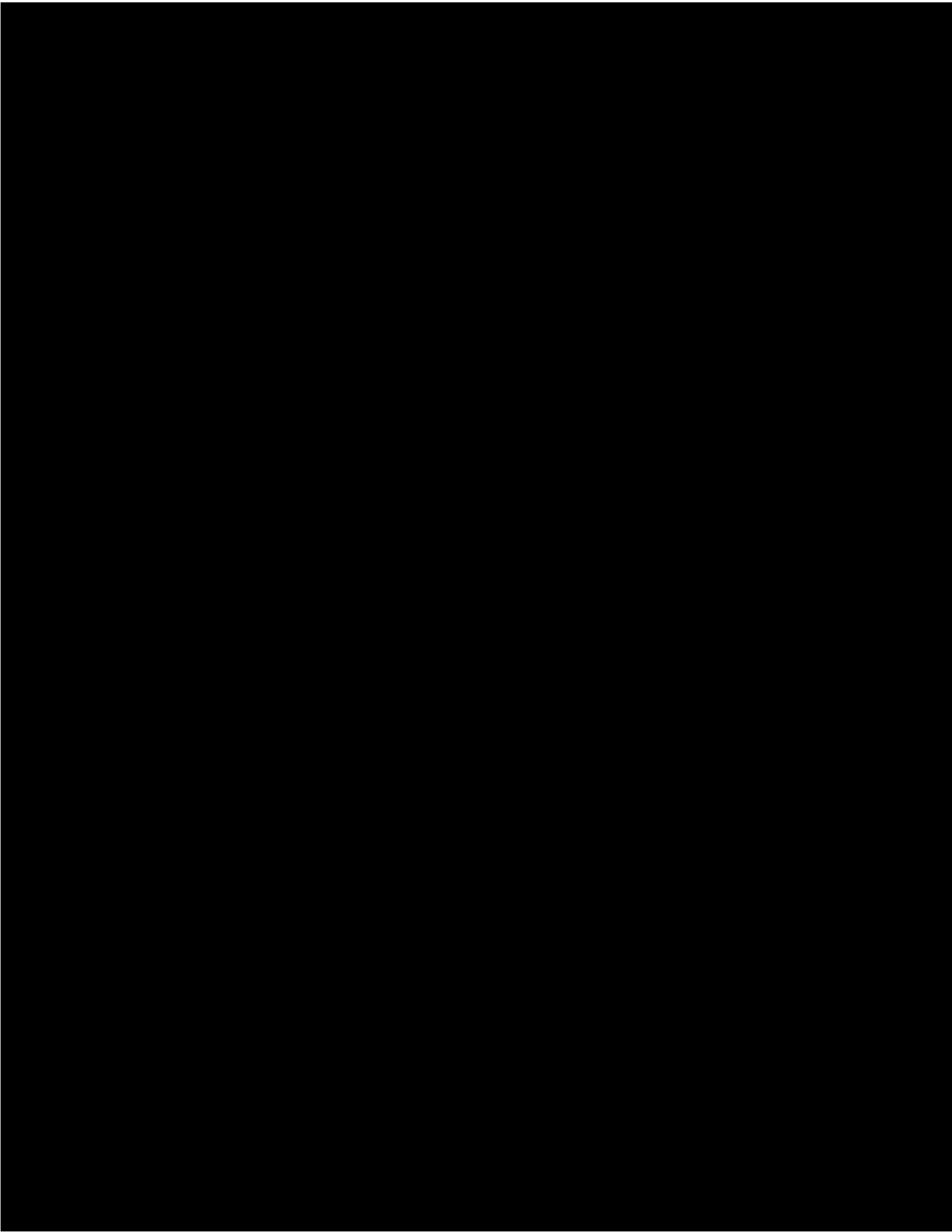
From: Zacharias, Larry <larry.zacharias@utdallas.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 10:26:33 AM
To: Tourangeau, Brent <bat140330@utdallas.edu>; Perry, Adam <Adam.Perry2@UTDallas.edu>
Subject: DallasNews.com: Who's behind the pro-Palestinian protests on Texas college campuses?

This article say all charges against those arrested at UTD were declined?

From The Dallas Morning News:

Who's behind the pro-Palestinian protests on Texas college campuses?

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/education/2024/05/15/are-outside-agitators-behind-pro-palestinian-gaza-protests-at-texas-colleges/>



From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Gary Tittle](#); [Curtis Poovey](#)
Subject: Students for Justice in Palestine
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 10:59:00 AM

FYI, they are planning a demonstration for tomorrow at 1pm on campus. I sent the link, hope it works..

https://www.instagram.com/p/C5_eFk5JkRJ/?hl=en&img_index=1

Brent

Chief Brent Tourangeau
UT Dallas Police Dept
800 West Campbell Rd. PD 11
Richardson, TX 75080
Office – 972-883-2321

From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Morales, Katherine](#)
Subject: Fwd: The Mercury Newspaper
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:13:01 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-r3zsei4w.png](#)

From The Mercury.
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Averion, Andre Sebastian" <Andre.Averion@utdallas.edu>
Date: April 23, 2024 at 11:09:25 PM CDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
Cc: "Tourangeau, Brent" <bat140330@utdallas.edu>
Subject: **The Mercury Newspaper**

Hello UTD-PD,

I'm Andre Averion, a reporter from The Mercury Newspaper. I hope this email finds you well. We're currently developing an article in regard to today's protest (4/23), and we'd like to call upon UTD-PD's assistance in communicating the facts about the event. If a representative is available, we'd like to discuss in a 10-minute virtual meeting or phone call more details about the number of people present, any concerns and overall the expectations of protestors being invited into the admin building.

Please let me know if any representative is available before our Friday deadline. I eagerly await a response, and thank you for your service.



Andre Averion

The University of Texas at Dallas

Psychology - Senior

[The Mercury Newspaper](#) Distribution & Outreach Manager - CMA Award Winning

[AMP Magazine](#) Distribution Manager

[LinkedIn](#)

From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Gary Tittle](#); [Michael Bussiere](#); gene.senter@cor.gov
Subject: Protest today
Date: Friday, April 26, 2024 11:53:00 AM

All,

There is still a protest set for 1230pm today. It appears they are inviting everybody, which is normal. President Benson is still scheduled to meet with the students at 1pm. I will keep you posted.

Brent

Chief Brent Tourangeau
UT Dallas Police Dept
800 West Campbell Rd. PD 11
Richardson, TX 75080
Office – 972-883-2321

From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Magelssen, Brittany Hoover](#)
Subject: Fwd: [police] NBC News Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:04:55 PM

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Kakouris, Carla (NBCUniversal)" [REDACTED]
Date: May 1, 2024 at 6:02:50 PM EDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
Cc: "@NBC UNI Miami Bureau Desk" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [police] NBC News Inquiry
Reply-To: "Kakouris, Carla (NBCUniversal)" [REDACTED]

Hello,

I'm reaching out on behalf of NBC Network News. We're seeing reports of people being arrested on the University of Texas Dallas campus in connection with the pro-Palestinian encampment. Can you please confirm if this is true, and if so how many arrests? Any guidance is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Carla Kakouris-Solarana

Associate Producer
1 Telemundo Way
Miami, FL 33182

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From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Morales, Katherine](#)
Subject: Fwd: [police] NBC/TELEMUNDO INQUIRY
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:27:42 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mendez, Yamile (NBCUniversal)" [REDACTED]
Date: May 1, 2024 at 4:12:21 PM EDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
Cc: "Molinero Sample, Joanna (NBCUniversal)"
[REDACTED] "Randolph, Patrick (NBCUniversal)"
Subject: RE: [police] NBC/TELEMUNDO INQUIRY
Reply-To: "Mendez, Yamile (NBCUniversal)" [REDACTED]

Good afternoon,

I am following back. We are coming to a deadline by 4p.m.

We would like to know if the protestors who are there currently would have to go eventually? Or able to camp there? What would happen if they eventually do not leave?

Any information will be great.

Thank you!

From: Mendez, Yamile (NBCUniversal)
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:28 PM
To: police@utdallas.edu
Cc: Molinero Sample, Joanna (NBCUniversal) [REDACTED]
Randolph, Patrick (NBCUniversal) [REDACTED]
Subject: NBC/TELEMUNDO INQUIRY

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out to request an interview outside the UT Dallas protest regarding the situation that is going outside the school. Would it be possible?

Any information will be great.

Thank you!

From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Martin, Rafael O](#)
Subject: Fwd: [police] Thank You and Stay Safe
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:56:47 PM

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From: Cannon Burton [REDACTED]
Date: May 1, 2024 at 9:09:41 PM EDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
Subject: [police] Thank You and Stay Safe
Reply-To: Cannon Burton [REDACTED]

Hello UT Dallas Police Department,

Just wanted to quickly write to you all and say thank you for helping keep our campus safe. Your department continues to uphold the integrity of the Constitution, and the order within our campus.

Your department helped shape me into the person I am today, and we are extremely lucky to have such Professional & Compassionate Officers.

Sincerely,
Cannon Burton
Class of 2020

PS. I saw Officer Steve Rooney on TV (Well Youtube, while watching this craziness)! Professional as ever, but was missing the Aviators! Please tell him I say hello, thank you, and that I hope he is doing well.

PPS. If you all need anything, please feel free to let me know. I've moved back to Houston, but Uber Eats isn't too far away from y'all!

From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Magelssen, Brittany Hoover](#)
Subject: Fwd: [police] WFAA Inquiry - UT Dallas Wednesday Protest
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:05:27 PM

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From: "Hernandez, Itzel" [REDACTED]
Date: May 1, 2024 at 5:24:18 PM EDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
Cc: WFAA Newsdesk [REDACTED]
Subject: [police] WFAA Inquiry - UT Dallas Wednesday Protest
Reply-To: "Hernandez, Itzel" [REDACTED]

Greetings everyone,

Reaching out regarding today's protest at UT Dallas. We understand students launched today a university encampment in solidarity with Palestine. Now we are seeing students being kept outside their camping perimeter and some people were detained during this protest. Will students be asked to leave campus this evening? How many people have been arrested?

Thanks in advance for any information you can provide.

Best,

Itzel Hernandez (she/her)

Content Editor



Newsroom: [REDACTED] | Email: [REDACTED]
Website: www.wfaa.com | Twitter: [@itzelnews](https://twitter.com/itzelnews)

From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Morales, Katherine](#)
Subject: Fwd: [police] CBS News Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:00:03 PM

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From: "Fichten, Lauren J" <[REDACTED]>
Date: May 1, 2024 at 7:12:14 PM EDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
Cc: "@CND National Desk Staff (CBS DL)"
[REDACTED]
Subject: [police] CBS News Inquiry
Reply-To: "Fichten, Lauren J" [REDACTED]

Good evening, this is Lauren reaching out from CBS News. We're seeing reports that there were arrests today at UT Dallas in relation to protests today. Is there any guidance you're able to share? Thank you in advance.

Please reply all

Best,

Lauren Fichten

CBS News
[REDACTED]

From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Morales, Katherine](#)
Subject: Fwd: [police] NBC\TELEMUNDO INQUIRY
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:59:47 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kuntz, Roy (NBCUniversal)" [REDACTED]
Date: May 1, 2024 at 7:24:12 PM EDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
Cc: "Mendez, Yamile (NBCUniversal)" [REDACTED] >
Subject: [police] NBC\TELEMUNDO INQUIRY
Reply-To: "Kuntz, Roy (NBCUniversal)" [REDACTED]

Good evening,

We are reaching out to request some information about the arrests at the college today. How many arrested? Were they all students?
Were Professors arrested? Where were those arrested taken to for booking?

Any other reportable information?

Thanks,

Roy Kuntz
Assignment Editor
NBC 5 | TELEMUNDO 39 | Dallas-Fort Worth
Office: [REDACTED]
NBCDFW.COM | TELEMUNDO39.COM



From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Magelssen, Brittany Hoover](#)
Subject: Fwd: CNN CALLING
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:05:47 PM

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From: "Smart, Sara" [REDACTED] >
Date: May 1, 2024 at 5:40:35 PM EDT
To: "Tourangeau, Brent" <bat140330@utdallas.edu>
Subject: CNN CALLING

Good afternoon,

Sara Smart with CNN here.

Reaching out to see if you have any information regarding the ongoing encampment on campus. Any information on arrests? Any action being taken?

Thank you,

Sara Smart

Assignment Editor I

CNN National Desk

O: [REDACTED]

From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Morales, Katherine](#)
Subject: Fwd: [police] Request, Agence France-Presse (AFP)
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:55:39 PM

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From: Moisés ÁVILA [REDACTED]
Date: May 1, 2024 at 9:36:23 PM EDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
Subject: [police] Request, Agence France-Presse (AFP)
Reply-To: Moisés ÁVILA [REDACTED]

Hello:

I'm Moisés Avila, journalist, Agence France-Presse (AFP) correspondent in Texas.

I hope this email finds you well.

I'd like to know if you have information about how many people were detained today during the demonstration at the UT Campus in Dallas.

Please, if you also have any additional information, I'll appreciate it.

Thank you so much for your attention.

Best.

Moises AVILA

Correspondent in Houston, TX, USA

- Mob: [REDACTED] - Twitter: @moyavila

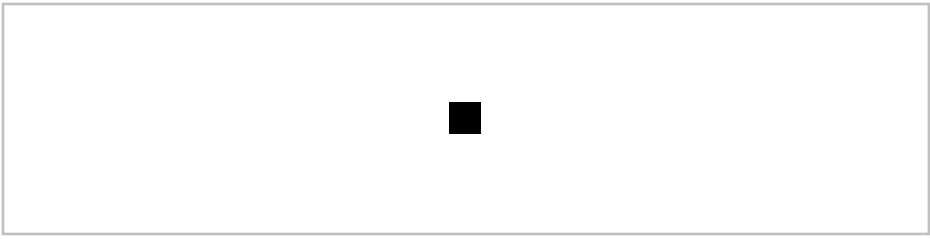
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From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Morales, Katherine](#)
Subject: Fwd: [police] Media request, KERA News
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:00:19 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Megan Cardona [REDACTED]
Date: May 1, 2024 at 6:14:12 PM EDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
Subject: [police] Media request, KERA News
Reply-To: Megan Cardona [REDACTED]

Good afternoon,

My name is Megan Cardona and I'm a reporter at KERA News in Dallas. Can someone with the UT Dallas Police Department confirm whether or not officers assisted with breaking up the encampment at the UT Dallas campus today (May 1) and, if so, how many were arrested?

Thank you for your time,

Megan Cardona

Daily News Reporter, KERA

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From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Morales, Katherine](#)
Subject: Re: [police] Media request, KERA News
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:25:02 PM

Sorry meant to tell u I was sending these.
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On May 1, 2024, at 10:14 PM, Morales, Katherine <kmorales@utdallas.edu> wrote:

Thanks Chief - I believe we responded to reporters from all of these organizations .

Best,
Katherine

On May 1, 2024, at 9:00 PM, Tourangeau, Brent
<bat140330@utdallas.edu> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Megan Cardona [REDACTED]
Date: May 1, 2024 at 6:14:12 PM EDT
To: police <police@lists.utdallas.edu>
Subject: [police] Media request, KERA News
Reply-To: Megan Cardona [REDACTED]

Good afternoon,

My name is Megan Cardona and I'm a reporter at KERA News in Dallas. Can someone with the UT Dallas Police Department confirm whether or not officers assisted with breaking up the encampment at the UT Dallas campus today (May 1) and, if so, how many were arrested?

Thank you for your time,

Megan Cardona

Daily News Reporter, KERA

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From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [police](#)
Subject: Re: [police] 05/01: Protest on Campus
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:56:30 PM

[REDACTED]
Yes we are aware. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thank you for contacting us.

Chief Tourangeau.
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On May 2, 2024, at 12:49 AM, Sun, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] wrote:

Good Evening,

I am sure that you all are well aware of the protest and encampments and such that were set up today right outside the SSB, JSOM, and ATEC/AHT buildings today.

I just wanted to let you all know that, since I was on campus for much of the day earlier today, I was a bit uncomfortable and uneasy with seeing the protest, demonstrators, walls, barricades, encampments and such all set up BUT I am doing ok and well nonetheless and tried to stay away from that area all day today.

I just thought I'd let you all know.

I heard that some students and faculty got arrested unfortunately.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [James Hughes](#)
Cc: [Gary Tittle](#); [Jeremy Sherrod](#); [Steven McCraw](#); [David Dean](#)
Subject: Re: Protest encampment
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:54:48 AM

James,

Thank you for the feedback.

Brent

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> On May 2, 2024, at 9:25 AM, James Hughes <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>

> I wanted to commend y'all on a job well done yesterday at UTD. Your officers were very professional. It was textbook.

>

> Jim

>

> James F Hughes

> Dallas Police Department (Ret)

> Director

> North Texas Crime Commission

> thenorthtexascrimecommission.org

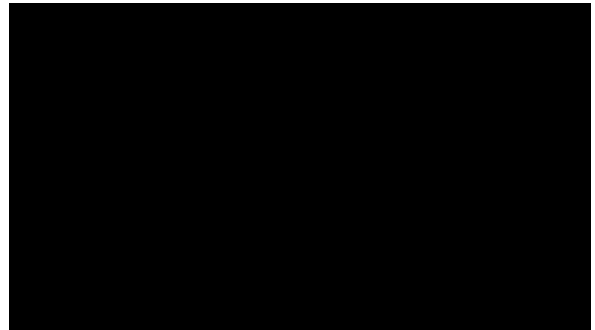
> Cell: [REDACTED]

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From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Ferrero, David](#)
Cc: [Perry, Adam](#); [Zuber, Karl](#)
Subject: Protest Numbers
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:14:00 PM

Date	Crowd	Arrests	Aff/arrests
4/23	200	0	0
4/24	50	0	0
4/26	150	0	0
5/1	300	21	14
5/3	200	0	0



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From: [Tourangeau, Brent](#)
To: [Morales, Katherine](#)
Subject: Fwd: Request for Interview Regarding the Events of May 1
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 9:01:28 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Olivares Gutierrez, Gregorio" <editor@utdmercury.com>
Date: May 15, 2024 at 8:15:55 AM CDT
To: "Tourangeau, Brent" <bat140330@utdallas.edu>
Subject: Re: Request for Interview Regarding the Events of May 1

Hello, I wanted to follow up on this message to see if you had any update regarding the previous message.

On Thu, May 2, 2024, 15:37 Olivares Gutierrez, Gregorio
<editor@utdmercury.com> wrote:

Hello Chief Brent Tourangeau,

This is Gregorio Olivares, the new Editor in Chief of *The Mercury*. I am reaching out to you in hopes of arranging interviews regarding the events of May 1 regarding the actions taken by protesters and campus administration alike — with specific emphasis placed on UTD PD's presence at the event and how that intersected with the presence of other local and state level law enforcement forces present during the clearing of the encampment.

The Mercury has provided live coverage of the developing situation since the [creation](#) of the encampment, the use of [police to disperse](#) the encampment and the protests at [Collin County Jail](#) in response to the arrest of 21 students, staff and community members.

The Mercury is particularly interested in details regarding who ordered the use of police on the protest, any warnings or messages which were conveyed to the protesters beforehand, who was in charge of the deconstruction of the encampment, and the role of UTD PD.

We would love to have your voice in our upcoming summative piece looking at what occurred on May 1, let me know what possible interview time works best for you or the appropriate UTD PD officers for an interview sometime within the next week.

Best regards,

Gregorio Olivares Gutierrez

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