

Dear Joseph E. Aoun,

Last Friday, members of the Husky Environmental Action Team and its subcommittee, DivestNU, as well as several at-large students, convened to deliver a letter to your office regarding our shared concerns about Northeastern's endowment as it relates to investments in the fossil fuel industry. We also delivered a petition displaying student support, along with the t-shirt that you requested during our discussion at the State of the University event. We wanted to express our appreciation for the receptiveness that your office showed us, and our gratitude for the civil manner in which all involved parties interacted.

We agree that constructive dialogue can occur between the administration and the student body on this issue, and are eager to facilitate such a discussion. Thus far, you and members of your administration have demonstrated an openness towards taking this step and for that we are thankful.

In keeping with the views we expressed in our last letter, we request that a meeting be held to determine how Northeastern incorporates issues such as climate change into its investment strategy, and your willingness to examine divestiture from the fossil fuel industry. We believe that such a step would prove beneficial towards both parties in determining how to best move forward, and provide an opportunity to address any questions that you have.

We would like to set a date for a meeting in order to ensure that the issue receives proper attention. While we understand that administrators have tight schedules, we hope that we can establish a time to discuss this topic. As evidenced by the petition we delivered, this topic is important to many students. An opportunity for great leadership is at hand, and time is of the utmost importance.

To this end we request that your administration responds to us with an offer for a meeting by **February 7th**. We hold that this window of time, three weeks from our delivery to your office, is sufficient for setting a time and place to discuss divestment.

Northeastern University prides itself in its ability to lead by example, particularly on issues of sustainability. Choosing to divest from the fossil fuel industry would cement Northeastern's commitment to sustainability. Northeastern's action would likewise make it the first school in Boston, and the largest school thus far, to undertake divestment from the fossil fuel industry. This opportunity to demonstrate leadership is one we hope to see our university seize.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,