



Reject Divest

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I am a student at York, responding to your call for comments on the 'York U Divest Proposal.' I believe you should reject this proposal on the grounds that in order to best serve its students the university should engage in responsible investment, not negative screening or divestment.

The York University Endowment Fund should strive to affect positive change on our campus and through its investment policies. Unfortunately, while the spirit of the 'York U Divest Proposal' is commendable, it fails to advance these objectives. The committee has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure students receive a maximum benefit from the Fund, which negative screening and divestment would put at risk. The proposal would also deny York a seat at the table of the very companies its authors wish to have a positive impact on. Please reject these negative results and vote against this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope you will lead the way on effective responsible investment at York by rejecting this proposal.

Sincerely,

Merilin Kernitzman