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## United University Professions

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Re: Harvard and MIT v. US Dept. of Homeland Security, et al.  
Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-11283 (D. Mass. 2020)

Dear Ms. Casey:

As the President of United University Professions, I write to express our profound dismay regarding the US Immigration Control and Enforcement's revocation of its March 13, 2020, COVID-19 Guidance for SEVP Stakeholders and the impact that this decision will have on SUNY's 22,000 international students and the 37,000 UUP represented academic and professional employees at the State-operated SUNY campuses who teach and work with them. This order places politics above the health and safety of our students and our members.

We are aware of the action challenges the new ICE rules that Harvard and MIT have filed against the federal government. On behalf of our members and the students they teach, we encourage SUNY to pursue similar action to enjoin the implementation of the new ICE rules or join the Harvard and MIT action as an amicus. We are more than willing to partner with you in such an effort and would appreciate being informed about any action that SUNY may take to challenge the new ICE rules.

I thank you for your timely consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick Kowal, Ph.D.  
President  
United University Professions