



## IlliniPAC - Illini Public Affairs Committee

### Statement on Rejection of Israel Divestment Referendum

Illini Public Affairs Committee is proud to announce that the students of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have rejected an attempt to bring divestment to campus.

The spring campus-wide ballot contained a referendum question calling for the University to divest from select Israeli companies and companies that do business with Israel. This dangerous initiative was driven by co-opting the noble cause of human rights for the political agenda of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. This campaign specifically targeted Israel in a negative light. As advocates for Israel, we stood together against divestment and divisiveness to support Israel and unite our campus.

Illini Public Affairs Committee expresses our most sincere gratitude to everyone who assisted us in getting to this point. We are proud to have supported the United Illini for a United Campus initiative and we will continue to work with them.

It is now up to us, as campus pro-Israel leaders, to continue to strengthen the bond between the United States and Israel, the State of Illinois and Israel, and the University of Illinois and Israel. In addition, we will work together and do everything we can to end the anti-Semitism on our campus. Am Israel Chai.

**About us:** *Illini Public Affairs Committee (IlliniPAC) is a bipartisan organization of pro-Israel students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign dedicated to strengthening the relationship between the United States and Israel. IlliniPAC advocates for bipartisan Congressional support for a strong U.S.-Israel alliance, educates the student body on the importance of supporting Israel, and engages student leaders across campus to promote a pro-Israel environment at the University. Learn more at [illinipac.org/about](http://illinipac.org/about).*