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**Via E-mail**

President B. Joseph White  
Office of the President  
University of Illinois  
108 Henry Administration Building  
506 S. Wright St., MC-370  
Urbana, Illinois 61801

Dear President White:

As president of the Illinois chapter of the National Association of Scholars (NAS), I represent scholars across Illinois, including your campus. For the mission of the NAS, please see [www.nas.org](http://www.nas.org)

Our association opposes the banning of all political expression by faculty and staff on campus. This interpretation of the State Ethics law is unconstitutional and undermines the mission of a university as a place of free expression. See stories below.

[http://nas.org/polArticles.cfm?Doc\\_Id=357](http://nas.org/polArticles.cfm?Doc_Id=357)

<http://www.thefire.org/index.php/article/9728.html>

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-il-universitycampaig,0,1993984.story>

As state employees, we cannot using university property for partisan purposes, but wearing a