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Dear MSU Community,

On January 16, 2025, the ASMSU General Assembly passed [Bill 61-53](#), calling for a vote of no confidence in the MSU Board of Trustees and reaffirming support for divestment.

For the past year and a half, students have been calling on the Board of Trustees to divest from weapons manufacturers and other companies complicit in the genocide of the Palestinian people in Gaza and Israel's apartheid regime over Palestinian land. ASMSU stands with student activists, including those that were arrested while peacefully protesting in the Hannah Administration Building. We also recognize the efforts of student organizations in championing university divestment. While students have tirelessly advocated for equity and global engagement, there has been unwillingness from the administration and the Board of Trustees to work with students in good faith to find solutions that impact the community, specifically with regard to divestment.

On February 15, 2024, the ASMSU General Assembly passed [Bill 60-65](#), calling on the Board of Trustees to divest from weapons manufacturers and other entities complicit in genocide.

The Associated Students of Michigan State University demands Michigan State University divest and end its complicity in the genocide, forced displacement, and other atrocities faced by the Palestinians, Lebanese, Syrians, and others in the region. Students, faculty, staff, and community members at MSU who have ties to the region are directly impacted by these atrocities, and the University's complicity increases the unique suffering and trauma faced by these individuals. It is time for MSU to divest from war crimes and global suffering.

On December 13, 2024, the MSU Board of Trustees, revised [BOT Policy 607](#), the university's investment policy. [Previously](#), the investment policy had a clause stating that, "the Board will exhibit social conscience in the administration of the University's investments." In the revised policy, there is no longer any mention of "social conscience." This is a direct violation of the MSU Board of Trustees [Code of Ethics and Conduct](#) Standard 1, that the trustees will perform their duties, "ethically, honestly, and with integrity." Additionally, the new investment policy describes the creation of a committee made up of students, faculty, and staff to consider divestment or investment for non-financial reasons, formed by the President. University Governance, including ASMSU, has not been consulted about this committee. For these reasons, ASMSU has no confidence in the Board of Trustees to support students and carry out their responsibilities to the University.

MSU has a strong [history](#) of activism related to divestment, specifically as the first university in the US to fully divest from Apartheid South Africa. It is imperative that MSU honor this great legacy and divest from war, genocide, and apartheid happening today.

In Green and White,
The 61st Session of the ASMSU General Assembly



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