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When: Friday, December 15th, 10:30 A.M.

Where: Parkland College room D244

Who: Members of the "Students Transforming Oppression and Privilege" (STOP) Coalition

What: There will be a congressional field hearing to examine the "Protection of University Governance Act of 2006" (HR 5289) introduced by Republican Representative Tim Johnson and former House Speaker Dennis Hastert. The legislation limits the NCAA's ability to impose sanctions on member institutions by reason of a team name, symbol, emblem or mascot. The bill would allow any college or university that is penalized for those reasons to sue the NCAA and seek a court order to stop the decision.

The STOP Coalition connects the current hostile UIUC campus climate with the Board of Trustees' inaction on the mascot issue. STOP supports the NCAA decision against "Hostile and Abusive" mascots and refutes the popularity of the "chief" at UIUC, particularly as it relates to students of color.