

Petition to Governor Blagojevich calling for the removal of Jay Bergman from the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University

WHEREAS the term of Jay Bergman as Trustee of Illinois State University is expiring, and Mr. Bergman must be reappointed to his Trustee position by Governor Blagojevich; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bergman is the owner of Petco Petroleum, which has committed numerous infringements of environmental regulations in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan; and

WHEREAS the Illinois Attorney General and the Illinois Pollution Control Board have recently filed a complaint against Jay Bergman and Petco Petroleum for water pollution and water quality violations at three oil wells in Fayette County; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bergman has shown no compunction for such transgressions, remarking that "every oil company of any size every once in a while gets fined, once in a while has a leak," even though a statement from the Attorney General's office remarked that "Petco's track record shows that the company has not always taken all the actions required to prevent environmental damage," demonstrating that such incidents have not been mere accidents but have resulted from actual negligence; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bergman's words and deeds are in clear opposition to the Mission Statement of Illinois State University, which reads in part, "We devote all of our resources and energies to creating the most supportive and productive community possible to serve the citizens of Illinois and beyond;" and

WHEREAS it is hoped that Governor Blagojevich, in keeping the best interests of the Illinois State University community and the citizens of Illinois in mind when making decisions about appointments to the Illinois State University Board of Trustees, would not appoint to such a position an individual whose words and deeds are in clear opposition to the Mission Statement of Illinois State University and whose company has committed multiple violations of Illinois law, not merely by accident but also through negligence;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the undersigned, feel that Jay Bergman does not make a suitable leader for Illinois State University, and accordingly, we demand that Jay Bergman be denied reappointment to the Illinois State University Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution and list of signators will be sent to Governor Blagojevich and state media.

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Please ask your friends or family to sign and then mail petitions back to:

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