

VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mary Reynolds:

I would like to express my strong support for the graduate scholars and teachers at Yale who are organizing in order to improve their working conditions, as well as the learning atmosphere of the university. The importance of working people organizing and bargaining collectively with their employers has been recognized since the days of the New Deal. It is odd that seventy years later employees are still struggling for that simple right.

Universities are not exempt from the moral imperative that employees should be fairly treated. Indeed, there is a special responsibility of universities to teach by example, to exemplify for students the idea of fair play. I wish the graduate students well in their struggle for economic justice.

Howard Zinn