

## Issue 2: Divestment

As undergraduate students at The Ohio State University (OSU), we strongly oppose human rights abuses and discrimination. Through its mutual funds and endowment, including the money collected from student tuition, OSU invests in corporations that are complicit in documented human rights violations. Some of these corporations run for-profit private prisons, which have been discontinued for federal use by the U.S. Department of Justice due in part to safety concerns. Others manufacture weapons and provide surveillance technology to sustain the illegal military occupation of Palestinian territories. These corporations and their practices are as follows:

- CoreCivic (formerly known as the Corrections Corporation of America) and The GEO Group are responsible for atrocious living conditions and higher rates of violence against inmates in their prisons.
- CoreCivic and The GEO Group lobby for laws that further criminalize Americans—particularly Black Americans and other people of color—in order to maximize their profits in the private prison business.
- G4S provides security systems for U.S. private prisons, as well as for prisons holding Palestinians (including children and political prisoners) without due process.
- Caterpillar Inc. produces weaponized bulldozers used to destroy Palestinian homes and agricultural land.
- Hewlett Packard Enterprise provides the technology used to segregate, surveil, and restrict the movement of Palestinians—limiting their access to education, employment, and medical care.

*All of these documented practices have been deemed human rights violations by the American Civil Liberties Union, The Sentencing Project, Amnesty International, the United Nations, and many other human rights authorities.*

We, the undersigned, ask our student government to hold the University accountable for its complicity in human rights violations and discriminatory practices, and to call upon the University to adhere to its self-professed values of integrity and accountability in its investment policy and business practices by divesting from the companies listed above.