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Subject: Memo to Board of Trustees regarding Senator Fulbright

Dear President Bobbitt and UA Board of Trustees,

We hope this email finds you well, and appreciate your valuable time as you make your decision regarding the removal of Senator Fulbright's name from the Fulbright College and his statue from Old Main.

We are sending the attached letter on behalf of the Fulbright family members that we were able to contact. From our decades long perspective and personal experience, Senator Fulbright has been unfairly and inaccurately represented as a racist. No family members contacted have any recollection nor experienced any indication that Senator Fulbright had racist motivations in his personal, business or political life. This recollection spans the period of time between the 1940's and his death in 1995.

We sincerely hope that you will turn down the effort to remove his name from the Fulbright College

and his statue from Old Main, and avoid the damage to the University and to the Fulbright Program that has benefited so many.

Respectfully,
The Fulbright Family

Kenneth F. Douglas

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Letter to Board of Trustees

May 18, 2021

U of A Board of Trustees

% Dr. Don Bobbitt:

Dear Board Members:

We, the descendants and family of Bill Fulbright are united in our support of him as an honorable man, great statesman and visionary educator. We have always carried the Fulbright name with pride and will continue to do so in spite of the recent and public condemnations of early political actions taken by the Senator.

To a person we condemn racial oppression and inequality. While we in no way invalidate the feelings of the individuals who have voiced their desire to have his statue and name removed from the Fayetteville campus, we urge you to resist the emotion of the moment and to move with serious, thoughtful deliberation before rendering your decisions. The Senator has earned this right.

Senator Fulbright through his long career made many outstanding contributions to not just the University but our state, the nation and the world Fulbright scholar community of over 170+ nations. He devoted his life to the Fulbright College theme of Peace through Education - establishing the world-renowned Fulbright Scholars program while also tirelessly working to end the Vietnam War and bring our young men and women home. His long congressional career - while not perfect, evolved just as his state and the country grew in their awareness.

Please reach out to any of us if you want to know more about Bill Fulbright as we fondly knew and remember him.

Sincerely,
The Fulbright Family

Anne Fulbright	Frank Kelly	Jeanne F. Douglas
Jay Fulbright III	Ann Douglas Kelly	Hal Fulbright Douglas
Jay Fulbright IV	Kenneth Kelly	Deborah Douglas Hogue
Patty Fulbright Smith	Kim Kelly Baxter	Kenneth F. Douglas
Virginia Fulbright Smith	Douglas S. Teasdale	Demaris Douglas Dunsworth
Caroline Teasdale Walker	Elizabeth Teasdale	Ken Teasdale Liz Teasdale
Deanna Cherlyn Fulbright	William Foote	London Smith
William Stuart Fulbright	Thaddeus Foote	Hallie Smith
Eric Michael Fulbright	Ted Zorn	Cole Smith
Ryan Alexander Fulbright	Suzie Zorn	Alessandra Douglas
Jason William Fulbright	Willis B. Smith Jr.	Sydney Grace Douglas