

Complaint Form  
IUSG Election Commission

Date Complaint Submitted: Apr 2, 2021 11:00 PM

Complaint Submitted By: Abraham (Abe) Leite

Complaint Submitted Against: Carling Loudon (Inspire IU)

Date & Time of Violation: Apr 2, 2021, 3:07 PM (time may vary by recipient)

Description of Violation:

*\*cite specific parts of the code that are in violation*

Carling Loudon sent a mass, unsolicited email to myself and my peers at Indiana University. The email (which I have attached) inappropriately associates a single campaign with a campus-wide cause and certainly does not reflect well on the Inspire IU campaign. It is worth noting that they campaigned last year on the popular issue of a fee refund in a very similar manner but did not follow through with securing a fee refund for IU students.

Substantively, there are two specific codes that I would like to request that the Election Commission investigate as possible violations:

R.B. § 3-8-5 Improper Use of Telecommunications:

- There are two grounds on which this may apply.
- First, the code states that communications that do not “clearly” offer the option to not receive further communications are in violation of the code. As shown in my attached PDF and screenshots, the option to unsubscribe is hidden with a very large amount of space in between the signature of the email and the unsubscribe option.
- Second, the code states that “emails, texts, or calls a student for the purpose of campaigning after that student has requested to stop receiving such communications from that candidate or ticket” constitute violations. I requested to not receive additional emails from the Inspire ticket after their unsolicited communications last year, but I still received this further email. That suggests that the email was sent to all students irrespective of whether they had requested to stop receiving such communications.
- I do not know how many students received this mass mailing.

R.B. § 3-8-11 University Policy Violation:

- I have not submitted a complaint with UITTS, but this mass email may constitute a violation of a number of university policies.
- The particular policy I want to highlight is the following stipulation under “Use of Electronic Mail [IT-21]”: “Electronic mail will not be sent by members of the University community to persons with whom the sender does not have an established mutually-accepted personal, business, or academic relationship.”.

- There may also be privacy violations given that the senders of the email had access to my IU student name and email address, but I do not know which university policies these would fall under.

Attachments:  
(pictures, videos, etc)

Sent attached in email.



Abe Leite [REDACTED]

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**[External] Vote now to save fall and spring break**

1 message

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Carling Louden [REDACTED]@iu.edu>

Fri, Apr 2, 2021 at 3:07 PM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]@iu.edu

To: [REDACTED]@indiana.edu

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Please help us safely reopen and restore campus life by voting today. In the meantime, feel free to text me at [REDACTED] with any questions.

We're all in this together.

Sincerely,  
Carling

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Kelley School of Business '22  
Student Body Vice President Candidate  
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