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***Suffolk University to Sever Ties with Koch-Funded Beacon Hill Institute  
UnKoch My Campus Campaign Responds***

**Boston, MA --** Today Suffolk University [announced](#) that the school is planning to sever ties with the Beacon Hill Institute, an anti-regulation think tank housed on campus which has received over \$800,000 from the Charles Koch Foundation since 2008. BHI, which is run by David Tuerck, a former tobacco lobbyist, has been criticized by economists and scientists for its inaccurate and faulty research, especially around energy policy, and has been a main focus of [UnKoch My Campus](#), a student-led effort to increase transparency and raise awareness of the influence of Koch and other corporate funders on college campuses.

**Kalin Jordan, a 2009 graduate of Suffolk and co-founder of UnKoch My Campus, which began at Suffolk University, issued the following statement in response to today's announcement:**

“For two years, the UnKoch My Campus campaign has been working hard to encourage greater transparency around the details of BHI’s relationship with Suffolk. It was frustrating and disheartening to see research from BHI directly furthering the aims of those providing the Institute’s funding, including the Koch brothers and their broader network. We are pleased that Suffolk heard these concerns and we hope other universities will begin to recognize the importance of disclosing the specific details of funding from corporate donors.

With BHI gone, my alma mater can recommit itself to what it does best: providing a top notch education to its students in an environment that upholds academic integrity above all else.”

In October, a [groundbreaking expose](#) by the Center for Public Integrity revealed that the Koch brothers have quietly funneled tens of millions of dollars to more than 350 colleges and universities across the country, including Suffolk. In turn, these universities provide the Kochs’ network of think-tanks and American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) legislators with intellectual capital used to advance legislation the Kochs support and tear down policies they oppose. For example, in the spring of 2015, UnKoch My Campus worked tirelessly to draw [national media attention](#) to the fact that BHI was contributing research to reports attacking the Obama Administration’s Clean Power Plan in 16 states.

More information, including a [video](#) and interactive [heat map](#) showing the expansion of Koch funding over time, can be found on UnKoch My Campus’ website: [www.unkochmycampus.org](http://www.unkochmycampus.org).

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