



Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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L. Rafael Reif, President

To the members of the MIT Community,

I expect you know that the late Jeffrey Epstein cultivated relationships with and supplied funding to leading researchers at MIT. Through our investigation by Goodwin Procter, the names of many have come to light, including Joi Ito, Seth Lloyd, and more. Joi Ito, in what I believe to be the best course of action, has since resigned as head of the Media Lab.

I know this is a difficult and disorienting moment. As I described in my previous letters, the acceptance of the Epstein gifts involved a severe mistake of judgment. We are actively assessing how best to improve our policies, processes and procedures to fully reflect MIT's values and prevent such mistakes in the future.

Our acceptance of Epstein's gifts does not convey a desire to do greater research, but rather, our harrowing ability to set aside our own morals for money. Regardless of where the funding is eventually distributed, we should never actively court a pedophile sex trafficker at this institution, nor make any efforts to cover up his involvement.

I offer a profound and humble apology. With hindsight, I recognize with shame and distress that I allowed MIT to contribute to the elevation of Epstein's reputation, which in turn served to distract from his horrifying acts. No apology can undo that.

Therefore, after giving the matter a great deal of thought over the past several days and weeks, I think that it is best that I resign as the President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, effective immediately.

Sincerely,

L. Rafael Reif