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Objet : FQPPU's Solidarity with AAUP in Defending Academic Freedom and Institutional Integrity

Prof. Wolfson,

On behalf of the Fédération québécoise des professeures et professeurs d'université (FQPPU), we write to express our unequivocal support for the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in its fight against threats to academic freedom, institutional autonomy, and the fundamental values of higher education in the United States.

The recent actions taken by the federal government, such as punitive measures against research funding, the dismantling of the Department of Education, restrictions on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, and attempts to suppress student protests, represent a troubling attack on the principles that define a free and democratic society. These measures endanger academic institutions' independence and set a dangerous precedent for political interference in scholarly inquiry and public discourse.

Universities must remain spaces of open dialogue, rigorous debate, and fearless exploration of ideas. When governments leverage financial power to punish institutions or researchers for their perspectives, they undermine the very foundation of intellectual freedom and democracy. The deliberate dismantling of critical educational institutions and programs threatens to erode public trust in academia and silence marginalized voices.

The FQPPU stands firmly with the AAUP in condemning these attacks and advocating for policies that uphold academic integrity, faculty governance, and student rights. We

recognize that the struggle for academic freedom transcends national borders, and that the erosion of these principles anywhere threatens scholars and institutions everywhere. We call on all academic leaders, policymakers, and civil society organizations to join in resisting these measures and safeguarding the role of universities in fostering a just and informed society.

We commend the AAUP for its leadership in this critical moment and assure you of our continued solidarity. Should there be any opportunity for collaboration or further support from the FQPPU, please do not hesitate to reach out.

In solidarity,



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