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Dear Dr. Farrar and Dr. Tighe,

I write on behalf of our members to thank you and the many McMaster leaders who spent so much time in the work of resolving the protest encampment last month. It is clear that the university invested compassion and care for the student leaders and participants, not just during the weeks of the encampment but throughout the months since October. Many MUFA members have expressed to me how relieved and grateful they are that McMaster, unlike some of our peer institutions, reached a resolution with the protestors without resorting to criminal charges or disproportionate discipline.

At a general meeting on June 3, MUFA members voted in favour of a motion calling on the university to continue this precedent of compassionate, patient leadership. Specifically, the membership asks you to “safeguard the civil rights of Palestinian and pro-Palestinian students, faculty, and staff engaged in nonviolent protests against the decimation of life in Gaza, including:

- A public guarantee that administrators will not authorize Campus Safety Services or the Hamilton Police Service to interfere with protest actions or encampments on the basis of trespassing or other nonviolent charges; and
- a public guarantee that faculty and students will not face any form of disciplinary action or academic reprisal for their participation in nonviolent protest, including but not limited to suspension, expulsion, or the withholding of grades or degrees earned.”

I will be grateful if you can provide a response to this call that I may share with our members.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Anderson', written in a cursive style.

Catherine Anderson, MUFA President