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Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
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Minister Lecce,

McMaster University Academic Librarians' Association (MUALA) stands in solidarity with CUPE's Ontario School Board Council of Unions (OSBCU) and condemns the Ontario government's legislation which imposes a contract on the province's 55,000 education workers.

The Ontario government's legislation is a gross infringement of OSBCU's Charter rights to a free and fair collective bargaining process, which includes the right to strike. Bill 28 demonstrates contempt on the part of government for organized labour and for the well-being of education workers and children in Ontario's school system.

At a time when the country is bracing itself for a recession, and when inflation has hit a shocking rate of 6.9%, the government's move to impose a contract on education workers which raises their wage only slightly is reprehensible. MUALA endorses OSBCU's reasonable demands for a living wage which keeps members' salaries consistent with inflation.

Yours sincerely,

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