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President Lorna Marsden
York University
5949 Ross Building
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Dear President Marsden:

Attack on the Right of Free Expression and Assembly York University

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) shares the concerns of its affiliate, the York University Faculty Association (YUFA) regarding the attack on the right of free expression and assembly at York University flowing from the incident on January 20, 2005.

This concern prompted our members from outside the University to ask the Ontario Federation of Labour to develop the attached statement.

We hope York University will realize the critical role that all Ontario universities must play in creating and sustaining an environment which nurtures the development and expression of a diversity of ideas and actions. Such an environment is respectful of the rights and contributions made by students and workers who are members of the university community. We believe that this is vital to Ontario's economic, social and cultural development.

We ask you to meet with representatives of the York University community to address the issues of concern. We know that our affiliate, the York University Faculty Association, will keep us informed of developments.

Yours truly,

Wayne Samuelson

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