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Andrew Petter
President and Vice-Chancellor
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Dear President Petter:

On behalf of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, I am writing to express our profound disappointment with your Administration's threat to terminate health and welfare benefits for members of the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU).

I am fully aware of the ongoing and difficult negotiations between TSSU and the Administration. The decision to discontinue the University's contributions to the medical, extended health, and dental plans of TSSU members, however, will only make matters worse in the current round of bargaining and threatens to poison future relations. I strongly urge you to withdraw this threat immediately and to return to the bargaining table so that a negotiated and fair settlement may be reached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Robinson
Executive Director

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cc: Karen Dean, Teaching Support Staff Union
Neil Abramson, Simon Fraser University Faculty Association
Brian Green, Simon Fraser University Faculty Association
Chris Hatty, Director Labour and Employee Relations