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Dear David:

I am writing on behalf of the faculty and librarians of the Mount Allison Faculty Association to thank you for your two generous financial contributions to our recent job action.

As you will know, our job action ended with an agreement to move the outstanding items to interest arbitration, backed up by a strong back-to-work agreement. This job action was about holding to account a university employer which seems to have taken leave of all academic values. This strike was a contest over the future of our profession – over the meaning of academic freedom and the place of faculty and librarians in setting the direction of the university. Faculty and librarians belong to disciplinary and scholarly communities which are not bound to the imperatives and priorities of any particular institution; our terms and conditions of employment must support rather than restrict our ability to do our best work. We believe that we held our own in this and that this experience will give pause to both our employer and well as others in this country.

We understand that our struggle has implications for colleagues all over Canada, and we greatly appreciate your support during this time.

Yours truly,



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