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Dear Ms. Creary and Mr. Tetley,

As a recent veteran of one of the longest faculty strikes in Canadian university history, I am confident that my fellow professors and librarians at Université Sainte-Anne are equally saddened by the seeming breakdown in collective bargaining between Carleton University Academic Staff Association [CUASA] and your representatives.

In hopes of better learning conditions for your students and research conditions for your researchers, may I cordially remind you:

1. at any university, the working conditions of faculty and librarians are inseparable from the learning conditions of students.
2. the [invention of insulin](#) is an example of Canadian university research, as is Michael Ondaatje's Booker-prize winning novel *The English Patient* and, with help from the Social Sciences and Research Council of Canada, Dr. Suzette Mayr's Giller-Prize winning novel [The Sleeping Car Porter](#) (U. Calgary).
3. that Ontario [Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk's 2022 Special Report](#) on Laurentian University finds that:
 - a. academic salaries were not responsible for Laurentian's financial difficulties,
 - b. while bloated administrative salaries and perks arguably were.
4. that at Canadian university after Canadian university, [well-paid administrators continue to improve their own compensation](#) while [public financial support for universities declines](#).

In a bitter irony, teaching and research at Canadian universities annually reconfirms that university education is a superb public investment. Sadly, this knowledge is ignored by Canada's self-enriching university administrators. I urge your negotiating team to return to bargaining in good faith with CUASA to let your faculty deliver the unquestionable value of excellent education.

Most respectfully and seriously yours,

L' Association des professeurs, professeures et bibliothécaires de l'Université Sainte-Anne