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Dear Dr Peterson,

I am writing as president of the Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship (SAFS), a national organization of university faculty members and others dedicated to the defense of academic freedom and reasoned and respectful debate. (For further information, please see our website at www.safs.ca.)

We are aware that you have been the subject of widespread criticism, campus protest, and calls for discipline at the University of Toronto, as a result of your criticism of political correctness on campus, and your opposition to the proposed Canadian bill to expand human rights protection to include gender identity.

While we are not aware that your academic freedom has been violated by the university, there has surely been a lack of publicly stated support for your right to express reasoned views on a matter of public and academic concern. We are therefore offering you our moral support and will be willing to write to your university protesting any violation of your academic freedom, should this become necessary.

We will post this letter on our website. With your permission, we will be pleased to post your reply together with it.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Mercer', written in a cursive style.

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