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Mr. David Robinson
Executive Director
Canadian Association of University Teachers
2705 Queensview Drive
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Dear Mr. Robinson,

I attach a copy of the Report of the independent reviewer, the Hon. Thomas A. Cromwell, C.C. Also attached is my response on behalf of the University of Toronto administration.

The Report's findings provide a comprehensive factual narrative that, in my opinion, corrects the mistaken inferences that formed the basis for the motion that is before your Council next month. In view of Mr. Cromwell's findings, which are based on a careful analysis of a full and complete evidence base not previously available publicly, there is no factual foundation to support your motion and it should not move ahead. In my response, I have accepted all of the reviewer's recommendations, and have outlined a path forward.

In my October 29, 2020 letter to you I indicated, in response to your offer to meet, that we should wait until the independent review's findings were made public before doing so. Now that this has occurred, I would be glad to participate in such a meeting.

Sincerely,

Merick S. Gertler
President

cc: Brenda Austin-Smith, CAUT President
Alison Hearn, Chair, CAUT Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee
Terezia Zoric, President, University of Toronto Faculty Association

Encl: Cromwell Report
Presidential Response