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President Patrick Deane
Dr. Ilene J. Busch-Vishniac, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
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Dear President Deane and Provost Vice-President Busch-Vishniac,

Members of the Librarians Association of the University of Waterloo join other library associations to voice our support for librarians at McMaster University. We are deeply concerned by the stated intentions of McMaster's chief librarian to stop hiring American Library Association-accredited librarians. We question the wisdom behind a decision that will result in reducing or eliminating the inclusion of trained, dedicated professionals in this setting. We feel that this will not only have an immediate negative impact on the morale within the McMaster library system, but it will also lead to an erosion of sound stewardship practices over time, threatening the welfare of a collection on which scholars and students depend.

We are happy to learn of the upcoming Library review that undoubtedly will examine the intents and practices of your current chief librarian.

Respectfully,

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