



December 15, 2011

The Honourable Naomi Yamamoto
Minister of Advanced Education
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister:

I am writing to you today to urge you to reconsider your recently tabled Bill 18, the Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act. Under that legislation, faculty association and staff representatives would be effectively barred from standing for elected positions on the Board of Governors for BC colleges, institutes, and universities. This legislation undermines Canadian democratic principles at our public institutions by threatening the freedom of association that every worker in Canada is guaranteed. This legislation is an attack on the rights of faculty and staff to support an elected representative of their choosing.

As a Union representing over 800 University of Victoria professional staff, I urge you to withdraw the offending provisions in Bill 18.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned below the "Yours sincerely," text.

Scott McCannell
Executive Director, Professional Employees Association

c.c.: The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia

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