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To All Whom Need be Concerned;

Freedom and democratic action, Rights and Responsibilities, are Indigenous. ***Rights are Responsibilities*** to all Beings, to Land, to Water, and to one another. These are inherent, they belong to no one and can be taken by no one. They are enshrined in Indigenous Lands, Laws, protocols, manners, cultures, and expectations, and are also somewhat understood in what we mean when we say we live in an equitable, free, and just country.

Clear evidence, such as eyewitness reports, experience of members of the TSS Union and SFU Security spokespersons, documentation and publication in the [Press Progress](#), all contribute to the principles of Indigenous Witness: SFU administration has hired and retained the services of Lions Gate Risk Management (LGRM) to target, intimidate, photo document (without permission or consent), attempt to manage, surveil, and investigate its own employees, particularly members of the TSSU, across all three campuses.

Lions Gate Risk Management is a private security firm composed of law enforcement, military personnel, and security industry specialists who have been and are complicit in the criminalization and forced removal of Indigenous Peoples across the province in our own Indigenous HomeLands. LGRM earns money by surveilling the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, a project proceeding without the free, prior, and informed consent of Territorial Owners, a project which contributes to environmental injustices, climate change and the creation of millions of global environmental refugees. LGRM acts/ed for clear-cutting Teal-Jones in undermining Indigenous Rights, in advancing ruin in Indigenous communities, and in destruction of democracy. These are this administration's cronies.

LGRM exhibited at Canada Gas and LNG conferences, advertising their services for companies operating specifically against Indigenous Land Defenders, Indigenous Rights and Title. LGRM performs the work of Rights violations. They are associated with the RCMP's tactical arm, the so-called "Community-Industry Response Group" (C-IRG) [responsible for atrocious violence](#), intimidation, and assault on Indigenous Peoples and Territories. So-called security firms operating on behalf of the oil and gas sector against Indigenous Land Defenders and allies [instigate violence](#), compromise the true safety and sovereignty of communities they purport to serve, advance an agenda of resource (our Relatives) theft, destruction, and importation of long-term poverty upon those whose Lands and Beings they destroy.

SFU administration claims budget restraints in the ongoing TSSU struggle, and claim dwindling resources for TA, RA, scholarship, tuition and other student and faculty supports and opportunities, while appropriating our collective community funds (the budget), to hire those with military and police training who are at the forefront of Indigenous Rights violations in Canada.

SFU violates the terms of Reconciliation, all the while claiming the opposite. We see you and bear Witness. SFU has and continues to undermine the principles of Reconciliation, in very clear, anti-Indigenous ways: Here by importing the very specific individuals and companies,

violence-makers, chaos-provokers, agents a the behest of resource ruin in Indigenous communities into our very Work/Home of SFU, those whose work targets, intimidates, instigate violence, and abrogates the Rights and Title of Indigenous Peoples.

We cannot and do not stand by or support this highly visual and confrontational presence hired and imposed upon us by SFU administration as an alternative to providing living wages for TSSU. The significant harm to community via menacing agents of Rights ruin in our 'safe' and 'community-engaged' campuses further triggers Indigenous faculty, students, and the community-at-large, who suffer from oppressions imposed by such agents upon our families, communities, and lives.

We see you and bear Witness.

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