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Helen Marshall, Secretary
Toronto Public Library Board of Directors
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Dear Ms. Marshall,

On behalf of the membership of The Writers' Union of Canada (TWUC), I wish to address the TPL Board of Directors on the matter of the **Sell Books to the Library** pilot program. The Board is in receipt of a letter from TWUC Chair, Harry Thurston, expressing the organization's disappointment with the program, as well as a joint letter from 31 of Canada's most successful individual authors, urging the board to consult with our organization. I understand the program will be up for discussion at the next board meeting in late March. I am happy to attend and provide an author perspective.

TWUC's presentation will outline the importance of the library market for Canadian authors and publishers, the growing pressure on our sector to severely discount our labour or give it away for free, and how the **Sell Books to the Library** program contributes to the overall devaluation of books.

Sincerely,

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