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Mr. Mike Foderick  
Chair, Toronto Public Library Board  
789 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Mr. Foderick:

**RE: OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY CAMPAIGN**

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated February 20, 2014.

The Toronto Public Library Workers Union (TPLWU) Local 4948 stands by the Our Public Library campaign and all its elements.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives is a well-respected economic policy institute. We thank them for their interest in the library which resulted in the 2011 publication "The Great Equalizer: A Case for Reinvesting in the Toronto Public Library." Our campaign drew heavily from the findings of this report. We do not believe your analysis dated from 1998 is comparable to the twenty year retrospective provided in that report.

It is unfortunate that the Toronto Public Library Board chose to use the internal staff newsletter to communicate their message. (To note, this was not reflected in your December motion). This is the first time that the staff newsletter, a publication designed to promote staff and their accomplishments, has been used in such an overtly political way.

It is our hope that one day we will be able to join together to advocate fully on behalf of the Toronto Public Library.

Yours truly,

Maureen O'Reilly  
President

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cc. TPLWU Local 4948 Recording Secretary