

University of Lethbridge Students' Union Stands in Solidarity with University of Alberta and **University of Calgary Students**

To the University of Lethbridge community,

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union (ULSU) firmly supports the students of the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary as they exercise their fundamental right to protest peacefully. We condemn the acts of violence that occurred on May 9th at the University of Calgary and on May 11th at the University of Alberta. The ULSU is alarmed by the reports of arrests and attacks on students at these campuses and strongly opposes any escalation of violence against student demonstrators at any post-secondary institution. We uphold the principle that the freedom of assembly is a vital aspect of our democratic society.

As advocates for student welfare and wellbeing, the ULSU affirms its commitment to supporting students' rights to express themselves freely and engage in peaceful demonstrations without fear of reprisal or attacks through the form of police force, as well as intimidation or retaliation from Universities. The ULSU is actively working to ensure that our campus and community remains a safe space for students to exercise their fundamental rights.

We call upon university administrations from all post-secondary institutions across Alberta, and law enforcement agencies to respect and protect the rights of students to peacefully assemble and protest. Students safety, equity, rights to gather, and express themselves is of paramount importance.

In the spirit of unity, and as fellow students within the province of Alberta, the University of Lethbridge Students' Union supports the students of the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary as they express their chartered protected rights.

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Yours in solidarity,

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