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Dear Canadian Federation of Students:

On behalf of the Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton & Area), I am writing to express our support for Queer and Trans-Identified students, staff and faculty of the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus.

As an agency that envisions a world free of violence and oppression, we operate within an anti-racist and anti-oppression framework. We will challenge social and political structures and systems that contribute to violence, oppression, and exploitation of women.

The vandalism targeted at the LGBTQ communities on the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus is an act of hatred designed to create an atmosphere of intimidation and fear — not only for students, but also for LGBTQ staff and faculty. We condemn these hate-motivated attacks based on gender identification/expression or sexual orientation.

We believe that all students, staff and faculty have a right to an environment that is free of discrimination and oppression in any form.

We stand with the University of Toronto queer and transidentified communities who refuse to be silenced and we celebrate their courage.

In solidarity,

Lenore Lukasik-Foss  
Director