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**Statement by the AMUSE Board of Representatives Regarding
the PQ Budget Cuts to Universities**

Whereas the PQ government has imposed enormous cuts to Quebec universities without adequate warning,

Whereas Quebec universities have been placed in the impossible position of needing to fulfill their teaching missions but also cut millions from their operating budgets in a matter of months, or risk losing even more grants next year,

Whereas student services and quality of education are likely to suffer from these arbitrary cuts,

Whereas students have been given no meaningful opportunity to present other alternatives to the problem of underfunding in universities since these cuts were made before the so-called 'summit' later this month,

Whereas the precarious nature of casual employees means that they are likely to be highly vulnerable to the effect of these cuts. Universities are being forced to choose between paying their staff members and keeping buildings up to safety code while accumulating huge deficits either way.

Be it resolved that the Association of McGill University Support Employees condemns this short-sighted and poorly implemented plan to pass off fiscal responsibility. AMUSE hopes that the PQ government will reconsider these cuts and work with universities, unions, and students to find the most equitable solution to this problem by evaluating all of the alternatives.

In solidarity,

The Board of Representatives of the Association of McGill University Support Employees

