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University of Manitoba Faculty Association  
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Subject: Statement of support for the University of Manitoba Faculty Association (UMFA)

To the University of Manitoba Faculty Association,

The Health Libraries Association of British Columbia (HLABC) stands in solidarity with the University of Manitoba Faculty Association (UMFA) on the occasion of its strike.

As part of health libraries, hospitals, and academic institutions, HLABC recognizes the impact and value of academic staff at the University of Manitoba. As former and current librarians, educators, researchers, and students, we have dedicated ourselves to facilitating learning environments in which students and staff can—and are encouraged to—exercise their academic and innovative freedom in their communities.

As gateways to knowledge and culture, libraries play a fundamental role in advancing society. The resources and services they offer create opportunities for education and help shape new ideas and perspectives. They are essential in building and sustaining informed communities.

We support the UMFA's right to strike in demand of an equitable wage. A fair deal will ensure that their salaries remain competitive and the University remains autonomous from the provincial government.

We call on the University of Manitoba's President Michael Bennaroch and the University of Manitoba to accept the demands of the UMFA so that staff and students can resume their work, education, and passions in advancing positive change in local and global issues.

In solidarity,

The Executive of Health Libraries Association of British Columbia