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Dear Marc and Samer,

I'm writing to express my concern that the SFU Student Society is considering not leasing space to all student organizations in the new building, with a particular concern that SFPIRG may be left out in the cold. I attended another excellent workshop with them this past weekend and was disturbed to find that there was a chance that your organization was going to refuse their request for space.

I am a business owner in Vancouver and Chair of the Wendy McDonald Diversity Awards Subcommittee with the Advisory Committee of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade Women's Leadership Circle. My work with senior leaders in my executive coaching and image consulting practice and with the WLC has been informed by the social awareness research and workshops that SFPIRG has presented over the past five years.

I value their work so highly that I am currently discussing options to bring a workshop to the Advisory Committee to increase the diversity and inclusion awareness and action we can provide to our members and have been sharing SFPIRG's work with other corporate colleagues who are working in D&I at such companies as SAP, BC Hydro and Telus.

I do not endorse the actions of a student society that wishes to overtly exclude a valuable voice from the student space where they could be accessible to me and to others who benefit directly from their work.

I have signed the petition but feel so strongly about this issue that I ask you directly to include them in a leased space on campus moving forward.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Regards,

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