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To our colleagues in the Alberta Teachers' Association,

On behalf of the BC Teacher-Librarians' Association (BCTLA), we write to express our support for Alberta's teachers and school communities as you respond to the new Ministerial Order No. 030/2025 on the standards for selecting and providing access to school library materials.

Across Canada, we know that strong school libraries—led by qualified Teacher-Librarians—play an essential role in ensuring students have access to diverse ideas and perspectives, supporting critical thinking, and protecting intellectual freedom. We recognize that Alberta schools already have very few teacher-librarians, and we believe their professional expertise is exactly what is needed to guide thoughtful, balanced decisions about library collections.

Instead, this order introduces additional restrictions and oversight that could limit students' access to materials and place extra pressures on educators who are already doing their best to serve diverse learning needs. Supporting and investing in trained Teacher-Librarians is a better way to ensure that school libraries remain welcoming, inclusive, and responsive to students and families.

We stand with you in advocating for policies that trust and respect the professional judgment of teachers and teacher-librarians. Your efforts to protect students' right to read, inquire, and learn freely matter to all of us. Please know that your colleagues here in British Columbia stand ready to share resources, lend our voices, and work alongside you to uphold the core values of access, inclusion, and intellectual freedom.

In respect and solidarity,



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