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Anne Sado, President
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Re: Reinstating note-takers at George Brown College

Dear President Sado,

We hope this finds you well. We would like to add our collective voices as elected officials to request that George Brown College reinstate the note-takers whose contracts were terminated and that remain so. These individuals were providing a specialized and tailored service for students with disabilities whose level of attention and care cannot be replicated by automated programs.

Our concern is for the accessibility of the students with disabilities, and for the loss of decently paid labour for the contracted workers. We are also concerned that the workers have not been informed of whether the transition to the “Note Taking Express” app is permanent, or rather for the duration of the pandemic.

We are calling for these contract workers to be reinstated to their former positions and for the utmost to be done to ensure high quality and professional note-taking services to students with disabilities.

We look forward to hearing from you on how these concerns will be addressed.

Yours sincerely,

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