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Dear Dr. Mercer & Tara Erskine:

**Re: Kendra Gould v. Society of Academic Freedom & Scholarship &/or St.  
Mary's University  
File #42000-30-H19-2138**

At its meeting of June 24, 2024, the Commissioners of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, adopted the following motion:

Motion that the complaint against the Respondent be referred to a Board of Inquiry pursuant to Section 32A(1) of the *Human Rights Act* to determine whether discrimination has occurred.

The next part of the process is that the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court will nominate a person to be a Board of Inquiry to hear the complaint. Once the nomination is approved by the Commissioners of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, a letter of appointment is sent to the person selected as the Board of Inquiry.

The time necessary to institute the Board of Inquiry and to conduct the hearing could be lengthy. Therefore, it will be several months before this process is completed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Dorrington", is written over a horizontal line.

Cynthia Dorrington  
Chair

cc: Kimberley Franklin, Senior Legal Counsel  
Robyn Martelly, Human Rights Officer