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RE: Solidarity with the Mi'Kmaq Fishers

On behalf of 14,000 students at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union expresses our deep solidarity with the Mi'kmaq fishers along Nova Scotia's French Shore. Mi'kmaq fishers in Nova Scotia have been under attack since Sipekne'katik First Nation launched its moderate livelihood fishery on Sept. 17, in line with the Supreme Court decision granting their right to fish.

On October 13, the violence intensified as a mob of angry settler fishers trapped two Mi'kmaw fishermen inside a lobster pound, set their van on fire, and stole their lobster catch. We are outraged but not surprised by the Canadian government's complacency amid this ongoing harassment and intimidation, and increasing violence. The violent actions taken by settler fishers are part of coordinated state-supported violence towards Indigenous people. Here in Ontario, we have seen the state continue to criminalize Six Nations land defenders for participating in a peaceful reclamation of their land.

As part of our ongoing solidarity with Mi'kmaq fishers, we are contributing to the frontline and Sipekne'Katik First Nation funds to support their defence and writing to our elected representatives to demand action on behalf of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union.

We encourage all of our members to take immediate action to support Mi'kmaq fishers. Here is how you can help:

✉ Use this simple e-mail tool to write to your elected representatives to demand an end to government complacency: <https://www.collectiveaction.ca/takeaction/mikmaq-rights-to-fish>.

✉ Donate to the Frontlines: 1752frontline@gmail.com and Sipekne'Katik First Nation: monicah@sipeknekatik.ca (PayPal also)

✉ Continue the conversation - talk to your friends, families and classmates about what is happening in Nova Scotia. Check out this list of actions and resources (compiled by @charcon) for more information: <https://tinylink.net/wa4UT>

In solidarity,

The Scarborough Campus Students' Union