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Dear Members,

Across the country, anti-trans and other hate groups have led protests targeting 2SLGBTQIA+ youth. SCSU condemns and stands against these nation-wide protests. There is no place for transphobia, homophobia, queerphobia, or any other form of gender discrimination on- or off-campus.

In this province, there has been a concerning upward trend in transphobic rhetoric. Last week, Premier Doug Ford made comments encouraging educators to violate school policies and out students to their parents, an action that places 2SLGBTQIA+ youth at risk. SCSU condemns these comments. We stand firm in our commitment to creating safer spaces for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth on- and off-campus. Every student deserves a safe environment to learn and live.

Today, SCSU attended a counter protest in Scarborough led by Students for Queer Liberation and other groups. We encourage our membership to attend future solidarity actions, if safe to do so.

For those affected, we encourage those seeking mental health support, to please access our resource list of on and off-campus resources available at https://www.scsu.ca/mental-health-resources and https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/hwc/mental-health-services-and-resources-utsc-students and/or reach out to our Executive Team.

In Solidarity, Your Scarborough Campus Students' Union