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**Object: Cancellation of subscription to Taylor & Francis Group journal bundle**

Ms. Lee, Mr. Chesher:

I wish hereby to express my great disappointment with the way the negotiations between Taylor & Francis Group and Université de Montréal (UdeM) Libraries regarding the subscription to your journal bundle have been conducted.

A survey of the UdeM community has demonstrated that only 20% of the journals within the Taylor & Francis Group bundle are needed for teaching and research activities at our university. However, the asking price to your journal bundle is based on the 2,391 journals available in it. In other words, Taylor & Francis Group refuses to take into account the real needs of our community, unlike other large publishers that have accepted to negotiate with UdeM on this basis.

By not taking into account the real needs of the UdeM community during the negotiations, Taylor & Francis Group has forced UdeM to unsubscribe to its journal bundle and to keep only 160 (6.7%) of the bundle. This situation is all the more deplorable that the production of scientific journals relies primarily on the free contribution of researchers (including professors), who are not remunerated by the publishers, but who write articles, review articles submitted by peers, and participate in the editorial boards of these journals.

Therefore, as a professor who has the access to scientific information at heart, **I inform you that I will prioritize the journals of other publishers for publishing my research findings, and that I will refuse to review articles submitted to any of your journals. I will do so because I estimate that you bear full responsibility for this situation. Our libraries simply do not command the needed financial resources to respond to your excessive demands. I support our libraries.**

For all these reasons, I wish to add my voice to those of other researchers from the UdeM community. Together, we denounce the exorbitant price asked by Taylor & Francis Group for access to its journal bundle. In the absence of a fair offer on your part, my support to our libraries' resistance will only grow stronger.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Université de Montréal