



November 27, 2019

Honorable Jason Kenney, MLA, Premier of the Province of Alberta

307 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
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Dear Mr. Kenney,

It has come to our attention that on November 25, 2019 you made disparaging remarks against our academic colleague, Dr. Melanee Thomas, associate professor from the University of Calgary.

The Athabasca University Faculty Association stands in support of our academic colleagues and their right to academic freedom. We view your remarks as an attempt to diminish Dr. Thomas's academic credibility as part of the United Conservative Party's ongoing efforts to silence dissent.

Mr. Kenney, we will not be silenced, nor will we stand by silently while you use bullying tactics against our academic colleagues.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jolene Armstrong

President AUFA