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**Ms. Maria Lopes**

**Acting Vice-president library Sales, US & Canada**

**Springer-Nature**

**Object : Access to Springer’s full collection at Université de Montréal**

Dear Ms. Lopes

The reason for this letter is to transmit our disapprobation regarding how you dealt with the renewal of the Université de Montréal’s access to your library.

As you already know, only 11.6% of the total number of journals contained in your full collection is used for research purpose by the Université de Montréal. However, the access to these articles are of most importance for the research community to fulfill our knowledge transmission responsibility.

Unfortunately, raising the subscription price of your whole collection results in important financial problems for the universities. It is unwise of you not to review your position considering that your competitors agreed to negotiate a fair price with the University.

As research professional, for the sake of scientific development, we pay for our work to be published and accept to freely review our peers work. However, since you sacrifice the researcher’s access to the same scientific publications they produce by refusing to negotiate in good faith, we have no other choice but to priories other editors to publish the results of our research.

I join my voice to those of my fellow university researchers to ask that you reconsider your position and willingly negotiate a better access to your whole collection for the University’s community.

Best regards,

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