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Dear President Peter Stiocheff,

I am writing to express my concern about the rising issue of food insecurity on our campus. Despite being a prestigious university, it is disheartening to know that a significant number of students are struggling to access adequate and nutritious food on a daily basis. These stressors affect their academic performance and also take a toll on their overall well-being.

Accessing food can also place a financial strain on students, as they may need to spend more money on food or forego other essential expenses, such as rent or textbooks, to pay for food.

Based on numbers obtained from student aid, and the USSU Food Centre, it has been found that more than \$300,000 was spent on crisis aid pre-pandemic, and now sits at around \$700,000. 75% of students using the USSU Food Centre services are graduate students, and 25% are undergraduates. A significant portion of this percentage are international students, as well.

It is our responsibility as a university to ensure that all students have access to necessities, including food. To address this pressing issue, I propose allocating some funding toward addressing the food needs of our students.

I understand that the budget may be limited, but I firmly believe this investment will go a long way in addressing the food insecurity problem on campus and improving the lives of our students. I would be happy to work with the administration to explore various options and find a solution that works best for our university.

Please consider my request, and willing to meet to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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President,
University of Saskatchewan Students' Union