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Mayor and Members
City of Toronto Executive Council
RE: Report 21.13 Review of the City of Toronto's Policies on Anti-Discrimination

ABC Life Literacy Canada is a national literacy organization located in Toronto. We have been made aware that the City of Toronto is reviewing its anti-discrimination policies. Thank you for the opportunity to share our position.

We would like to express our appreciation to City Council for including literacy in its existing anti-discrimination policies, which have recognized literacy as a human right since the International Year of Literacy in 1990.

Four out of 10 adult Canadians—more than 9 million people—struggle with low literacy. City Council has demonstrated continued leadership and foresight in highlighting the importance of literacy, which is fundamental for social and economic inclusion in the life of our City.

ABC Life Literacy Canada encourages the City of Toronto, as it reviews its anti-discrimination policies, to ensure that these policies continue to include literacy, so that Torontonians with low literacy do not experience discrimination. These policies also serve to bring barriers, such as literacy, to the attention of the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

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