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Ms. Ashley Ravenscroft
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The Graduate Students Association of McMaster University
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March 7, 2022

Dear Ms. Ravenscroft:

Re: Audit Quote for 2022

The purpose of this letter is to provide the management team and Board of The Graduate Students Association of McMaster University (the "GSA") an estimate of audit costs for the year ending May 31, 2022.

We have been honoured to serve the GSA and look forward to continuing our service relationship with you.

Our businesses have all been impacted by the pandemic over the past few years and more recently the impact in the business world has been extraordinary increases in inflation and labour costs. In public accounting, our labour costs increased in the fall by an average of over 20% across all levels of staff and management. Starting salaries, which support many McMaster graduates, increased overnight in October 2021 by 17%. Although our base fees have been impacted, we have minimized the increases to our valued clients to the extent possible.

We are pleased to provide you with the following quote for audit services for the year ending May 31, 2022. Our proposed audit fees are approximately **\$15,500** (plus technology support fee of 5%).

The quote assumes the activity of the GSA is expected to be consistent with the activity and results for the year ending May 31, 2022. Should the results and activity of the GSA change significantly we will revisit the quoted fees with you before commencing our audit engagement.

As in the past, we are happy to schedule the audit at a time that is convenient for you and your team.

We appreciate your business and the opportunity to work with you and your team. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

John Pryke
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