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Open Letter to the Kyoto University

To the University of Kyoto Administration,

We, the undersigned, are writing this open letter to express our deep concern and solidarity with the residents of Yoshida Dormitory at Kyoto University. It has come to our attention that the university administration has initiated actions against the residents, including filing a civil lawsuit, resulting in a disruptive and unjust situation for the students.

The actions taken by the university authorities, particularly in forcing residents to vacate Yoshida Dormitory and pursuing legal action against them, raise serious questions regarding human rights, academic freedom, and the principles of fair dialogue and engagement within an academic community.

Despite the trial's outcome largely favoring the dormitory's claims, it is disheartening that the university has opted to prolong the uncertainty and disruption faced by the residents by appealing the decision. We firmly believe in upholding principles of justice, transparency, and respect for the rights of all members within academic institutions. It is imperative that universities foster an environment where students feel heard, valued, and supported in their pursuit of education and personal growth.

Therefore, we urge the University of Kyoto administration to reconsider its actions and immediately cease the appeal against the residents of Yoshida Dormitory. We call for a resumption of dialogue in good faith, with a commitment to finding

mutually acceptable solutions that prioritize the well-being and rights of the students.

It is our sincere hope that the university administration will heed this call and take meaningful steps towards resolving the Issue around Yoshida Dormitory in a manner that upholds the values of justice, equity, and academic freedom.

Sincerely,