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Toby here.

This afternoon I was afforded the opportunity to speak out against the distasteful treatment of our friend Christie Blatchford at the University of Waterloo.

Please see the statement from this afternoon, pasted below.

Again, if you can get out to support Christie tonight in Hamilton at 7 p.m. at the Chedoke Presbyterian Church, 865 Mohawk Road West, I am sure she'd appreciate it. I have freed up my schedule and my colleague MPP Randy Hillier and I will be there.

Hope to see you this evening.

Toby

One day after Remembrance Day, Christie Blatchford was to deliver a speech at the University of Waterloo on her book *Helpless: Caledonia's Nightmare of Fear and Anarchy, and How the Law Failed All of Us*.

One day after we paid tribute to those who fought to the death for such rights as Freedom of Speech, Ms. Blatchford was prevented from speaking..

A university spokesperson said, "Unfortunately there is a small minority that felt that they would win if they'd just sit on the stage and yell 'racist, racist, racist'".

"They did win," said Blatchford. "If their whole goal is to shut down free speech, then absolutely, they were successful."

An online photo shows protestors carrying a swastika across the stage.

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This is not over Speaker -- The First Nations Solidarity Working Group has issued a call to organize and respond to Blatchford as she makes her way across Canada promoting her book.

Freedom of expression and free speech is important – people have fought to their death for these freedoms. Don't impose censorship on another because you don't agree. Intimidation is wrong and cowardly. If you want to get your message out you need to let others do the same.

Christie Blatchford may return to Waterloo. She is speaking tonight in Hamilton -- I trust her right to freedom of expression is enforced.

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