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**To the Members of the Faculty of Humanities Board  
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We are a group of Italian scholars of Scandinavian Studies – professors, lecturers and researchers working at several universities of our country.

Henrik Ibsen is the foremost modern Scandinavian writer, his major works are successfully included in the syllabuses of our courses year after year, and even in our research, we cannot but constantly refer to Ibsen's masterly authorship. The Centre for Ibsen Studies at the University of Oslo has been providing us and our students with extraordinarily valuable editions, scholarly work and digital materials, and with suggestions, help and support for the pursuit of our research goals.

We would therefore like to express our concern at the possibility that the Faculty of Humanities might reduce its funding to the Centre for Ibsen Studies. We consider this development unfair, and we hope that the Faculty of Humanities Board will not make such a decision. Ibsen's authorship is a legacy for Norway, Europe and the whole world, and we strongly hope that the Centre for Ibsen Studies will be able to continue to fulfil its important task.

Yours sincerely,



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