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Dear Mr. Stanton,

On behalf of CFUW Ontario Council I would like to bring to your attention our concern about the increasing debt load that University and College students incur while attending post-secondary institutions in Ontario.

Education in Ontario should be available and affordable to all students who express a desire to complete post-secondary education. Unfortunately, the inequality of the federal-provincial credits throughout Canada has created a system where access and the benefits of post-secondary education are not equally distributed.

Ontario students have the second highest tuition fees in Canada. The high cost of tuition should not create a barrier to education. Aboriginal, rural and low-income youth are particularly at a disadvantage to pursuing post-secondary education.

The advantages to an educated population are many. When people are educated they tend to be healthier, more active, have a positive impact on the economy and contribute to the human resource needs of our communities, our province and our country.

Affordable, accessible and quality education is important to the more than 5700 members who belong to the Ontario Council of the Canadian Federation of University Women. I look forward to discussing this with you and will be in touch with your office to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

Wendy Taylor
Education Standing Committee Chair
CFUW Ontario Council