

Hon. Jill Dunlop Minister of Colleges and Universities 438 University Ave. Toronto, ON M7A 1N3

Re: 2022 College Labour Disruption

Dear Minister Dunlop,

The College Student Alliance (CSA) is writing to you on behalf of all of Ontario's college students in regards to the current labour disruption. The pandemic has been incredibly hard on college students, from impacting their finances to their mental health, a return to stability and normalcy is critical. CSA believes everyone has the right to fair compensation for work provided and those working conditions should be fair and equitable. CSA also acknowledges that these are difficult economic times for everyone in Ontario.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has upended any normalcy that college students have had. The economic downturn from the pandemic is affecting many people, but college students are shouldering much of this burden of an uncertain future. The Ministry of Colleges and Universities, College Faculty, and the colleges have a responsibility to do what is in the best interest of its students and return to the bargaining table or agree to a negotiated settlement so to avoid further disruption.

With a strike deadline being set further hardship for college students is also on the horizon. The ministry has a role to play, CSA urges the government to act and provide stability to Ontario's college students.

We look forward to your response.

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Sincerely,

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