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Subject: Protect Ontario's Public Postsecondary Education – Oppose Bill 33

Dear [MPP Name],

As a constituent and member of the Trent University Faculty Association, I am deeply concerned about Bill 33, the Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025. This Bill represents a serious threat to the autonomy and quality of Ontario's publicly funded colleges and universities. It gives the government increased control over postsecondary institutions through ministerial directives and new oversight mechanisms, undermining academic freedom, research independence, and the ability of our institutions to meet student and community needs. At a time when Ontario already ranks last in the country in per-student funding, this legislation adds costly red tape rather than providing the meaningful investment our students and campuses urgently need.

I am also alarmed by the government's continued exclusion of students, staff, and faculty from key decision-making processes. Without the voices of those who live and work within the sector, decisions risk prioritizing privatization, program cuts, and precarious work over the public good. These actions weaken the foundations of our universities and colleges and jeopardize both educational quality and the economic vitality of the regions they serve.

I urge you to stand with Ontario's students, educators, and researchers by calling for the withdrawal or major revision of Bill 33. Please advocate for sustainable public funding, transparency, and genuine consultation with those directly affected by these decisions. Our postsecondary institutions are vital public resources. Let us protect their autonomy and ensure they remain strong, inclusive, and publicly accountable.

Sincerely,

[Your Name Here]

Member, Trent University Faculty Association