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Dear Minister Romano,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Carleton University Academic Staff Association (CUASA), the certified trade union representing over 950 professors, instructors, and librarians at Carleton University.

CUASA stands with OCUFA in its concern with emerging efforts to expand the privatization of postsecondary education in Ontario and to give private institutions degree-granting privileges that will undermine the quality and accessibility of postsecondary education in the province.

A current example is the Ford government's ongoing attempt to discreetly pass legislation through an omnibus bill that would allow Charles McVety's private Canada Christian College to call itself a university and award degrees. The discreetness of the process is alarming, and is further tarred by the fact that Mr. McVety is a close political ally of Premier Ford and that approvals for the change were not secured by the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board before the bill was proposed. Mr. McVety, who runs the college, openly holds views that are inconsistent with the equity principles CUASA adheres to and that are enshrined in the Ontario Human Rights Code.

We urge the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to protect the integrity of the degree-granting process and to ensure that any institution entitled to degree-granting privileges demonstrate that it complies with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Sincerely,



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