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Dear Ms. Allan:

I am writing to ask your assistance. Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft *Canada Post-Secondary Education Act* which has been developed by the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT). The *Act* would establish a separate post-secondary education fund, governed by national guidelines, similar to the *Canada Health Act*.

After very careful consideration, CAUT has come to view this as the only way in which there can be stable, adequate, and accountable long-term funding for Canada's colleges and universities. The proposed *Act* has received favourable consideration from opposition critics – a number of whom have proposed introducing it as a private members' bill. It has also been endorsed by some backbench Liberal MP's. A national Progressive-Conservative roundtable on post-secondary education has made the *Act* one of its principal recommendations.

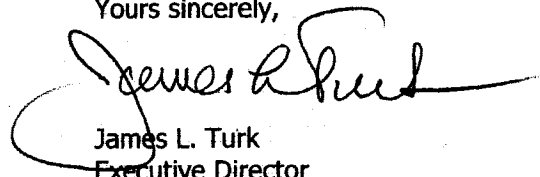
While we can continue to try to get federal money for post-secondary education through a myriad of ancillary programs as in recent years, these do not solve the problem of ensuring proper core funding necessary if our colleges and universities are to achieve the objectives that both federal and provincial politicians almost unanimously hold out as essential for the future of Canada.

To provoke more discussion of these issues and to build support for the proposed *Act*, we are seeking the endorsement of many organizations. We hope the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science will consider endorsing the *Act*.

We would be pleased to answer any questions you may have about the *Act* and to meet with you or others from your organization should you wish to discuss this matter further. We can send you additional copies of the *Act*. It is also available from our website:

<http://www.caut.ca/english/issues/funding/pseact.asp>.

Yours sincerely,



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