PETITION: Member of Provincial Parliament: _____

To extend the current tuition fee freeze for all Ontario students and expand access to up-front needs-based grants.

TO: The Legislative Assembly of Ontario

FROM: _____

Whereas the Ontario Liberal Government has announced it will increase tuition fees in September 2006;

Whereas the additional funding announced last year will be phased in over five years and will barely bring Ontario post-secondary education funding to the national average;

Whereas this reality will mean that the climate of underfunding will persist for at least another four years and will consequently undermine effort to improve the quality of education;

Whereas tuition fees have already increased significantly over the past 15 years while the quality of education has declined;

Whereas some have argued that rising tuition fees are acceptable because the government has increased student aid funding, but this new investment will be clawed back through tuition fee increases; and

Whereas the vast majority of Ontario families will NOT quality for the new Ontario grant programme and will have to rely on debt to pay the higher fees; and

Whereas giving Ontario families more access to debt to pay higher tuition fees is NOT a long-term solution to the funding crisis in Ontario's colleges and universities; therefore

We the undersigned support the Canadian Federation of Students' call to extend the tuition fee freeze and petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to:

- freeze or reduce tuition fees for all students studying in Ontario, effective September 2006; and
- expand access to Ontario's new up-front grant programme for all students in need, including continuing education, part-time, full-time, college, undergraduate and graduate students.

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