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Dear Minister Quinn,

It's the second week of class at most Ontario college and university campuses, but I have heard from many students that they are still waiting for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) funding they were promised by your government.

OSAP payments are normally released within the first few days of September, but students have seen the release day repeatedly pushed back because of your ministry's administrative delays. Students are already struggling with your government's disastrous decision to shift OSAP grants to loans, forcing them to take on significant debt to attend postsecondary education. Now they are also facing the challenge of starting the year without access to the funding they need for textbooks, workbooks, lab kits, technology or even backpacks.

Some students could not buy items required for first week assessments, and their academic record has already suffered through no fault of their own. Far too many students have also been unable to afford necessities like groceries and gas while waiting for OSAP funding they were told they would receive nearly two weeks ago. Lower-income students are particularly disadvantaged by the hardship this creates.

Minister, on behalf of these students, who are working to become the talented future labour force that our communities and our economy will depend on, I urge you to turn your full attention to first distributing OSAP funds immediately and then fixing your systems to ensure this never happens again.

Sincerely,

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