



University Students' Council

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The Honourable Bill Morneau
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Cc: Minister Qualtrough, Minister Fortier, Minister Chaggar

Dear Minister Morneau,

On behalf of the University Students' Council, which represents over 30,000 undergraduate students in the London community, we would like to express our concerns regarding the Canada Student Services Grant (CSSG).

Undergraduate students deserve the opportunity to engage in meaningful work experience and receive financial compensation for their efforts. Following the Government of Canada's announcement on July 30th stating that the CSSG program will no longer be administered by WE Charity, we are concerned that the \$912 million allocated to the program will no longer be utilised to support students.

In the midst of this global pandemic, our students are concerned about affordability. We urge the Government of Canada to utilize these funds to support students during the 2020-2021 school year. We wish to see increased investments in the Canada Student Grants program, and other student support programs to ensure financial stability for a cohort of Canadians who are adjusting to online schooling, struggling to find meaningful work experience, and facing uncertainty about their upcoming school year due to COVID-19.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Matt Reesor, President, University Students' Council

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Mackenzy Metcalfe, Vice-President External Affairs, University Students' Council

"To enhance the educational experience and quality of life for all undergraduates at Western University."