



Canadian Alliance of Student Associations
Alliance Canadienne des associations étudiantes

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Hon. Geoff Regan
Member of Parliament for Halifax West
House of Commons
Ottawa ON, K1A 0A6

Re: Your recent column on Halifax News Net

Dear Mr Regan,

On behalf of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), I would like to thank you for your thoughtful column "Students are this country's future" that appeared on the Halifax News Net website on August 28th, 2009. In that column, you call for **"an education strategy in the post-secondary field based on a philosophy that places merit over money."**

I could not agree with you more about the need for a unified, holistic approach to higher education in our country, fashioned around the standards of quality, access and merit. CASA has long been **advocating the need for national strategy on post-secondary education, which envisions the federal, provincial, and territorial governments working together to form a strong and long-lasting partnership on post-secondary education.** If the current global economic crisis has taught us anything, it is that all levels of government in Canada must evolve and work in ways that transcend jurisdictional boundaries to confront the volatilities and opportunities of a vastly more interconnected world.

I am very pleased to see that you have added your supportive comments to this issue, and I look forward to working with you and the Liberal Party of Canada to ensure that a forward looking post-secondary education strategy is implemented in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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National Director

cc: Michael Savage, MP for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour
bcc: Michael Ignatieff, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition