



Canadian Teachers' Federation

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Mr. Kevin Waugh, M.P.
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Dear Mr. Waugh:

The Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) is an alliance of Member organizations representing over 200,000 teachers in every province and territory. CTF's mission is to serve as a unified voice of teacher organizations in Canada on education and related social issues by promoting high quality public education, the status of the teaching profession, and the freedom to learn.

We are writing you today to express our support for your Private Member's Bill C-241: *An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (school authorities)*. As you know, years of consecutive austerity budgets, coupled with increasing demands for individualized instruction and related supports in the classroom, have resulted in boards of education struggling to adequately fund the education Canadian children and youth deserve.

While Bill C-241 does not solve the problems created by the refusal of successive governments to establish taxation systems that will generate the capital necessary to pay for top quality public services, it does provide some relief to school authorities. The CTF agrees that public services administered by school authorities that are publicly funded, should not be taxed. Services provided by provincial and territorial governments should not be subject to taxation by the federal government.

Thank you for bringing this situation to light. We wish you success with the private members bill and hope that the Government will join you in correcting this situation whereby publicly funded educational institutions are taxed when they purchase goods and services.

Regards,

Heather Smith
President

c.c.: Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance
Hon. Diane LeBouthillier, Minister of National Revenue