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Mr. Kevin Waugh
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Dear Mr. Waugh,

On behalf of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), I am writing to you in support of the Private Members bill C241, *An Act to amend the Excise Tax (school Authorities)*.

This bill, if passed, would provide school boards in Ontario significant additional revenues to fund critically important school programs in areas such as special education, faith formation, First Nations, Métis and Inuit curriculum development and capital expansion and improvement initiatives. With over \$75 million in additional funds from the increase in the school authority rebate for Ontario school boards, this would go some distance for improving student achievement and well-being in our schools.

Founded in 1930, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association represents the province's 29 English-Language Catholic School district school boards. Collectively, these school boards educate over 600,000 students from junior kindergarten to grade 12. Inspired by the Gospel, OCSTA provides the provincial voice, leadership and service for elected Catholic school trustees to promote and protect publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Patrick Daly
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