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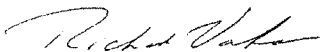
Dear Mr. Rae:

As Chair of the Council of Ontario Universities, I am pleased to provide you with our response to the Postsecondary Review Discussion Paper. The COU brief, entitled *A Vision for Excellence*, responds to the five themes addressed in the Discussion Paper – accessibility, quality, funding, accountability, and system design – and makes recommendations on these issues.

This brief represents the consensus response among Ontario universities, which means that the positions taken are supported by a substantial majority, but not necessarily all, of the 18 universities. All universities are planning to submit an individual brief to your Review, and any differences from the COU consensus position will be noted in these individual briefs.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss the brief with you. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Ian Clark, President and CEO of COU, at 416-979-2165 x 256.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

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