



Attention Ontario Government and Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities:

Name: _____ CUPE Local #: _____

College / University: _____ Public Work Performed: _____

I am greatly concerned with the increasing privatization of our campuses - privatization which is causing ill effects for the workers and students in the university sector.



Private companies such as food service or cleaning businesses provide services to some campuses and are constantly approaching others to offer their services. With this, current workers lose their jobs, and the private company employs non-union labour at much lower wages, lower regard for health and safety, and these companies provide less service in order to make their profit. The main interest of these private companies is to make as much profit as possible - not to provide a clean and healthy campus or nutritious and reasonably priced meals. Public workers work for the university, not for a corporate business.

Private campus suppliers can also influence maintenance. Beverage companies who supply food services and machines frequently include bottled water in their contracts and, as a result, universities don't repair public water fountains (in some cases they have even removed them). University campuses are reducing the number of drinking water fountains on campus. In a CCPA survey 43 percent of respondents cited delays in repairing existing water fountains. Others said that new buildings are being built without water fountains, that existing water fountains and cold water taps in washrooms are being removed, and that vending machines are blocking access to water fountains. The workers and students at these universities deserve access to the clean, public drinking water which we pay for in taxes. Without this access, we are forced to pay exorbitant prices for what should be a cheap and plentiful life necessity.

We call on you to implement a framework that:

- * Guarantees the security of public jobs in the university sector for the good of the workers and students.
- * Brings back public water fountains in universities and provides for their upkeep.
- * Reduces user fees for the academic workers on campus
- * Decreases the corporatization of our campuses by providing increased public funding that replaces corporate funding



and one more thing ...

signed:

CUPE Ontario University Workers Coordinating Committee