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VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Nolan Quinn
Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security
Government of Ontario
438 University Avenue, 5th Floor
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Dear Minister Quinn,

**Re: Support for Computek College and Its Students –
Request to Restore OSAP for Students Enrolled Before August 1, 2026**

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Tamils' Chamber of Commerce (CTCC), the chamber of commerce representing Tamil-Canadian business owners, professionals and entrepreneurs across Canada. Our membership is concentrated in Scarborough, Markham, Durham Region and the wider Greater Toronto Area — the same neighbourhoods Computek College has served for 35 years. I am writing in support of Computek College and its students, who are an important part of the community we represent.

Over those 35 years, Computek has become more than a local institution to our members; it is a partner:

- Computek's campuses in Scarborough, Markham and Ajax sit at the heart of the communities where our members live, work and own businesses, and bring students and staff into those neighbourhoods every day.
- Computek has been a direct partner of the Chamber, providing mentorship to our members and emerging entrepreneurs, sponsoring Chamber events and programs, and contributing its leadership to our advisory bodies.
- Most importantly, our members rely on Computek's graduates. Employers in our network — in healthcare, technology, information technology, cybersecurity and finance — hire Computek graduates to fill roles that are difficult to staff. When a member clinic needs a personal support worker, a member firm needs a network or cybersecurity technician, or a member business needs an accounting or payroll clerk, those positions are very often filled by someone who trained at Computek. Our members have hired Computek graduates and continue to do so.



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The pause on OSAP payments to career colleges is already being felt by our members. Nearly 1,500 Computek students — many of them newcomers, parents and the first in their families to pursue post-secondary training — enrolled in good faith before August 1, 2026, were approved for funding, and are attending classes today. They now face the real possibility of leaving their programs through no fault of their own. Computek also employs close to 120 people at its campuses, and their jobs are at risk. Our members are hearing from students who do not know whether they can stay in school, and member employers who were counting on those graduates to fill positions in the coming months now face uncertainty of their own.

Career colleges like Computek offer a practical, fast path to stable employment for people in our community, and a reliable talent pipeline for the small and medium-sized businesses that make up the bulk of our membership. Closing that path for students who followed every rule will hurt families, neighbourhoods and local employers alike.

The Chamber supports the government's audit and its efforts to protect the integrity of OSAP. Institutions that break the rules should be held to account. But a blanket pause that applies to every career college harms students and communities served by colleges that have done nothing wrong. We understand that Computek has volunteered to be among the first institutions reviewed, and we support a fast review of compliant colleges.

On behalf of our members, we respectfully ask the government to:

1. Restore OSAP payments for students who enrolled before August 1, 2026, at institutions with no identified compliance concerns, while the audit continues;
2. Establish an expedited review so that compliant colleges such as Computek can quickly demonstrate that they meet the Ministry's new eligibility criteria for OSAP going forward;
3. Publish clear timelines and eligibility criteria so that students, colleges, employers and communities can plan; and
4. Consider the impact on local communities, economies and employers — including the businesses that depend on career college graduates — as decisions on career college funding are made.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or your officials to discuss the importance of Computek to the Tamil-Canadian business community and to the employers we represent. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours truly,

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