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Linda Lacroix, Registrar and CEO Ontario College of Teachers  
101 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Ms. Lacroix,

As the representatives of over 4000 ETFO-Toronto Occasional Teachers who teach in the Toronto District School Board, we are writing to you to express our strong disapproval of the recent 17.64% fee increase for our members.

Our members are precarious workers who face significant challenges in their classrooms and in their personal lives. These challenges include dealing with the impact of a pandemic, increasing violence in the classroom, underfunding which impacts resources, and support for students with special needs. As we know, underfunding results in serious long lasting negative effects on our communities.

Furthermore, like many precarious workers in Ontario, Occasional Teachers have been struggling with serious economic challenges. With wage increases of only 1% over several years, it is shocking and unrealistic to raise the membership fee by almost 18%.

We call on the OCT to reverse the excessive fee increase. Perhaps, it is time for OCT to consider decreasing expenditures rather than increasing member fees, (e.g., location on Bloor Street – one of the most expensive real estate in Ontario – and find a new more economical office rental). The Teachers of Ontario should not have to shoulder the burden of OCT's unnecessary expenses.

Regards,

Christina Meynell, President  
Marisa Gallippi, First Vice President  
Sarah Boomhower, Second Vice President  
ETFO-Toronto Occasional Teachers' Executive