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Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that the following Resolution #81-212 was passed unanimously by Regional Council on April 22, 1981:

"WHEREAS Laurentian University is a cultural and educational resource of the greatest importance for the Regional Municipality of Sudbury, Ontario and Canada as a whole; and

WHEREAS Laurentian University is one of the largest employers in the Municipality and has an economic impact in the Region of the first magnitude; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government is considering proposals to cut the support of post-secondary education through the Established Programmes Financing legislation by approximately \$1.5 billion; and

WHEREAS this cut, if passed on in its entirety to the post-secondary education community would result in a loss of over 40% of the operating budget for Laurentian University; and

WHEREAS such a cut at Laurentian University would disastrously affect the university and the Regional Municipality of Sudbury,

THIS COUNCIL respectfully suggests to the Parliamentary Task Force on Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements that it make no unilateral cuts in the federal support of post-secondary education and that, should the federal government wish to suggest to the provinces and the university community, substantial changes in the

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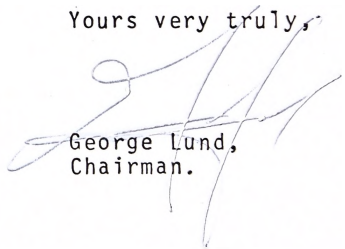
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program of funding post-secondary education, it should first establish with the provinces a joint federal/provincial royal commission on the question of the funding or post-secondary education to determine the relative responsibilities of the provinces, the federal government, the students and other groups."

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I am sure you agree that we are having an extremely difficult time in terms of the cost of education. However, I feel personally that this realignment of educational costs should be channeled at the elementary and secondary school levels, and that we should not make it increasingly difficult for those people in our society who are prepared and able to continue with post-secondary education. In terms of our community, I am especially concerned since, as you know, Sudbury has had some severe blows to its economy over the past few years and, although we have rebounded on all occasions to again become a strong, vibrant and healthy community, one of the main reasons for this has been Laurentian University and the part it plays here. Therefore, any funding cutback that would jeopardize the position of our university has to be considered a severe blow, not only to Sudbury but to all of Northern Ontario as well.

Yours very truly,



George Lund,
Chairman.

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This letter sent to:

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