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Press Release

CAMPUS RADIO ASSERTS PROVINCIAL CUTS WILL REDUCE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICES TO STUDENTS

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Earlier this month the Ontario government announced changes to the postsecondary education financial framework, including an opt-out option for ancillary fees.

The National Campus and Community Radio Association is deeply concerned by this announcement, as we expect it could result in 19 Ontario campus stations, dozens of student media organizations, and other key student services losing a critical portion of their annual funding.

Each year campus radio and other student media welcome thousands of students and other community members to develop media-making skills. Students are given opportunities to learn how to operate sound equipment, create podcasts, compose news stories, and produce programs for broadcast, receive training in media literacy and learn governance skills, and participate in the governance of stations.

Campus radio stations in Ontario employ approximately 150 full and part-time staff, a majority of whom are students, who gain valuable learning opportunities while they complete their studies. Campus radio is also a key provider of emergency information under the national public alerting system. These changes will have a large impact on student life and the campus experience.

*“VIBE/VX3 is one of our essential partners on campus! They support our broader connection with the student population by way of ad campaigns and are key in offering technical support to our various events and public presentations.” -
Treymayne Francis, Roots 4 Change, York University Keele Campus*

Some of the NCRA/ANREC's members are already identified as essential services on their campuses, however, the NCRA/ANREC is seeking allies throughout the province to support a campaign to designate all campus-based stations (and established student media organizations) as 'essential services'. To be a friend of campus radio in Ontario, contact your local station, the national office or email/call your MPP today and tell them what campus radio means to you.

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About the NCRA/ANREC

The National Campus and Community Radio Association/L'Association nationale des radios étudiantes et communautaires ("NCRA/ANREC") is a not-for-profit national association working to recognize, support, and encourage volunteer-based, non-profit, public-access campus, community and native radio broadcasters in Canada. We provide advice and advocacy for individual campus and community ("c/c") stations and conduct lobbying and policy development initiatives with a view to advancing the role and increasing the effectiveness of our sector. Our goals are to ensure stability and support for individual stations and to promote the long-term growth and effectiveness of the sector.

Campus Radio Stations in Ontario (licensed AM/FM and Internet-only):

CFBU	Brock	CIOI	Mohawk	CKHC	Humber
CFMU	McMaster	CIUT	Toronto	CKLU	Laurentian
CFRC	Queen's	CIXX	Fanshawe	CRNC	Niagara College
CFRU	Guelph	CJAM	Windsor	Fusion Radio U of T - Scarborough	
CHOP	Pickering College	CJIQ	Conestoga	Radio Laurier Wilfrid Laurier	
CHRW	Western	CJLX	Loyalist	Radio Glendon Glendon College	
CHRY	York	CJRU	Ryerson	George Brown College Radio (RSJ)	
CHUO	uOttawa	CKCU	Carleton	Centennial Internet Radio	
CILU	Lakehead	CKDJ	Algonquin College	CFRE Erindale College (U of T)	