



MPP Phone Script- “I believe in Fairness” for part-time college workers

Hi, my name is (your first and last name). I live in Mr. or Ms. (your MPP's last name) riding. I am hoping that he/she can help me with an important issue.

I don't know if you know about this, but part-time college workers in Ontario are not allowed to unionize. Ontario's 24 community colleges employ over 17,000 academic and support staff that have no job security or benefits.

This is a real injustice. As citizens and as workers, college part-timers should have the right to equal treatment under the law. This is also an issue of quality education: Part-time faculty tend to teach larger classes, and are not paid for course preparation or student evaluation. Out of class contact with students is severely limited. Support staff, essential in all service areas, are also exploited as cheap labour. Students pay the price.

Part-time college workers have recently formed an association to represent them provincially, but they still don't have union rights.

Recently, the International Labour Organization in Geneva asked the Ontario government to move **rapidly** to allow union rights for these workers. In the same month, workers formed the Organization of Part-time and Sessional Employees of the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, or OPSECAAT, to fight for these rights.

I'm hoping that (your MPP) can ask the Premier to change the *Colleges Collective Bargaining Act* and give college support staff and faculty the right to unionize.

Can you please look into this and call me back? (provide your name and home phone #)

Thank you so much for looking into this. I really appreciate it.