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To: Presidents and Administrative Officers
Local, Federated and Provincial Associations

From: Brenda Austin-Smith, President

Re: **Emergency Actions Needed for Laurentian University**

The [insolvency process](#) at Laurentian University is moving swiftly and will conclude mid-April. Without intervention, this closed-door process—intended for private sector corporations—will determine the future of this public institution, key employer, and cultural hub in the region.

We need your help to pressure governments to step up for Laurentian.

1. Ask members to send a letter to their Member of Parliament

Share this message with your members on social media and by email:

The federal government needs to work with the government of Ontario and provide emergency funding to save Laurentian University.

[Send a letter](#) calling on your Member of Parliament to ask the federal government to show leadership to ensure that Laurentian can continue to fulfill its important mandate as a tri-cultural and bilingual university.

2. Organize a phone bank

To escalate pressure during this final stretch, CAUT encourages associations to **organize a 30-minute online event – a virtual phone bank – to engage members in MP outreach**. This will help deliver a strong message that it is time for the federal government to step up.

To support this work on a short timeline, CAUT has created all of the materials an association will need to promote and run a Zoom-based phone bank and will provide all logistical support for the event.

For more information on organizing a virtual phone bank in support of Laurentian, please contact Christina Muehlberger, CAUT's Membership Engagement, Outreach, and Organizing Officer, at muehlberger@caut.ca or 613-327-2886.