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Attention: President Martha Foster
Executive Director Jim Grieve

Dear Martha and Jim,

This letter has been written to you on behalf of the Executive of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan. The Executive seeks to clarify and find resolution to several crucial issues related to RTO actions and the intent of recent messaging.

In your strategic planning as far back as 2016, The RTO has undertaken the process to move RTO/ERO from Ontario to federal jurisdiction. This reaches beyond the RTO's mandate to serve Ontarians. It attacks directly all Canadian Retired Teacher Associations and our ability to serve our members and maintain our organizations.

The Fall 2017 RTO Executive Director's Update stated and highlighted:

"We want to be the recognized voice and leading benefits provider for the educational retiree community in Canada."

These words raise several concerns:

- "We want to be the recognized voice"

Do you intend to represent all retired educators across Canada? Your statement makes it clear that RTO will consider itself to have a unique and primary position and that other organizations will not be recognized in the same way to the same level, nationally.

Are you supplanting equality and partnership? First, let us remind you that each RTA is a provincial or territorial body with equal legitimacy. The STS is proud of its history and accomplishments and its service to its members. Secondly, we already have a national

association for retired teachers in ACER-CART. Retired educators across Canada have their own organizations and have not in any way given you the right to supplant their RTA's or ACER-CART.

- "and leading benefits provider"

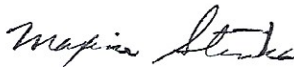
We don't imagine you are presuming to attain 100% market share, but this statement shows clear intent to target commercial activity as the "leading benefits provider for the educational retiree community in Canada." The STS runs and sustains its own benefit plans in house and has no intention to change this approach.

The STS prefers collaboration and mutuality and that is what we want to preserve into the future. Canadian retired educators are best served by the provincial and territorial associations that understand them as peers and neighbors and that can provide the services and supports best suited to their needs.

Our wish is that each provincial and territorial RTA will reach its full potential by means of our mutual cooperation, collaboration and support.

Let's find the most positive way forward.

Sincerely,



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