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Dear Alan

On behalf of the approximately 7000 INTO members in the north I write to express our opposition to the continued collection of a registration fee of £44.00 to the General Teaching Council NI, "a toxic body", as described by the Minister of Education. I appreciate that the Department of Education is legally obliged in the terms outlined in your letter of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to Chairpersons of Boards of Governors and Principals, to collect a fee. However, the amount of such a fee is not proscribed in law.

Given the repeated failures of both the GTCNI and the Department of Education to establish a functioning and effective General Teaching Council I demand on behalf of the members of the INTO that the fee be reduced to a token amount. This will have the effect of satisfying the Department of Education's legal responsibilities and will satisfy INTO members who are rightly incensed at being taxed to fund the failures of others.

I look forward to the Department of Education acting to address this matter in the near future.

Yours sincerely



**GERRY MURPHY**  
**Northern Secretary**