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**MOUNT ALLISON STUDENTS' UNION CALLS ON VIA RAIL TO MAINTAIN SERVICE IN SACKVILLE**

**Sackville, NB** – In response to the recent announcement of reduced train service throughout the Maritimes, the Mount Allison Students' Union is calling on VIA Rail to minimize the impact of cuts on Mount Allison students by maintaining its service station in Sackville.

According to VIA Rail officials, the "Ocean" Montreal to Halifax train service will decrease from six times per week to three times per week by the end of October. The VIA Rail cuts reduce train service through the Sackville, NB station, which is frequently used by the town's population, including a significant amount of Mount Allison University students to regularly travel to school and back home.

"The VIA Rail station is one of the few options many Mount Allison students have to travel back and forth from home and throughout Eastern Canada," says Pat Joyce, President of the Mount Allison Students' Union. "A reduction in train service and a potential closure of the Amherst and Sackville stations will have a noteworthy, negative impact on the commuter population here in Sackville. Students at Mount Allison are calling on VIA Rail to ensure their ability to travel is not hindered by a reduction to train service in Sackville."

The Mount Allison Students' Union represents all full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick.

For further information on this issue, please contact the Mount Allison Students' Union by e-mail at [sac@mta.ca](mailto:sac@mta.ca) or by phone at (506) 364-2231.