

Petition to the House of Commons in Parliament Assembled

Whereas, for over a century, women workers have come to Canada to provide care for families, people with disabilities and the elderly. In the last 60 years, that work has been through temporary work programs. This has led to well-known problems of exploitation of Care Workers - long hours, unpaid wages and isolation in the invisible work hidden in households across the country.

Whereas, a two-step temporary program has created widespread and documented impacts on Care Workers' physical and mental health and family breakdown after years of family separation.

Whereas, Care Work in the home is the backbone of Canada's labour market and social support systems. Without care work, the economy doesn't work. Care Workers deserve fairness, and human rights. Rights for Care Workers means a healthy and dignified life for everyone in the country.

We the undersigned request Parliament to: **Create a Federal Workers Program – Care Worker Stream that allows Care Workers to come to the country without a recruiter and with their families permanently.**

While this program is being created, we request Parliament to ensure justice for migrant Care Workers by making these immediate reforms:

- Creating **Open Work Permits program** so that Care Workers are allowed to change jobs easily;
- Allowing **Permanent Residency after 1 year of work** (or 1,950 hours);
- **Remove the requirement of 1 year Canadian post-secondary education;**
- **Remove the English language test** prior to permanent residency;
- **Remove caps** that allow only 2,750 residency applications each year in each caregiving stream.
- **Clear the permanent residency backlog;**
- **Family unity:** spouses and children should be allowed to join Care Workers with open work and study permits of their own;
- **Remove the second medical** when applying for permanent residency; and
- **Repeal Section 38(1)(c) of the IRPA** that discriminates against people with disabilities.



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