



# VANCOUVER and DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL



October 26, 2015

Syed Hussan  
Coalition for Migrant Worker Rights - Canada (CMWRC)  
[www.migrantrights.ca](http://www.migrantrights.ca)

Dear Mr. Hussan and the CMWRC:

Subject: VDLC Supports MoVE Campaign and Coalition for Migrant Worker Rights - Canada

The Vancouver and District Labour Council represents 110 unions with a combined membership of 60,000 workers in the Vancouver region.

The VDLC has supported the Vancouver Committee for Domestic Workers and Caregiver Rights for many years and are very pleased to see an amplification of the fine work your organization does by combining with the Coalition for Migrant Worker Rights - Canada (CMWRC) to form MoVE – a campaign for *Mobility, Voice and Equality for Migrant Workers*.

The change in Canada's government provides an important opportunity to bring justice to migrant workers by changing the federal employment programs that discriminate against those who come to Canada under one of the temporary foreign worker programs. These programs are systematically exploitive and have grown significantly while the ability to immigrate to Canada has become increasingly limited.

We therefore support your call upon newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberal government to amend these federal programs to make it easier for migrant workers to move between jobs, to lift the four year limit for work permits, and to provide for permanent residency status for all workers who wish to stay in Canada.

As we say “good enough to work – good enough to stay!”

Yours truly,

  
Joey Hartman  
VDLC President

cc: VDLC Executive

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