

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 that allows Care Workers to come to the country with permanent residency.** While this program is being created, we request Parliament to adapt the Interim Pathway by ensuring that:

- All Care Workers already in the country, including those that have become undocumented, and those that have not finished 12 months of official service can apply through the Interim Pathway or opt in to the 2019 Pilot Program.
- Workers in Quebec should not be unfairly shut out.
- Language requirements should be kept to CLB Level 3.
- There should be no second medical exam.

The new 2019 Pilot Program must not repeat the mistakes of the past. This means open work permits, no high English language test, and no requirement for 1 year Canadian post-secondary education. No more laws that deny Permanent Residency to an entire family if one person in the family has a disability. Families accompanying the workers must get open work and study permits. Workers from Quebec should not be shut out.



Name	Phone	Email	Postal Code	Signature	Care Worker?

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