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RE: We support Permanent Residence for All

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Fraser,

ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) is the national union of professional performers working in recorded media in Canada and speaks on issues of national importance on behalf of over 28,000 members across the country.

We are encouraged with the direction of your government to regularize undocumented migrants who are contributing to Canadian communities, and the unanimous parliamentary motion asking Minister Fraser to create a plan to give permanent residency to workers of all skill-levels.

It is urgent the federal government ensure the regularization of all undocumented people in Canada and permanent residence for all migrants, particularly those in low-waged jobs, and put in place a simple appeals procedure in the event some applicants are denied permanent residence.

ACTRA fully supports equal rights for all by extending permanent residence to the 1.7 million migrants, including undocumented migrants living in Canada.

While there is greater public appreciation for the essential and valuable contribution migrant workers provide to our collective social and economic well-being, there are an estimated 500,000 undocumented people in Canada who live in constant fear, are highly vulnerable to abuse and exploitation, and are denied basic human and labour rights and benefits such as job protections, health care and education.

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ACTRA fully supports creating more opportunities for permanent residency for migrants, especially for low-wage migrants, so they can have and exercise their full human and labour rights in Canadian society.

Migrant Rights Network has created a [set of proposals to guide the development of a regularization program](#), which we urge the government to review.

The film industry in Canada receives more than \$6 billion dollars in foreign investment each year, with international productions enticed to film in Canada thanks to our versatile locations, skilled crews, healthy tax credits – and most importantly diverse talent.

We recognize how having a union composed of people from all ethnicities and identities has enabled the film, television and digital media industry to contribute generously to Canada's GDP, and believe that extending permanent residence to the 1.7 million migrants, including undocumented migrants, will only strengthen Canada's media industry by giving this group of people the tools required to further contribute to Canada's collective social and economic well-being.

We, along with three million other members of Canada's labour movement, await your government to bring forward a bold and progressive plan to support migrants and undocumented people.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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