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Cc: Migrant Rights Network - info@migrantrights.ca

RE: We support Permanent Residence for All

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Fraser,

Canada Without Poverty (CWP) is a federally incorporated, non-partisan, not-for-profit and charitable organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty in Canada. Formerly called the National Anti-Poverty Organization, we have been educating Canadians about the human right violations and financial cost of poverty, and identifying public policy solutions, for over 50 years. Our work has gained support from thousands of members across the country, as well as from our distinguished Honorary Board members including The Right Honourable Joe Clark, The Hon. Louise Arbour, The Hon. Monique Bégin, The Hon. Ed Broadbent, and Ovide Mercredi OC OM.

We applaud the Government's [mandate letter](#) asking Immigration Minister to create a "regularization program" for undocumented migrants, as well as the unanimous [parliamentary motion](#) asking the Immigration Minister to create a plan to give permanent residency to workers of all skill-levels.

We call for and ask you to immediately implement a regularization programme granting permanent resident status to all undocumented people without exception; in addition, permanent residence for all migrants, particularly those in low-waged jobs.

This is a critical opportunity to provide equal rights for all, by extending permanent residence to 1.7 million migrants, including 500,000 undocumented migrants. Migrant Rights Network has created a [set of proposals to guide the development of a regularization program](#).

CWP supports the rights of all people living in this country, whether they were born here or not. Canada is a nation rich in resources and money, the only reason poverty persists is because of poor policy choices that perpetuate oppression, inequity, and legislated poverty for the most vulnerable and marginalized communities in Canada.

We hope the Government will choose to implement a programme that will grant PR status to 1.7 million migrants, who are essential to our society and economy, so they can access healthcare, benefits, and equal workers protections and rights.

Sincerely,

Canada Without Poverty