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Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau

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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,

Food Secure Canada (FSC) is a pan-Canadian alliance of organisations and individuals working together to advance food security and food sovereignty in Canada. FSC works towards a vision of a just, healthy and sustainable food system, which honours our relationship to the earth and each other. FSC strives to embed reconciliation, decolonization, racial justice and broader food justice principles in everything we do.

We champion decent work and justice for workers all along the food chain, including those who grow, harvest, process, transport, cook, serve, sell and deliver our food. Many of these workers are made vulnerable by their undocumented or temporary status in Canada. Despite their critical contribution to our food system, too many of these workers have unsafe working conditions, do not earn living wages and do not have their skills recognised.

We recognise and support your government's commitment to regularize the status of undocumented migrants. We welcome the steps your government has already taken to create pathways to permanent residence for agricultural workers. We note the unanimous parliamentary motion asking the Immigration Minister to create a plan to give permanent residency to workers of all skill-levels.

In [Growing Resilience and Equity](#), FSC's Food Policy Action Plan in the context of COVID 19, the section on Decent Work includes our recommendation to "**Support campaigns led by migrant workers and their allies to realise their specific demands, including open work permits, access to healthcare and benefits, and**

permanent residency status upon arrival".

To that end, we support a broad regularization programme granting permanent resident status to all undocumented people and permanent residence for all migrants, particularly those in low-waged jobs. Food Secure Canada endorses the [principles](#) proposed by the Migrant Rights Network to guide the development of a regularization program.

Canada is committed to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. We believe that permanent residence for all will help you to fulfill many of the SDGs including Goal 2 Zero Hunger and Goal 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth.

Thank you for taking these considerations into account.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristina Craig".

Kristina Craig, Board of Directors, Food Secure Canada