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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada, Ottawa
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Re. We Support Permanent Residence for All

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Fraser,

The Manitoba Federation of Labour (MFL) represents more than 120,000 workers from the public and private sectors and the building trades. We raise issues that affect working families to employers and governments to try and make life better for everyday Canadians. We defend and advocate to expand worker rights. Our members are reflective of our workforce including newcomer and migrant workers. Yet many migrant workers with precarious status are unable to exercise their rights for fear of the loss of status that is dependent upon their employer.

We fully support the federal initiative to undertake a regularization program for undocumented migrants. Undocumented migrants and refugees are being exploited in substandard working conditions because regressive immigration and labour laws leave them open to abuse. Lack of permanent residency status make it difficult and often impossible for migrants to speak up for their rights or access services, including those they may be eligible for, because of a well-founded fear or reprisals, terminations, eviction, and deportation.

The existing difficult to access programs to get permanent residency are not enough. We can and should change that. We ask you to regularize all undocumented people without exception and to grant permanent residence for all migrants.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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