

September 15, 2022

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Langevin Block, 80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

The Honourable Sean Fraser  
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship  
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House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Fraser

On behalf of over 60,000 teachers and education workers, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) calls on the Federal Government to regularize all undocumented people in Canada and provide immediate access to permanent residency.

We write to you joining with the Migrant Rights Network, the labour movement as well as parent and education activists to see unencumbered support for all migrants in Canada.

We applaud the Honourable Prime Minister's mandate letter to Minister Fraser in exploring a regularization program for all undocumented peoples. This is a pivotal moment to support the calls from migrants across the country to ensure this program starts off correctly and does not make any exceptions, particularly for those in low-waged jobs.

As teachers and education workers, we take pride in providing the highest quality education to all of Ontario's students. We are acutely aware that access to key resources such as healthcare, housing, transit, and food, among other factors, all influence the success of students in the classroom. When families have status in Canada, children are able to reach their greatest potential.

We also know the challenges adult learners face and how public education is not easily accessible to them. Currently, adult learners must provide documentation of status to attend adult day school in Ontario. We firmly believe that education is a fundamental right for those who reside in Canada and believe that regularization can remove those barriers for these keen learners.

OSSTF/FEESO recognizes that the current Federal Government believes in equity, equality, combatting racism, and inclusion of all immigrants and refugees to Canada.

The Migrant Rights Network has created a set of proposals for you to guide the very development of a regularizations program that can work to support over 1.7 million

migrants in Canada, including the over 500,000 undocumented people. Please see the attached brief.

OSSTF/FEESO stands in solidarity with the Migrant Rights Network and asks you to attend their actions that are occurring across Canada, including several in Ontario on September 18th, 2022. Take the time to hear the true accounts of migrants across the country and act.

Yours truly



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Attachment

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