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**Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau**

Prime Minister of Canada  
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Fraser,

We are writing on behalf of *Resource Movement*, a community of young people, aged 18-40, with access to wealth and/or class privilege in Canada who are working toward the redistribution of wealth, land, and power. Our network includes over 750 people and we have organized campaigns resulting in the redistribution of over \$900,000 to social justice movement groups.

Your government's plans to create a regularization program and give permanent residency to workers of all skill-levels are two incredible opportunities with the potential to change the lives of 1.7 million migrants, including 500,000 undocumented people living in Canada who do not currently have equal rights.

However, your government has a choice that will define the impact of this opportunity: a partial and exclusionary program that will deny rights to most migrants; or a more inclusive, ongoing program that extends permanent residency and equal rights to all migrants.

Resource Movement supports the regularization of all undocumented people without exception and permanent residence for all migrants, particularly those facing the most precarity, and those employed in low-waged jobs.

We also endorse the principles outlined by the Migrant Rights Network in a set of proposals to guide the development of the regularization program (see brief attached).

Resource Movement works to redistribute wealth because we understand that accumulated wealth in Canada is rooted in the exploitation of peoples and resources both domestically and globally.

Migrant workers and undocumented people provide essential work to feed us, clean our workplaces and homes, and care for our children, yet they live in precarious circumstances with low-wages and few rights and protections. They seek this work due to lack of economic opportunity in their country of origin. This lack of economic opportunity is a direct result of centuries of colonization and the ongoing operation of multinational corporations whose revenue disproportionately flows out of the countries where they are operating.

While denying migrant rights, Canadians and corporations profit.

Redistributing inherited wealth is one way that our members have power to address these historical inequities. However, we understand that without broader systemic changes, inequality will perpetuate.

We see the regularization program as a unique opportunity to transform Canada's relationship with the migrant communities responsible for so much of this country's wealth and well-being. It is for this reason that we strongly advocate for you to take this opportunity to develop an expansive program.

With hope for a more equitable future,

*Resource Movement*

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*Resource Movement's chapter in Montréal (Tio'tia:ke) is based on the traditional and unceded territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka people*