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RE: Regularize All Undocumented People and Ensure Permanent Resident Status for All Migrants

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Caregiver Connections Education and Support Organization (CCESO), a long standing volunteer run organization that provides education, support to care workers and advocates for their rights.

In December 2021 PM Trudeau made a commitment asking the Immigration Minister to create a "Regularization Program" for undocumented migrants. That promise has been repeated many times, and most recently the Minister promised to bring a proposal to Cabinet in the Spring of 2024.

The migrant care worker program is expiring on June 17, and unless it is replaced, thousands of migrant women will become undocumented. Already, many of them cannot apply for permanent residency because of impossible to achieve language testing and educational accreditation requirements.

Landlords are raising rents beyond reach, grocery monopolies are making it harder to put food on our tables, lobbyist driven governments are privatizing healthcare and education. But it's I'm/migrants that are being scapegoated for the affordability crisis as racism is used to divide and distract us. The federal government has capped study permits, students can't be with their families and permanent residency has been capped which means more people than ever will remain on temporary and exploitative permits.

We demand that the Federal government:

- 1) Create a comprehensive and inclusive regularization program that allows all undocumented people to apply for permanent resident status immediately: No Caps; No restrictions by industry of work or geography; No two-step immigration which only gives temporary work permits.
- 2) Create an interim program for migrant caregiver in Canada to apply for permanent resident status without educational accreditation and language test score requirements.
- 3) End migrant exploitation by ending tied work permits and hours of work limits for international students; and ensure permanent resident status for all working class people in Canada today.

We strongly support the Migrant Rights Network proposals on regularization and for migrant care workers. These proposals matter to us because it supports our campaign in ending systemic racism and it ensures gender equality. Undocumented people and migrants are mostly racialized, low-waged people, often women. Ensuring rights and access for them is part of implementing anti-racist policy and gender equality.

Almost every major civil society, labour, health and environmental organization has joined our call for full and permanent immigration status for all - nearly 500 organizations. Major organizations from across Canada have also written letters to PM Trudeau supporting our regularization proposal.

We trust that you will seriously consider our demands and ensure status for all.

Yours truly,

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