



Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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Hon. Marc Miller
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

Hon. Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

Cc: Migrant Rights Network

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,
Ministers Miller, Guilbeault and Wilkinson,

In December 2021 PM Trudeau made a [mandate letter](#) 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](#).

As Canada’s largest coalition of organizations working on climate and energy issues, [Climate Action Network – Réseau action climat Canada has called](#) on the government to ensure equal rights for all by immediately creating a comprehensive and inclusive [regularization program](#) that allows all undocumented people to apply for permanent resident status immediately. Migrant

Rights Network has created proposals on [regularization](#) and for [migrant careworkers](#), which we fully endorse.

This is a question of climate justice.

Climate change exacerbates economic inequality between the richest countries - who are responsible for most of the world's emissions - and the poorest, already marginalized and racialized groups - who bear climate impacts first and hardest. Canada is one of the world's top greenhouse gas emitters, as well as the home of mining and resource extraction companies that degrade natural resources and destroy land-based ways of life in the Global South. The climate crisis fuels displacement in a myriad of ways: through disasters, droughts, and famines, loss of livelihood, shrinking economic opportunities, and mass impoverishment.

Extending equal rights to migrants is a first step towards taking responsibility for the climate crisis - and it would encourage the sharing of the crucial resilience and adaptability expertise those on the front lines of the climate crisis bring to communities in Canada. Your government has repeatedly championed the vision of Canada as a welcoming, diverse safe haven. The reality for many migrants, however, is still one of uncertainty, fear, and exploitation.

The mandate letters sent to ministers last fall declared, "This is the moment to rebuild a more resilient, inclusive and stronger country for everyone... We must continue to address the profound systemic inequities and disparities that remain present in the core fabric of our society."

At this critical juncture, as climate impacts intensifies, and as part of Canada's responsibility and capacity to contribute to global climate justice, will your government commit to ensuring equal rights for all by creating a comprehensive and inclusive [regularization program](#)?

Sincerely,



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