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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Miller,

I am Tanya Webking, Chair of the Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE) and we are an Electoral Organization in Vancouver. Founded in 1968, COPE supports universal human rights and we believe in the power of social movements and in organizations like the Migrant Rights Network, who effect change to benefit marginalized groups.

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 17th, and unless it is replaced, thousands of migrant women will become undocumented. Already, many cannot apply for permanent residency due to the unattainable language testing and educational accreditation requirements. Canada needs broad and navigable pathways to status. Migrant women in particular are often in precarious employment, which leaves them vulnerable to discrimination, exploitation and abuse. We ask that PM Trudeau upholds Canada’s Anti-Racism Strategy and commits to protecting all migrant workers.

We are asking that you keep your promise to create a regularization program by Spring 2024. COPE stands in solidarity with all migrant workers, as no one illegal on stolen and unsundered land. It is time for Canada to decolonize its immigration policies. Status for all.

Mahsi cho/thank-you for your urgent remedy on this important issue,

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