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Hon. Marc Miller  
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**RE: Urgent Action Required - Regularize All Undocumented People and Ensure Permanent Resident Status for All Migrants**

Dear Minister Miller,

I am writing on behalf of the Madhu Verma Migrant Justice Centre. Our organization, founded in 2022 in Fredericton, NB, is dedicated to advancing migrant justice and supporting the struggles of migrants with precarious status including migrant workers, underserved migrants, refugee claimants, international students, and people with no status (the undocumented). Our organization was founded by former refugees, a human rights lawyer, settlement and case workers, and migrant justice advocates. We aim to work with migrants with precarious status towards the advancement of migrant justice.

There is a critical need for immediate and comprehensive action regarding the regularization of undocumented migrants and the assurance of permanent resident status for all migrants in Canada. We find ourselves at a pivotal political moment, marked by Prime Minister Trudeau's mandate letter commitment in December 2021, instructing you to establish a regularization program for undocumented migrants. This promise has been reiterated on numerous occasions, most recently with the commitment to present a proposal to Cabinet in the Spring of 2024. The impending expiration of the migrant care worker program on June 17 poses a grave threat, potentially rendering thousands of migrant women undocumented due to insurmountable language testing and educational accreditation requirements.

Furthermore, our nation faces challenges such as escalating rents, monopolistic practices in the grocery sector, and privatization of essential services, all of which exacerbate the affordability crisis. Unfortunately, immigrants are being unfairly scapegoated for these issues, perpetuating racial divisions, and distracting us from the root causes.

The federal government must now make a crucial choice: either fan the flames of anti-immigrant xenophobia or contribute to building a fair society that upholds equal rights for all, achievable only when everyone enjoys the same immigration rights. This decision will determine whether the Trudeau government stays true to its values of equality, fighting racism, ensuring gender justice, and welcoming immigrants and refugees.

*Our demands are clear:*

1. Immediately create a comprehensive and inclusive regularization program allowing all undocumented individuals to apply for permanent resident status without caps or restrictions.
2. Establish an interim program for migrant caregivers to apply for permanent resident status without onerous educational accreditation and language test score requirements.
3. End tied work permits and hours of work limits for international students to eliminate migrant exploitation.
4. Ensure permanent resident status for all working-class individuals in Canada today.

To achieve these goals, we endorse the proposals put forth by the Migrant Rights Network and kindly request your explicit endorsement of these principles. Attached to this letter are the detailed briefs outlining our recommendations.

This issue is not only paramount to our organization's mission but is also essential for ending systemic racism, promoting gender equality, improving labor conditions, enhancing public health, and creating more effective social policies.

Moreover, adopting a fair immigration policy aligns with best practices worldwide, with numerous EU Member States implementing successful regularization programs. The growing support from civil society, labor, health, and environmental organizations, along with demonstrations in 15 Canadian cities endorsed by over 200 organizations, underscores the urgency and necessity of this cause.

In addition, we highlight the importance of addressing climate migrants, recognizing Canada's significant role in climate change and the resulting moral obligation to welcome migrants and implement solutions that leave no one behind.

Minister Miller, we urge you to take bold and immediate action in fulfilling Prime Minister Trudeau's commitment, thereby contributing to a fair, just, and equal society for all residents of Canada. Your leadership in this matter will shape the legacy of the Trudeau government and its adherence to the values that define our nation.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. We anticipate positive developments in the interest of justice, equality, and the well-being of migrants in Canada.

Sincerely,



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