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## **RE: Urging you to Regularize All Undocumented People and Ensure Permanent Resident Status for All Migrants**

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Minister,

We are writing on behalf of *Resource Movement*, a community of young people with access to wealth and/or class privilege in Canada who are working toward the redistribution of wealth, land, and power. Our member network includes over 750 people across the country, and we have organized campaigns redistributing millions of dollars to social justice movement groups.

Over the past two years, we've been excited to see your government explore plans to create a regularization program and give permanent residency to workers of all skill-levels. These incredible policy opportunities could transform the lives of 1.7 million migrants, including 500,000 undocumented people living in Canada who do not currently have equal rights.

However, we've been dismayed to see momentum waning around these promises. We are now watching as you navigate the choice before you: fan the flames of anti-immigrant xenophobia, or to build a fair society with equal rights for all?



Resource Movement supports the regularization of all undocumented people without exception and permanent residency for all migrants, particularly those facing the most precarity, and those employed in low-waged jobs. We also strongly endorse the Migrant Righs Network's policy proposals on <u>regularization</u> and <u>migrant careworkers</u>.

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 this possible regularization program as a unique opportunity to transform Canada's relationship with the migrant communities, who are 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