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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Miller,

Firstly, thank you both very much for everything you are doing for Canadians. As we know, there are many people living in Canada who are “undocumented,” and these are among the people who most urgently need your help because they are undervalued, underserved, and left behind.

In the spirit of May Day as a call to action for labour rights, I am writing to you today to urge you to develop a regularization plan for undocumented migrants as an essential part of building a country that reflects our core values of justice, well-being, and equality for all.

I am the founder of an organization called Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Simcoe. SURJ Simcoe is a local chapter of SURJ National based in the United States. We are based in Simcoe County, Ontario, and we are a growing group of white people working for justice and well-being for our racialized friends, families and local communities. We work in partnership with local groups representing racialized communities to understand their needs and give all that we can. We give our members and supporters opportunities to learn, develop skills, deepen political analysis, build accountable relationships and share resources with the communities who need it the most.

As we know, migrant workers form the backbone of Canada's economy and have been pivotal in our post-pandemic recovery. There are thousands of them working in our local regions. They provide much needed skills, knowledge and services that are in demand by Canada's many employers in all sectors and at all levels of the economy. However, they are unable to access even the most basic services that everyone who lives in our country should have, and they have no protection when so many of them face exploitation by their employers. As taxpayers, as workers, and most importantly, as human beings, these people deserve all the rights and freedoms that are extended to all Canadians.

We understand that Prime Minister Trudeau shared a [mandate letter](#) asking the Immigration Minister to create a "regularization program" for undocumented migrants. This is a promise that has been repeated many times over the years, and most recently Immigration Minister Marc Miller promised to bring a proposal to Cabinet in the [Spring](#) of 2024. We urge you to move forward with these plans.

The fastest, simplest, and most cost-effective path to human rights and equality for Canada's undocumented workers is a regularization plan that:

- Allows all undocumented people to apply for permanent resident status right away, where there are no caps or restrictions by industry of work or geography, and no two-step immigration which only gives temporary work permits.
- Creates an [interim program for migrant caregivers](#) in Canada to apply for permanent resident status without educational accreditation and language test score requirements.
- Ends migrant exploitation by ending tied work permits and hours of work limits for international students; and
- Ensures permanent resident status for all working class people in Canada today.

The Migrant Rights Network has created proposals on [regularization](#) and for [migrant careworkers](#) and we hope you will take a look at these documents. We 100% endorse the principles laid out in these proposals and we urge you to support their recommendations.

Thank you very much for hearing our concerns both as human rights advocates and caring Canadian citizens. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have and you can contact me directly at michelle@surjsimcoe.org.

Looking forward to good news on these matters, thank you again, and take care.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'MM' followed by a stylized flourish.

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