

**The 'Chi for Peace
Miramichi, New Brunswick**

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Minister,

We are writing today on behalf of The 'Chi for Peace, a grassroots organization based in Miramichi New Brunswick. Our organization was founded by former refugees, immigrants, and locals who advocate for peace in the world.

Undocumented workers in Canada have been contributing to our society for decades, yet they are still living in the shadows.

It is time to take action.

We believe that undocumented workers deserve the same benefits and rights that Canadian citizens do. Immigrants have brought immense value to rural communities across New Brunswick. We need a regularization program to ensure that they are no longer left behind.

In December 2021, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau established a mandate, directing the Immigration Minister to create a formal "regularization program" for

undocumented migrants. Most recently, the Immigration Minister promised to bring forward a proposal for regularization to Cabinet in the Spring of 2024.

We believe that the government should deliver on this promise. It would benefit not only the undocumented workers but Canadian society as a whole.

We call on the Government to:

- Create and implement a comprehensive and inclusive regularization program that immediately allows undocumented people to apply for Permanent Resident status.
- This program should be extensive and not have caps.
- Regularization Programs should not have restrictions by industry of work or geography.
- There should be no two-step immigration process as this only makes workers more vulnerable.
- Create an [interim program for migrant caregivers](#) in Canada to apply for Permanent Resident status without educational accreditation or language test score requirements.
- End the exploitation of workers.
- Demand the elimination of tied work permits and hours of work limits for international students.
- Ensure Permanent Resident status for all migrant workers.

Between 1996 and 2008, 24 of the 27 EU Member States implemented regularization programs. An estimated 6 million people were regularized during that time. The most extensive programs were:

1. The Italian program 2002, which regularized 634,000 people.
2. The Spanish program 2004, which regularized 578,375 people.
3. Last year, Ireland regularized most undocumented workers who met a basic residency requirement.

The Migrant Rights Network has developed detailed proposals on regularization for undocumented workers as well as migrant care-workers. We urge you to endorse and incorporate these proposals into your policy framework.

Canada should follow EU members who have implemented regularization programs.

We await your timely response and commitment to implementing these vital reforms.

Sincerely,

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