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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 writing to you today as the President of the Toronto & York Region Labour Council. Founded in 1871, the Labour Council has been a champion for the rights of working people for over 150 years. We represent over 220,000 organized workers in Toronto and York Region, and fight for the interests of all workers across the region.

In 2021, the Trudeau government created a mandate letter to ensure the development of a regularization program for undocumented workers in the country. While that intention has been repeated many times, as recently as this spring, no such program has been implemented as of yet. The development and urgent implementation of such a program cannot wait any longer.

Canada needs to urgently develop a comprehensive regularization program for all which ensures that those coming to live and work in this country enjoy full equal rights and protections. The Migrant Rights Network has developed a framework for this program's development which the Labour Council supports, and I have attached to this letter.

Creating a two-tiered system for labour rights has an incredibly damaging effect on working people across the country, for both documented and undocumented workers. By allowing lower levels of rights, we encourage employer exploitation, flagrant breaches of health and safety standards, and restrict the ability for workers to effectively organize. We create the conditions which lower the bar for every worker, and the nation as a whole suffers.

Let's take action to ensure that working people in Canada – whether born here, immigrated here, working to feed their families overseas, or fleeing their home country – can stand together and be treated equally and fairly.

I urge you to take action, develop and implement this framework, and build a more just world for all working people in Canada.

Yours truly,

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