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Dear Mr. MacFadden,

As President of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC), I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with us earlier this month in Regina.

As the voice of Canada's immigration consultant profession, CAPIC deeply values our relationship with citizenship and immigration officials across the country. This is very much the case in Saskatchewan, given the labour market priorities of your province.

CAPIC strives to set the gold standard in immigration education and expertise across the country. Our Association is founded on the pillars of Education, Information, Advocacy and Recognition. At the core of CAPIC's mandate is the continuing professional education of our members, ensuring that they are better able to serve their clients and that consumer confidence is maintained. CAPIC Members are provided the best continuing professional development education in the industry.

As we discussed, Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs) face a number of challenges. A lack of communication, combined with duplicate federal-provincial regulation in the province of Saskatchewan has led to inconsistencies in how our profession is governed. This double-regulation has resulted in systemic challenges in preventing unauthorized representatives from abusing the system, ultimately tarnishing the reputation of our profession. For example, Section 6 of the Saskatchewan Act does not make it a requirement to be a member of the federal regulatory body ICCRC, thus opening the door for unauthorized individuals to obtain a provincial license instead.

Another challenge is the recognition of our profession and services as being consistent with that of immigration lawyers. Given the similarities in our work, it is important for RCICs to be governed in the same way, and subject to the same regulations as our counterparts. With over 400 RCICs handling active immigration files in the province of Saskatchewan, applying different treatment to our professions has created confusion in the industry and places a financial hardship on our RCICs, as they are required to register while lawyers are not.

We would encourage your department to recommend that the Minister seek an agreement or Memorandum of Understanding with ICCRC to address the issues identified above. As you know, Section 33 of The Foreign Worker Recruitment and Immigration Services Act (Interjurisdictional Cooperation) stipulates that:

"The Director, subject to approval by the minister, may enter into agreements with any person or body empowered by an Act of the Parliament of Canada, the legislature of any province or territory of Canada or the government of any other country or jurisdiction ...to administer or regulate foreign worker recruitment and Immigration services programs."



CAPIC would be pleased to work with your office to recommend specific language or clauses for such an agreement. This would also be an opportunity to address the issue of solicitor-client privilege, which is currently at risk for clients of RCICs in Saskatchewan as a result of provincial regulation.

CAPIC would like to continue working with the province of Saskatchewan, and other jurisdictions to ensure the fair treatment of our profession, as well as maintaining the important role RCICs provide our immigration system. We look forward to further dialogue with you and your government on this matter. As such, we would respectfully request a follow-up meeting in the fall to advance a collaborative solution to the issues identified above. We will be in touch with your office to explore possible dates later in the summer.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to meet. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D. Jade', is located below the 'Sincerely,' text.

Dory Jade, President
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