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Dear Mr. Aiken,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) I would like to thank your team, specifically Abbey MacPherson, for taking the time to meet with my colleague Dory Jade and me last week.

We appreciated the opportunity to introduce CAPIC, provide a briefing on the role of immigration consultants, discuss the PNP process, the role of the federal regulator, and how our members in PEI support Canada's immigration system.

It was encouraging to hear that we share the same concerns about unauthorized practitioners, or 'ghost consultants', exploiting the trust of those looking to come Canada. As you know, under the current model, our regulator, the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC), has no authority to pursue unregulated immigration practitioners or imposters within Canada. Instead, it must refer these complaints to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), which understandably has limited resources to investigate these cases given its priority focus on national security and border protection.

We were also pleased to brief Abbey on our push for a Federal Statute for the self-regulation of immigration consultants across Canada. As you know, a Federal Statute would have the benefit of helping harmonize federal and provincial regulations across Canada. Currently, some of these regulations overlap with one another, which can create confusion and even conflicting rules for immigration consultants and their consumers. I will keep you updated as this process unfolds over the coming months.

As discussed with Abbey, the best option for regulating immigration consultants in small jurisdictions, such as PEI, is to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the ICCRC. This way the province can save taxpayer money on enforcement costs and does not have to go through the process of passing legislation.

We hope to see you at our National Citizenship and Immigration Conference (<http://www.ncic-nci.ca/>) and we extended an invitation to you and Abbey during our meeting. We look forward to your confirmation.

Additionally, CAPIC will be interested in providing a submission to Prince Edward Island's proposed legislation to regulate recruiters of foreign workers.



Thank you again for making your team available to meet with us. We look forward to working together to strengthen the immigration process in Prince Edward Island. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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