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RE: Concurrence of CIMM Report Recommendations (December 4, 2017)

Dear Member of Parliament,

As the president of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC), I wanted to thank you for supporting the intention behind recommendations made in the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration Report *Starting Again: Improving Government Oversight of Immigration Consultants*. I can assure you that many of our members were pleased to hear MPs take part in a debate around the importance of addressing unauthorized practitioners, and the need to inform the public of the threat they pose to the integrity of the immigration system.

We agree with MPs that these bad actors undermine not just the good work done by our professionals, but the system as a whole. CAPIC wants to work with elected representatives like you in ensuring there is a clear, understood difference between the services our regulated consultants provide, and the unlawful and unethical actions of unauthorized representatives. **To that end, I have attached for your reference an information [sheet](#) which provides an overview of our association, as well as our work, and a [statement](#) that we provided following the government response to the CIMM Report which speaks to our shared concerns.**

As noted in our appearance before the CIMM Committee during this study, we believe that self-regulation under federal statute will provide the immigration consulting profession with stability, but also greater accountability and the means to act against unauthorized practitioners. CAPIC is eager to work with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and other interested stakeholders to ensure that oversight is strengthened, that public confidence is maintained, and that clients are adequately informed regarding the dangers of unauthorized representation.

Now is the time to build on the successful framework previously established by regulated immigration consultants to achieve our shared objectives. In the coming months, our members look forward to engaging you in a dialogue on how we can reform the oversight and operations of our profession and ensure it is meeting the expectations of both government and consumers. CAPIC will also provide you with regular updates on this topic.

We look forward to holding further discussions with you on this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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