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August 10, 2016

Ms. Dory Jade
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Dear Ms. Jade:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) congratulating me on my appointment as Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. I am honoured that the Premier has entrusted me with this important responsibility.

As Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, I look forward to ensuring that newcomers prosper in Ontario, working with the federal government to maximize the economic benefits of immigration, building diverse and inclusive communities, and supporting volunteers.

Ontario supports a strong compliance and enforcement regime for parties that receive payment to assist immigration applicants, including Registered Canadian Immigration Consultants. Our government passed the *Ontario Immigration Act, 2015* to align with the federal *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and limit the ability to represent applicants to the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program to only regulated professionals.

I note the concerns you have expressed regarding regulatory inconsistencies and the potential for double regulation of consultants in some provinces. I understand my ministry has engaged both the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC) and CAPIC on the development of draft regulations under our Act. I assure you that as we work towards implementing the regulations and bringing the *Ontario Immigration Act* into force, we will be working with the ICCRC to establish co-operative enforcement and information sharing protocols. One of the goals of these agreements would be to provide clear roles and responsibilities regarding how we would work with the ICCRC to address potential violations by representatives that are subject to both jurisdictions.

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I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you. I know that, working together, we can continue to create more opportunity and security for all Ontarians.

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Thank you again for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Laura Albanese
Minister

Ms. Dory Jabe
President
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