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Dear Tracey,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with colleague Dory Jade and me last week.

We appreciated the opportunity to brief you on the role of CAPIC, discuss the PNP process, role of the federal regulator, and how our members in Nova Scotia 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 powers 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.

I was also pleased to brief you 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, many 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.

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



Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us. I look forward to working together to strengthen the immigration process in Nova Scotia. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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