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Dear Dory Jade:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 29, 2024, regarding your response to the recent letter from the Canadian Immigration Lawyers Association (CILA) concerning the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants. I appreciate you sharing your suggestions to address the concerns raised by CILA and thank you for meeting with me in December to discuss CILA's recommendations.

I assure you that all of your suggestions will be taken into consideration. I would also like to note the important role played by CAPIC in representing the interests of immigration and citizenship consultants, as well as Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's (IRCC's) ongoing engagement with CAPIC.

As I mentioned in my response to your letter regarding my post on X, although that post did raise concerns about potential unethical advice provided by College licensees, its purpose was to inform the College of recent allegations and enable them to take action within their mandate, leveraging all available tools. The College remains a trusted partner that has demonstrated a keen commitment to reducing immigration fraud.

I agree that unauthorized practitioners (UAPs) represent a serious threat to public confidence in the immigration system. Tackling this issue requires the involvement of many groups with immigration consultants playing a key role, as they are often on the front lines in the fight against immigration fraud. In this context, I welcome your suggestions to explore a task force to combat UAPs.

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Regarding your suggestion for an Administrative Monetary Penalties regime as a deterrent against UAPs, IRCC is in the process of developing regulations such as regime to target violations committed by paid representatives, including UAPs. These regulations are anticipated to come into force in 2025. IRCC pre-published the draft regulations on December 20, 2024, and looks forward to receiving CAPIC's feedback.

Finally, I would like to reiterate that I remain committed to upholding the integrity of the Canadian immigration program and to protecting it from fraud and misrepresentation.

Thank you for taking the time to write and I appreciate you sharing your recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

The Honourable Marc Miller, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship