

Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants L'Association Canadienne des Conseillers Professionnels en Immigration

The Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, P.C., M.P. Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship 365 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 1L1

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Re: CAPIC urges Minister Mendicino to proclaim the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants Act

Dear Minister,

CAPIC would like to respectfully and urgently urge you to proclaim the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants Act (College Act). This is needed to protect clients in the immigration consulting industry and ensure the integrity of Canada's immigration system.

Please note that a vote by immigration consultants, members of ICCRC, showed that over 80 percent were in favour of continuing the ICCRC under the College Act for improved regulation of the profession.

As you are aware, the ICCRC lacks the necessary powers to act promptly on revoking the licences of immigration consultants perpetrating unethical and/or criminal acts during their practice. However, the College Act empowers the immigration consulting regulator with the necessary powers.

CAPIC condemns unethical immigration practices and malpractice. As before, we continue to support ethical conduct, consumer protection and increased competency in the immigration consulting industry.

Sincerely

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