



December 18, 2019

Jennifer McGuire  
General Manager and Editor in Chief, CBC

**Re: “Foreign student and worker exploitation highlighted in Calgary petition”**

Dear Ms. McGuire,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC), I want to point out some inaccuracies in CBC’s article “Foreign student and worker exploitation highlighted in Calgary petition” dated December 14, 2019.

This article does not capture the necessary facts of the situation. More research needs to be performed before the appropriate circumstances can be determined. We urge you to retract this article which includes misleading information and unfairly tarnishes the reputation of the immigration consultant profession.

This profession is regulated like all professions in Canada. An Act of Parliament received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019 strengthening the Regulation. Individuals are not authorized to use the terms “Citizenship Consultants or Immigration Consultants”, as per the Act, if they are not a member in good standing of the Regulatory Body. Your article does not specify names of any alleged consultants; therefore, this does not constitute proof that Immigration Consultants are involved in the matter.

CAPIC condemns the unethical practices perpetrated against international students, foreign workers and other victims of unreliable immigration advice and malpractice.

While most immigration consultants and immigration lawyers, as Authorized Representatives, provide reliable advice and protect their clients, a few bad apples will exist as in any industry. We are firmly against the unethical practices as outlined in CBC’s article. As before, we continue to support increased competency, ethical conduct and consumer protection in the immigration consulting industry.

We salute foreign nationals for their dedication to seeking better prospects and determination to build a worthwhile life in Canada.

Sincerely,

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