

Dear Dory Jade:

Thank you for your April 24, 2026, submission regarding the Bill 26, the Immigration Oversight Act, and for taking the time to outline the concerns of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC). As Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I recognize the important role that Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants and Regulated International Student Immigration Advisors play in supporting clients across Canada, including individuals, employers and institutions in Alberta. I also appreciate the concerns you raised regarding constitutional considerations, potential duplication of regulatory requirements, administrative impacts and the interaction between provincial oversight and the existing federal regulatory frameworks.

The Immigration Oversight Act is intended to strengthen provincial oversight of key actors involved in recruiting, advising and employing foreign nationals. The goal of the legislation is to improve accountability, discourage bad actors, support fair recruitment practices and protect foreign workers from fraud, misrepresentation, unauthorized fees and other exploitative practices.

Details regarding implementation – including any transition periods, exemptions, fees or administrative processes – will be set out through regulations. Your submission regarding the interaction between provincial oversight and federally regulated immigration consultants, along with the constitutional and operational considerations you identified, will be considered as this work continues.

I understand that CAPIC participated in a recent engagement session with department officials regarding implementation of the new legislation, in addition to providing this written submission. Your participation and feedback are important to ensuring the legislation will be implemented in an effective, efficient manner.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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