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Via email: Minister@cic.gc.ca

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

On behalf of the Immigration Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA Section), we congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. The CBA Section has collaborated with your predecessors, and looks forward to continuing a constructive working relationship with your department. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to continue the dialogue and help find creative solutions to the challenges in Canada's immigration system.

The Canadian Bar Association is a national association of 37,000 members, including lawyers, judges, notaries, academics and law students, with a 120-year-old mandate to seek improvements in the law and the administration of justice. The CBA Section is comprised of over 1,200 lawyers, practicing in all aspects of immigration, refugee and citizenship law and rendering professional advice and representation in the Canadian immigration system to clients in Canada and abroad.

Multiple world crises and the processing backlogs following the COVID-19 pandemic have brought sweeping changes to Canada's immigration system, many of which have raised serious concerns for our members and clients. Our CBA Section is proud to work with your government to improve a system that is vital to Canada.

We applaud the ambitious scope and diversity of Canada's immigration programs. We look forward to the steps ahead, including digital modernization, reduction of the backlog, and integration of lawyers in all stages of the development of new technologies.

We also wish to invite you to the CBA's annual Immigration Law Conference, which will take place at the heart of your constituency, in Montreal, May 9-11, 2024. Every year, the Minister of Immigration addresses the crowd of approximately 600 immigration lawyers, judges and paralegals on important issues, and we would be pleased to have you join us at the upcoming edition.

Yours truly,

(original letter signed by Véronique Morissette for Lisa Middlemiss)

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