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The Hon. Sean Fraser MP
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
Confederation Building, Suite 733, House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

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Re: Parent and Grandparent Super Visa

Dear Minister,

As you know, the Parent and Grandparent Super Visa program regulated by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) allows permanent residents and citizens to invite their non-resident parents and grandparents to live with them in Canada for an extended period of time.

This program has been tremendously beneficial for Canadians who have British, Australian and New Zealand family members wishing to come to Canada, especially considering that a vast number of Canadian immigrants hail from these nations.

However, we are concerned by the IRCC's recent amendments to this program stipulating that applicants must pay the annual cost for medical insurance upfront, as opposed to the previous regulation dictating that this cost could be paid in monthly instalments. This will undoubtedly leave many new arrivals from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand financially burdened given that the average cost of coverage for someone 65 years and older can be in excess of \$1,500.

At a time where closer relations are needed more than ever with our allies across the world, it is imperative that Canada promotes mutually beneficial policies for citizens of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand in the fields of immigration, trade and foreign policy. We feel this new amendment to the Parent and Grandparent Super Visa program does exactly the opposite, instead hindering the ability of citizens from these countries from living in Canada with their family members without financial hinderances.

We respectfully ask that this policy be reversed so new arrivals may obtain the Parent and Grandparent Super Visa without the excessive financial cost of upfront annual medical insurance. We would also welcome further engagement with your Ministry on this issue and the benefits of increased diplomacy between Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,



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