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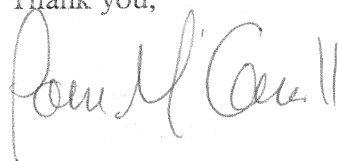
Dear Mr. David Tilson

I am writing because of my concern for refugees and the need for Canada to continue to be a place of safe haven for those fleeing persecution. In this regard there are aspects of **Bill C-11** that I believe require further consultation and engagement with those groups working with refugees in Canada.

Where I agree with the government's desire to expedite the process for refugees I am concerned about the predetermination regarding 'country of origin' that is embedded in the Bill. Each case needs to be determined on its merits. Further it needs to be clear that issues of compassion and fairness are reflected in the legislation.

I strongly urge the Parliamentary Standing Committee to ensure that **Bill C-11 be given careful examination and that there be substantial public input and consultation with those who are among and who work among the most vulnerable** – refugee claimants themselves.

Thank you,



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