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Mr. David Tilson, MP
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration,
House of Commons ,
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6.

Dear Mr. Tilson,

I am writing to express my concern that Bill C-11 needs to be given more careful consideration and that there should be extensive public consultation.

While it is commendable that the Government has proposed these changes to reduce the backlog of unprocessed applications, I am troubled by the minister's statement that countries would be designated by how safe they are, but the word safe does not appear in Bill C-11. How would this 'country of origin' list be drawn up?

Two of our former Ministers of Citizen and Immigration, Flora MacDonald and Elinor Caplan, have expressed their concern that Canada is moving too fast to revise refugee policy. Because human rights are involved they recommend that the government not rush ahead but allow for a time of public consultation on this matter. I hope that you will heed their advice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Betty Neelin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Betty Neelin.

cc. Mr. Maurizio Bevilacqua, MP
Mr. Thierry St-Cyr, MP
Ms. Olivia Chow, MP