

May 9, 2010

Mr. David Tilson  
Chair of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration  
House of Commons  
Ottawa ON  
Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Tilson,

As members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, Ontario, we write to you as Chair of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

We understand that Bill C-11 has now received second reading and has been sent to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration for review.

We, as part of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, welcome the Balanced Refugee Reform Act (Bill C-11) if it strengthens measures to protect legitimate asylum seekers who arrive in our country to claim refugee status. We are pleased that Bill C-11 includes the provision to implement the Refugee Appeal Division and we trust this will come true. However, we believe that there are still concerns and see potential problems in the "determination process" when "a country of origin" list is included. Thus, we urge that the Standing Committee carefully study this bill and ensure substantial public input before it receives third and final reading by Parliament.

We appreciate your understanding of our concerns and trust you will act on our behalf.

Sincerely,



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