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Olivia Chow
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Dear Mrs. Chow,

It is with bated breath that I and my licensed colleagues await the announcements that have been promised by Minister Kenny regarding changes to the current regulatory body responsible for immigration consultants.

I implore you to help us in our struggle for a fair, honest, and transparent regulatory body. Since its very inception, the members of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants have been HELD FOR RANSOM by a the Board of Directors of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants;

The full members of SCIS have been constantly fighting a losing battle of;

- Membership fees being sky high - our fees are over 3,000 when the lawyers pay around \$1,500 and the doctors pay around \$1,300, with the engineers paying \$200
- Decision making extremely undemocratic and lacking transparency in the overall running of CSIC
- Board of directors not accountable to anyone
- Questionable expenditures for the last six years – full financial disclosure is never provided to members
- Creation of the Canadian Migration Institute (CMI) as an offshoot of the CSIC which is simply a vehicle to funnel the runoff of the exuberant membership fees which are charged to the members, and then showing it an annual loss of 1 million dollars!
- Forced Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses – at a cost of \$2,000 annually to the members – which are only offered through the CMI and which are of an INFERIOR quality and are nothing more than a CASH COW for the Board of Directors (BOD) of the CSIC. Most of the professional continuing educational programs offered by the Upper Law Society of Canada, and all of the courses offered by the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants are constantly BLACK LISTED in order to have a COMPLETE MONOPOLY on the income generated by the courses.
- Elections held in a very undemocratic and oppressive climate

- Regular and systematic violation of the Canadian Corporations Act by regular and blatant squashing of any formal petitions by its members which do not fit the self-interest of the BOD of the CSIC
- Forcing of members to vote on issues that have been struck down 2-3 times in the hope that their resolve will be broken and that they will eventually support the self-interest of the BOD. During the last special meeting we were told by then Chair, John Ryan, that the BOD is prepared to seek relief from the Federal Court of Canada, if need be, in order to help them pass some of the self-serving changes to the charter of the CSIC!!!
- Complete and systematic disregard by the BOD of the numerous concerns which are brought forward by the members of the CSIC
- Any members which openly complain and criticize the Board of Directors of CSIC are immediately reprimanded, fined, suspended, or taken to court

IS THIS CANADA OR IS IT 1930's NAZI GERMANY????!!

I myself have written on numerous occasions to Minister Kenny and all of the members of the Immigration standing Committee (including you) and have always received the same standard line from the Minister's office that CSIC has been mandated by the government to deal with the regulations of the licensed immigration consultants in Canada and that it is solely responsible for its internal dealings!

Many of the CSIC members (including myself) have regularly contacted regional and national media in hope of attracting public attention to our plight and very few, if any, have ever shown interest in the story. It seems that when the government originally mandated the CSIC they were hoping that they could wash their hands of having to deal with the regulations of this profession and that the problem would go away....the reality is that they have created a MONSTER in allowing this profession to be SELF-REGULATED!!!

I find it interesting that the CSIC was supposed to be based on the models of the government regulated system which exist in NZ, Australia, and England, but that the Canadian government refused to step up and take responsibility for regulating this profession in Canada, instead leaving it up to a few corrupt, egotistical, and crooked individuals!!!

I have high hopes that next month will bring the long awaited news that the Canadian government will correct this terrible error.

Best regards,

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