

To

Chairman of Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.
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Dear Madam,

Ref: Request to consider the work experience of Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs), International Student (“Student”), Failed Refugees (“Refugees”) and Stateless persons only criteria to issue permanent residence status to them, before calling in new immigrants to Canada.

The Hope Welfare Society (“Hope”), which is known as a united voice for the TFWs, Students, Refugees and Stateless persons. Hope is emphasising on granting permanent residence status based on the Canadian work experience rather to follow ridged immigration regulations and rules

1. Hope is requesting to CIMM to recommend relaxation in the immigration regulations and absorb TFWs, Students, Refugees and Stateless persons only on based on their Canadian work experience, it should not be focused on other applied criteria as mandated by Immigration Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) and Immigration Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPP).
2. Every year Canada spends millions of dollars on new immigrants to settle in Canada. For this specific purpose millions of dollars are being given to different organisations, which offers help to new immigrants so they can be inhabited in Canada.
3. In the year 2020, substantial number of new immigrants were not able to immigrate to Canada due to COVID pandemic and Canada could not fill out desired number of new immigrants from outside of Canada, as a result of the same still there are ways to achieve targeted number of new immigrants by absorbing in system, those who are already living and working in Canada.

4. TFWs, Students, Refugees and Stateless persons worked behind the scenes as indispensable part of the supply chain and prevented interruption to reach out necessities to Canadian residents, they played vital roles in different ways as drivers, cleaners, food delivery persons, factory workers, farm workers, construction workers, supervisors, security officer, warehouse worker, health care worker, taxi drivers as well as long haul truck drivers and telecommunication support workers etc. They helped directly or indirectly to the health system to enable them to take better care of the COVID-19 patients.

TFWs

5. Canadian history is evident that migrant worker played an important role in building up Canada's as strong nation.
6. Still TFWs are being called to work for Canadian employers. The selection process of TFWs to work in Canada is not less than an exam, first they are being interviewed by prospective employers and at processing their work permit applications, visa officers further determines, TFWs ability to work in Canada.
7. There is no doubt that TFWs would take no additional time and training to be self-sufficient to work in Canada.
8. Now, it is a time for Canada to take initiative to help TFWs to permanently settle in Canada, rather to send them back after harvesting their experience in Canada.
9. If TFWs are allowed to permanently settle in Canada, they can be potential employers means they would create more jobs for Canadian residents.
10. TFWs, those who have been working in Canada for more than two years, should be allowed to permanently settle in Canada. It is proved by them that they can survive in Canada based on their working skills, as they have been continually working in their respective area of expertise without any sort of language barrier.
11. TFWs are working in Canada, they have been continually supporting Canada's economy by purchasing grocery from stores, paying rents to Canadian residents,

accessing bank and cellphone services from Canada and contributing to medical and life insurances etc. from Canadian companies. In the last, they have been continually paying taxes similar to Canadian resident.

Refugees

12. They came to here to seek protection for their and family members lives. Unfortunately, some refugees failed to convey to members that they had been subjected to persecution in their own country due to lack of self-confidence or other reasons. Refugees, those who have been working in Canada, should be given another opportunity to settle permanently in Canada. Many Refugee have been working more than 60 hours per week to support their families. Their contribution to Canadian economy should not be overlooked.

Student

13. It is evident that Students are working on the schedules and places where no Canadian resident wants to work. During the outbreak of COVID-19 Student were allowed to work 40 hours per week and in fact, they worked for 40 hours, they put their lives at risk to be get infected with COVID-19 but they worked for Canadian residents. Their contribution should not be left unrecognised.
14. They were more vulnerable to be get exposed to COVID-19 but still they worked. They have been taking risks without any special prime as was offered to the frontline health workers, who had proper protective gear to ward off any potential infection. They are the real heroes in war against COVID pandemic. Their services must be glorified in the same manner as soldiers in war.

Stateless Persons

15. Who cannot return to his/ her own country known as stateless persons. Many failed refugee claimants are not able to return their own countries as their own countries are unwilling to accept them. In this situation the stateless persons should be given a chance

to permanently settle in Canada, at the least, they can be associated as resident of Canada rather to lead a life of Stateless person.

16. Immigration Refugee Citizenship and Canada (IRCC) should be allowed to accept applications for permanent residence on their online portal.
17. Open work permit should be issues to TFWs, if their work permits have been expired.
18. Canada has abundant of empty land, the concept of drive through IRCC appointment offices can be incorporated inside Canada to provide expedite services rather to go at port of entry. It would enable IRCC offices to work loner hours on public dealing.
19. It is easier to absorb them in system, because their information is already available with IRCC system.
20. IRCC should use one single online form to apply for permanent residence rather to upload multi paper-based applications online in the IRCC system.
21. Applicants should be allowed to begin work from date of submitting their application for work permits, in case of Students, Refugee Claimants and Renewal of TFW work permit, So, they may continually support themselves and their families.

Regards,

Hope Welfare Society