



Voices4Families

#prioritizefamilyreunification

March 20, 2022

To: The Standing Committee of Immigration and Citizenship

We are the Voices4Families Facebook group and we want a pathway to immediate family reunification.

As Canadians separated for years from our families, we wish you would choose a practical solution for immediate reunification by a Ministerial Instruction.

The compassionate way to help Canadians cope with the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic is to reunite families were the application has already passed the 12-month processing time, immediately by implementing a **special policy to allow the issuance of permanent resident** visa where; the applicant provided a clear police certificate, a legal marriage certificate and the Canadian sponsor has been granted eligibility. To wait any longer to implement a real solution for an immediate approval of applications would only be adding another barrier to the many hurdles in place by the pandemic and the existing process. We are asking for an exemption because this process is supposed to be completed in an approximate 12 months period, 2 years have already passed and little to nothing has been done.

Enclosed are specific recommendations and results of our petition signed by over 5600 applicants.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Recommendations dated February 2, 2021
2. Petition



February 2, 2021

Concerns of Canadians stalled in the outland spousal sponsorship process. Immediate action to reunite families during the pandemic as well as address major problems with the process is urgently required

The Covid-19 virus has mutated. Canada has strengthened border measures to keep families safe. The citizens of several countries are facing unimaginable threats to their lives. Canadians are deeply concerned for their families and all citizens of Hong Kong and India as the governments transition new laws. Lebanon experienced a deadly explosion. Canada cannot continue to send our application (lives) to global offices for lengthy processing, especially when Canadian officials are not physically present in global offices to provide oversight and direction. We must take back control of this process to reduce the undue mental/financial/emotional hardship inflicted on Canadians. It is time to mitigate the risks that are causing delays, errors, mismanagement, discrimination and create a process that allows for a respectful dignified immediate reunification. To deny families the right be together is against our human right.

We need a pathway to immediate family reunification for families separated by Covid-19 and process built to delay reunification. Canadian sponsors have suffered for years, mentally, emotionally, and financially. They have been able to manage by getting around the impositions of the process by traveling to be with their spouses. Now, with Covid-19 we are restricted by border closures and other travel restrictions and we look to the Liberal government to remove the barriers to allow our spouses to join us here in Canada.

We recommend the following, in order to deal with the backlog of 60,000+ applications from 2019 and earlier:

1. **Immediate reunification by a Ministerial Instruction**, which is within the powers of five ministers, Patty Hajdu, Bill Blair, Chrystia Freeland, Justin Trudeau, and primarily Minister Marco Mendicino. The compassionate way to help Canadians cope with the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic is to reunite families were the application has already passed the 12-month processing time. A **special policy will allow the issuance of permanent resident** visa where; the applicant provided a clear police certificate, a legal marriage certificate and the Canadian sponsor has been granted eligibility. To wait any longer to implement a real solution for an immediate approval of applications would only be adding another barrier to the many hurdles in place by the pandemic and the existing process. We are asking for an exemption because this process is supposed to be completed in an approximate 12 month period, and 9 months have passed and little to nothing has been done. The exemption should apply to those applicants put in an interview queue. We urge the Minister to implement a special policy for spousal sponsorship applications allowing the issuance of permanent resident visa where; the applicant provided a clear police certificate, the Canadian sponsor has been granted eligibility, and the application has already passed the 12-month processing time. This process would require the immigration officer to review the application (including those in the interview queue) for the following:
 - a. Evidence of Sponsor Eligibility
 - b. Evidence of clear Criminal Record Check
 - c. Evidence of legal marriage certificate
 - d. Evidence the application was submitted more than 12 months ago

Health and safety measures are already in place, which would not allow people to travel to Canada without a negative Covid- 19 test report, and the mandatory 14-day quarantine on arrival will ensure the safety is maintained. Keeping families separated from each other is not a solution; being with family is everything. We have been kept in the dark about our applications for over a year causing a rise in anxiety levels and depression. We humbly request you to urge the government to grant these exemptions and let families reunite during this difficult time.

2. **We ask the government to direct IRCC to suspend the interview process.** The interview process violates elements of procedural fairness. Our members have been flagged for interviews for undisclosed reasons. The interviews remain unscheduled. There is no virtual forum secured to conduct these interviews. Countries have lockdowns and restricted movement of their citizens, in person interview are essentially impossible. For these reasons the interview process needs to be waived or conducted within a maximum timeframe of 30 days, like an Additional Document Request (ADR). In circumstances where an applicant is not able to attend an in person interview an ADR should be requested.
 - a. The interview process violates two primary elements of procedural fairness; processing without undue delay and the right to fair and impartial decision-making. Our members have been flagged for interviews for undisclosed reasons. It is suspected that officers choose who to interview based on “typical cultural and/or social practices” as per the local immigration employee beliefs. The interviews remain unscheduled for years. There is no virtual forum secured to conduct these interviews. Countries have lockdowns and restricted movement of their citizens, in person interview are essentially impossible. The interviews are not recorded. We are not allowed legal representation during the interview.
 - b. The interview questions are geared towards couples that are living together not those that live separately in two different countries and in some cases time zones that are 10 + hours in time difference. Delays prolong the length of separation, add overwhelming stress, the time difference all put us at a disadvantage when answering some of the questions. No answer, vague answers are used by the officer to deem us “unauthentic” We are forced to live separate lives for years and then expect to answer questions about each other.
 - c. We have provided substantial evidence of our legal marriages. The dismissal to review all content of the application occurs through the filtering of applications via the lens of “cultural practices”. We are put in a position to satisfy the officer why we did not follow the a “cultural” marriage.
 - d. We are not allowed to provide corroborating evidence of our marriages. Which is mind boggling, some of us are waiting 2 years for a decision and have painstakingly kept call logs, pictures and other evidence to show our continued relationships
 - e. Gross negligence with the interview process as interviews is being used as avenues to delay and deny applications. We understand that IRCC staff must meet quotas to deny applications and the interview is the perfect process to sway an application into denial. Interviews are described by members as interrogations with outright accusations within the interviews by IRCC officials. IRCC staff take liberties to accuse, threaten, bully, intimidate and harass applicants in a closed door, no camera setting. The recorded case notes do not match what took place in the interviews. There is discrimination in the line of questioning and the flags used to induce an interview based on "cultural" biases, age, gender, religions, marital status etc.
3. **Extend expired medical evaluations.** The IRCC website states the medical evaluation is requested at an appropriate time in processing. That applicants should not be concerned if they do not receive a request to complete a medical exam immediately after applying because medical results expire, and this is to reduce the chance that new medical exam will be required later. Many of us were asked to complete the medical exam before the file was sent overseas and now have expired at no fault of the applicant.

Therefore, all expired medical evaluation should be extended or exempt for re- medicals. Another option is it can be done in Canada, if deemed necessary.

4. **Abolish the enforcement of section 179(b).** The 90% refusal rate of TRV applications is evidence of the problem inherent in this process. It allows interpretation and discretion of a single officer with total impunity. Despite being legally allowed to apply under the concept of “dual intent”, this was ignored by officers 90% of the time, which has wasted everyone’s time and money- the applicant’s and the governments.

Refusal letters were brought to the attention of the Minister who eventually issued an update, on October 30, 2020, to try to clarify “dual intent” when assessing TRV with open spousal sponsorship applications.

Program delivery update: Dual intent – October 30, 2020 – “This section contains policy, procedures and guidance used by IRCC staff. It is posted on the department’s website as a courtesy to stakeholders. The dual intent instructions have been updated with a section specific to spouses and partners who have an overseas application for permanent residence as a sponsored spouse or partner in progress. The new section includes factors for officers to consider when assessing dual intent for this group of applicants, particularly for those who have also applied for a temporary resident visa.” -www.canada.ca

With section 179(b) still enforce, this does not resolve the TRV refusal issue. It is a contradictory directive that puzzles both parties, the applicant, and the officer. We are being asked to provide proof of an authentic marriage, and then prove that those ties are *not* “strong ties” and officers are being asked to assess the contradiction. This must be placing a high level of stress and responsibility on our Canadian officers, who are simply following directives and doing their jobs. Currently, some visa offices take 248 days (8.3 months) to complete an application for a TRV, this is not a solution for reunification. Other offices such as the Philippines processing is 6 days, posted on the IRCC website on Dec 8, 2020. It is not fair that a Canadian that has family in India must endure 242 days longer than a Canadian applying for a family from the Philippines.

Those applicants that have been denied a permanent residency are also automatically denied the chance to obtain a temporary resident visa. Many applicants appeal or re-apply

The lack of accountability of an officer’s actions, whether following orders or using their own discretion, demands the need for an Ombudsman. The opposing opinions of industry experts, immigration lawyers, scholars, MPs and advocacy groups have no way to assist in the just decision-making or handling of cases. Further to this, out of order processing, delays, outdated technology, and criteria has resulted in discrimination leading to wrongful denials. Please see, a major research paper presented to Ryerson University, 2017 [Canada's spousal sponsorship process: challenges of cross-national couples | Digital Repository \(ryerson.ca\)](#)

5. **Process the files in order.** Those that applied in 2019 and earlier should be processed before those from 2020 and 2021. The logistics of processing outland applications needs to be addressed as files have been sent to overseas visa offices. Many offices remain closed and others are open with limited capacity, therefore halting the process. These files need to be returned to Canada to be expedited and treated the same way as those of 2020 applications, some of which have not been sent overseas. We have seen applications submitted in 2020 processed in as little as 5 months. The processing of these applications in Canada, circumvents the process of an “applicant assessment” in the applicant’s country which older applicants continue to be subjected to. The visa offices that are open are focused on processing economic immigration stream, not family class. Also, many of our members expressed concerns of the assessment of their applications being reviewed by local visa staff vs trained Canadian decision makers.

We suggest the creation of a special task force dedicated to completing the backlog within Canada. This will enable global visa office to start on a clean state with newer applications. Considering the precedent set with the completion of 2020 application at the Ottawa visa office, this goal is not only realistic, but attainable.

6. **Review the regulation 4(1) of the IRPA** pertaining to the assessment of initial intent when assessing the genuineness of a marriage and the regulation that grants “sole discretion” to a single officer. This regulation/process does not allow married couples to provide corroborating evidence. Our marriages are not frozen in time or carried out in isolation. We are developing, changing, and growing. We should be allowed to provide additional evidence to the initial evidence to support the authenticity of our marriages. Considering the current delays of 15 plus months we should be allowed to substantiate the truthfulness of our marriages above and over the initial period. However, as you will continue to read about the discrimination inherent in this process, the need to abolish the “genuine” check will become apparent. Furthermore, the process has become a gamble which puts families in a vulnerable position. The system appears to have a built-in odd in favor of rejection. Decisions of officers are dependent on their mood, interpretation of directives, time available, and pressure to meet quotas. Sole discretion negates ministerial directives as it leaves the interpretation to the officer. For example, “dual intent”, during 2020, advocates highlighted the rejection rate of TRV’s under section 179(b), prompting the Minister to provide clarification on Oct 27 to IRCC officials to not impede the ability of ongoing spousal applicants to obtain a TRV.
7. **Allow outland spousal sponsorship applicants to apply for open work permits** for their spouses during the processing of their applications for permanent residency. The student stream allows for spouses of students to obtain open work permit within as little as 5 months. We understand the initial intent is temporary residency, differing from the spousal stream, however we are all well aware of the governments changes in public policy this year to retain temporary resident visitors holders, and the consistent focus to create pathways for students/work permit holders to obtain permanent residency. These efforts make the initial intent a moot point. In June, essential foreign workers were allowed to reunite with their spouses via special policy which removed the need for the spouse to have a specific employer, work permits were issued for the duration of the existing work permit. On August 24 a special policy allowing the issuing of work permits to temporary resident visa holders with job offers was initiated. The only option available to most Canadians is to apply for permanent residency, we demand the same options given to non-residents of Canada. This occurred while IRCC refused TRV’s, citing section 179(b) – applicants home country employment situation is not favorable therefore not satisfied they will leave after the stay. How is it possible to as TRV holders to work, but deny others for the same reason? The only option available to most Canadians is to apply for permanent residency, we demand the same options given to non-residents of Canada. Our spouses’ professions and education are listed in the application forms. The economic benefit of this education and experience is grossly underestimated and ignored by the government.
8. **Visa offices should be standardized and offer the same consistent level of service.** To ensure fairness to all Canadians the government needs to standardize the process to ensure equal processing times, the application of Canadian law, processes, and procedures across the globe. Canadians must be treated equally regardless of which country their spouses reside. The application should be reviewed under the scope of Canadian culture, values, norms and law. The use of cultural/societal practices of a specific country should be abolished. Each application must be reviewed in its entirety and within the context it is submitted. Personal inferences, mood or opinions of officers are leading to corrupt decision-making inflicting emotional/financial harm to Canadians and their families. Unfair practices per Global visa office pending region:

- a. Process services vary by country benefitting certain selected groups of spouses of Canadians over others (for example, in the Philippines, they process a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) in 5 days while a country like Pakistan takes 409 days). Every Canadian deserves the same response time no matter the visa office
 - b. Some visa offices use Canadian Citizens decision makers whereas others use locally trained staff to assess the intent of a Canadian Citizen reason for marriage. This staff has not lived in Canada. The reliance on one or two decision makers that consider one culture to dominates the marriage is discriminatory. Many of us have been born or raised in Canada, therefore the use of knowledge of “cultural practices” is discrimination.
 - c. The visa offices do not appear to employ diverse staff, risking Canadians to potential biases towards already marginalized minority groups of a particular country.
 - d. The historical or emergence of political hostile environment in some countries and the consequences it’s impact on vulnerable groups is not considered. This is especially critical when a local officer (nonresident of Canada) is assessing the files. Can the IRCC guarantee the officer is not affiliated or influenced by political/cultural groups that engage in activity against vulnerable groups. Examples of political hostility include, Hong Kong protests, Farmers Protest.
9. **IRCC improve the application forms and update the IRCC website with as much details as possible.** Website must include transparency detailing the process, including criteria that will be used to assess the authenticity of our marriages.
- a. We are disadvantaged at the time of application depending on whether we select to complete the application on our own, choose a lawyer or consultant. Applicants that choose veteran industry leaders appear to have greater success as they provide advice to submit documents that are not apparent to the Canadian that chooses to apply on their own.
 - b. The IRCC system in Canada appears to give a different status than the actual status of our application. Lack of communication, errors all add to the stress of this process. GCMS notes state interview required, ECAS state not required.
10. **Privacy-** The use of VFS global has proven to be a breach of privacy as a Canadian immigration requires the disclosure of extremely sensitive information about the personal lives of applicants, their families and their Canadian Sponsors. Such information could include details that could lead to persecution of their beliefs, gender identity etc. Please note, there was already been a privacy breach with the said party. See, <https://globalnews.ca/news/7563381/canada-visa-application-firm-tax-havens-china/> The information sent overseas is deeply confidential and we are concerned with the housing, transportation, enforcement and oversight of our personal information.
11. **Outsourcing** We have concerns about outsourcing the assessment of Canadian outland spousal sponsorship applications to global visa offices. Canada has a very stable political climate compared to many countries. Sending our application overseas puts us at risk of delays should a natural disaster or the political climate change in a country. Our applications should not be in the control of other countries. This is exemplified by a major earthquake that happened in Haiti in 2010. More recently, there was an explosion in Lebanon and major protests occurring in Hong Kong and India. Also, with Covid we have seen some countries up and running a lot faster or slower than Canada, impacting the service standard of our applications. For example, the visa office in India was closed from March to Nov 2020, some other offices remain closed. Had the application remained in Canada, we would not experience additional delays. Canadians are at risk of being politically exposed should the political environment change in a country. Spouses from Hong Kong and India are faced with challenges brought on by the protests.

Generally, tasks forces are set up or policies created to handle these concerns. The response is often delayed and takes resources away from other priorities. Keeping Canadian applications in Canada removes these consequences.

12. **Exemptions for economic class.** A list of exemptions for 2020 can be found on the IRCC website. This is a list of provisions implemented by the IRCC Minister in 2020. There were no provisions to help Canadians that applied in 2019 and prior. Our applications have not progressed since the submission of our application. This is well over 17 months and the IRCC has the audacity to explain the delays due to Covid. We have paid our fees in full. The delays have also caused our documents to expire, adding further undue costs and delays. We perceive this as fleecing the vulnerable.
13. **Ombudsman needed-** The opposing opinions of industry experts, immigration lawyers, scholars, MPs and advocacy groups have no way to assist in the just decision-making or handling of cases. The lack of accountability of an officer's actions, whether following orders or using their own discretion, demands the need for an Ombudsman.
14. **The 12- month processing time.** There is no benefit to having a lengthy processing time or than to deprioritize family re-unification and allocate resources to the economic stream. This is causing irreversible harm to the family unit and undue mental health hardship. This process needs to consider these affects when establishing processing times.

Harm to the family unit:

- a. Kids are being born apart and to single mothers as fathers cannot unite via this process. IRCC appeal judges have openly stated that a child being born to a marriage is not a determination of a 'genuine' relationship thereby denying, delaying and deprioritizing applications as a result
- b. Fertility issues are a rampant matter that goes unspoken as many of our members are the wife sponsoring the husbands and face not only gender bias by IRCC staff who feel the need to 'protect' these female sponsors from male applicants who may take advantage of them, but also who have to endure separation of their marriage at a time that impacts negatively on their reproductive timelines. Many female members have reported having fertility treatments or have lost the opportunity to have children naturally with their spouses as a result of this process. Several have also faced miscarriages due to the trauma of the separation. The government offers no reasonable pathway for reunification, especially during this pandemic.
- c. Our families are from countries that have spousal sponsorship immigration programs that process family application as soon as possible. Our in-laws then question our motives, they do not believe that it is the process that is slow. This adds stress to our relationships
- d. Physically intimation is non-existent for years due to year long wait times and the inability of some to travel during "vacation" time. 3- or 4-week vacations are not suitable time to develop a relationship or raise children
- e. Real fears and increased anxieties that our spouses and families may be harmed in the pandemic with no way to help each other or even be present to support or attend a funeral, for example.

Undue Mental Health Hardship:

- f. Extremely slow processing times by countries, lack of transparency and no true accountability of each person's application. We do not hear a response for years in some cases.

- g. Our members are willing to go through psychological assessment and we can provide evidence of medical assessments being done.
- h. Many of us have taken leave of absence (paid and unpaid) from our places of work. Decision making is non-existent as we are not provided any update on our applications for years. Instead we struggle in anguish about doing this or that, whether it be related to health, finances etc.
- i. The process leads to stress on every aspect of our lives whether you are the applicant or the sponsor
- j. Some recent stats include 17% of members have had suicidal thoughts, while over 34% have experienced anxiety, and over 75% have consistent and increased stress due to the hardship inflicted by this IRCC process.

15. The IRCC considers using the “*Family Sponsorship Impact Statement Form*” to gather concrete evidence from Canadians about the barriers in this process. Form was published in brief submitted to the CIMM- Immigration & Citizenship on November 30, 2020 and December 7, 2020. Please see, <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/CIMM/StudyActivity?studyActivityId=10963216&fbclid=IwAR1b96CY62rLJZ54pFGnjY2iJN5UsuWVhVGmF9Nga9ZV1H6L0mTggOPxp50>

Given the great need for immigration we do not understand what is stopping the government from reuniting families in the outland spousal sponsorship program. Further evidence of the issues raised above is available upon request.

COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated an already flawed systemic issues for this immigration stream. During COVID we are unable to travel (closed borders, no flights, extra costs for redirecting flights or cities to meet spouses, and layovers etc.) creating further separation and increased anxiety within family. There have been no real solutions given by the government about allow reunification for outland spousal sponsorship. The government has provided exemptions for “unmarried couples” and spouses of “temporary workers to reunite during the pandemic but excluded us.

We feel this is an annihilation on our family life. Some members have received a USA visa within 5 days just so meet each other over the Canada/USA border, and yet Canada offers nothing to its members to allow ease of visitation with one another.

The government acts distrustful and lacks knowledge of the economic/societal benefit of Canadians married to people overseas. The program is unbalanced searching for ‘fraud’ harming trustworthy long-time citizens/residents of Canada. We are hurt and harmed in the cruelest of ways. We are prevented from being there for our spouses due to this forced separation. We are forced into a situation that is hurting us as Canadian and hurting our families and our government recognizing this refuse to act with conscience and necessities to protect its citizens and it promises to make family reunification the ‘heart of immigration’ as was publicly said by our very own Prime minister Justin Trudeau.

The above only touches on a mere slew of concerns that our members have faced. We would like someone who is willing to take a chance on us, hear our united concerns and move us to a settlement that reflects the many hardships we have had to endure at the hands of failed government system.

Sincerely,

Voices4Families, admin@[voices4families.ca](https://www.voices4families.ca)



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Canadian's separated
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CLEAR the BACKLOG of Outland Spousal Sponsorship & Spousal Open Work Permit Applications

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To the Hon. PM Justin Trudeau, Leaders Sean Fraser, Jagmeet Singh, Erin O'Toole, Yves-François Blanchet

Canadians Citizens/PR's/Students/Refugee Claimants have been waiting **OVER 2 years for a decision on their Spousal Sponsorship Applications, isolating us from our spouses and children. Each day we reach out to the**

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IRCC Minister, but are met with neglect and indifference. Our lives are in turmoil, we are psychologically traumatized trying to find ways to survive daily emotions of fear, uncertainty, hopelessness, depression and anxiety.

The Liberal's have not upheld their campaign promises: *"A Liberal government...will change the rules so that spouses immigrating to Canada receive immediate permanent residency, no two year waiting period" "making it easier for families to be together here in Canada makes more than just economic sense, when Canadians have added supports like family involvement in childcare it helps drive productivity and economic growth and it brings in skilled workers we need so badly." - Justin Trudeau, Sept 2015*

WORDS ALONE ARE MEANINGLESS; Canadians need a government that truly listens & responds with Intelligent Action

It is TIME to ACT - We are hurting, we matter, we vote, we remember.

There are thousands of people separated from their spouses and children for **more than 29 months** at the **New Delhi Visa Office (NDVO) & other Global Visa Offices**. Many of those stuck are due to the suspension of in-person interviews, and the Canadian government has not taken any steps to reinstate in-person interviews or implemented any alternative solution to carry them out. It is critical to act now and implement compassionate solutions to address this MAJOR barrier to reunification. It is no longer acceptable or ethical to keep us at a standstill in rigid processes at a time when only compassion, mutual cooperation and flexibility will help us move thru this troubling time. We are devastated, our lives in shambles!

Please complete our applications FAIRLY and with priority under section 3(1) (d) of the IRPA!

We are Canadian citizens, permanent/temporary residents & students who are taxpayers, who live, work, study, and participate in Canadian society. We expect

the federal government to take CORRECTIVE ACTION to implement viable family reunification measures for all family class applications!

COVID was never been an acceptable excuse to delay, deny, violate and interfere in fundamental human rights to family, especially when you were able to break an all-time immigration record by landing 401,000 immigrants in 2021. There are millions in Canada separated by a callous and racist immigration bureaucracy, causing a mental health crisis due to depression, fear and never ending anxiety that can only be addressed with family reunification.

We plead that you act compassionately and with urgency.

SOLUTIONS to address obscene delays:

We call upon the Prime Minister to acknowledge the HARMFUL impacts of delays at the New Delhi Visa Office and all other Global Visa Offices and direct the prioritization of outland spousal sponsorship & spousal open work permit applications immediately by:

1. Allocate staff to immediately scan our paper applications and move the electronic applications to Canada or global visa offices that are not experiencing suspension of services. Failing to do so, MAIL them back to Canada! We have seen postings on social media of 2021 application processed at the Ottawa visa office in as little as 6 months.
2. Implement virtual interviews at the New Delhi Visa Offices and ALL other impacted Visa Offices or allow the global visa offices that have the technological capability to conduct virtual interviews. The Immigration Appeal Division is conducting virtual hearings using Microsoft Teams.
3. Re-review applications IRCC labelled as “complex” to ensure conclusions drawn about the bona fide of our marriages are free of age, racial, religious, cultural, previous marital status and any or forms of discrimination. We have

a right to fair and unbiased assessments. A recent report on a cultural of racism in the IRCC and its impact on decisions made by staff on applications is concerning and swift action must be taken to eliminate discrimination.

4. Request additional documentation in lieu of interviews to allay any officer's concerns about the bona fide of our marriages. Couples who have spent years on this process and have provided additional evidence of such, should be re-reviewed.

5. Take the application as far to completion as possible by completing all other functions, such as background and criminal checks.

6. Uphold IRCC commitment to transparency and immediately issue communication that provides the status, complete officers notes and the exact reasons applications have not been finalized.

7. Make section R179(b) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations inapplicable to allow for the immediate issuing of TRV's

8. Provide a pathway for the spouses of Canadian Citizens in the outland sponsorship stream to apply for work permits and/or study permits.

Failing all else, we request the issuance of permanent resident visas for ALL outland spousal sponsorship applications via Ministerial Instruction where; the principal applicant has provided a clear criminal record check; the Canadian sponsor has been granted eligibility, and the application has passed the 12-month processing time. This is in the powers of all ministers, mainly Chrystia Freeland and Justin Trudeau and Sean Fraser.

ISSUES:

1. In-person interviews have been suspended at the New Delhi Visa Office since March 2020 delaying **applications for close to 2 years.**

2. Over 16 months ago, on September 24, 2020, the Minister announced, “IRCC is leveraging new technology in a pilot to digitize paper applications so they can be processed more efficiently by IRCC employees working remotely and at various worksites. In addition IRCC will be piloting, in the upcoming weeks, technology to conduct interviews with applicants remotely.” The NDVO and other global visa offices are still not setup to schedule or conduct virtual interviews.

3. On January 22, 2022, the IRCC website posted, they were finalizing most application received over 23 months ago between February 9 and 15, 2020. To make matters worse, the applications IRCC labels “complex” are excluded- leaving thousands of people languishing in pain. Those recommended for interviews are considered “complex”. With no alternative to in-person interviews available these applications have been at a COMPLETE STANDSTILL

4. Indefinite timelines for IRCC cases labelled “complex” are causing endless worry and frustration. We have been put on a slow hamster wheel with the IRCC with unanswered emails, webform and ATIP requests. It has been reported that New Delhi received 15,791 emails in July 2019, an increase of 52% over June 2019. Illustrating the desperate need to scan files and increase transparency. We are not satisfied to wait indefinitely with no answers. We are being robbed of precious time with our loved ones.

5. Un-scanned paper-based applications are resulting in ATIP requests taking up to 365 days above the regular 30-day processing time.

6. In March 2021, the IRCC announced the hiring of 62 new employees dedicated to family class overseas applications to shorten processing times that have been extended during the pandemic. The processing time at the NDVO has increased, How can this new staff accessed paper- based applications located physically at NDVO to help shorten timelines?

7. Despite the suspension of in-person interviews, applications continue to be put into an interview queue, building on the already existing backlogs.

8. Understandably, the start of the pandemic was an unprecedented event, but we are now 2 years into the pandemic. We have vaccines and the technology to work virtually. To continue to use the pandemic to justify the delays of over 2 years is illogical and cruel. It is especially hurtful and unjust to complete 2021 applications and economic class applications in record time at NDVO during the pandemic. We want orderly, fair treatment with defined timelines so that we too may plan our lives.

9. Many have filed a “WRIT OF MANDAMUS” in the federal court for help to compel the IRCC to complete the applications, all to ask the federal government to uphold our human rights and for families to be together. Canadians have been met with resistance from IRCC stating that current delays are reasonable. How is it reasonable for a husband and wife and children to be separated for more than 3 years? The pushback is not only a wastage of tax-payers money on IRCC lawyer fees it is UNCANADIAN, HUMILATING & INHUMANE to fight your own citizens that are pleading for a basic human right to hold their families in their arms. A right the federal government themselves have expressed they value at this difficult time.

10. The delays have subjected us to an uncertain future filled with anxiety and depression. The prolonged separation during a deadly global pandemic is leading to severe emotional/mental/financial distress. We have been hospitalized, prescribed medications never taken before and even had suicidal thoughts.

11. Border closures, flight bans, suspension/restriction on issuing Indian travel visas and quarantine measures have restricted travel to visit our families.

12. For over 3 years our lives have been at a standstill. We communicate, celebrate milestones, watch our children grow up all on video calls across

varying time zones. We are unable to move forward with family planning, as time passes fertility declines for some, employment suffers, we maintain two homes, our children are being raised without both parents, we are isolated from our primary support network. It is essential to our overall well-being and the healthy development of our children to be living in the same home together.

13. There are no pathways for those with an open outland spousal sponsorship application to apply for a work permit or study permit. Canada should be capitalizing on the extensive education and experience our spouses would bring to Canada to the economy by investments and filling job vacancies.

14. The clarification of “dual intent” for families to apply for a temporary resident visa (TRV) while awaiting their permanent residence is almost always denied under the guise of Section 179(b), which demands that a person cannot have any “strong ties” to Canadians, saying they cannot be trusted to leave the country when their tourist visa expires. This contravenes the public policy of August 24, 2020 allowing TRV holders to apply for work permit thus establishing ties to Canada.

We are hurting, we matter, we vote.

-Voices4Families, an advocacy group for family reunification

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Canada	2021-07-15	"Actions speak louder than words. I been waiting over 2 years for my family. I am fully vaccinated and work virtually from home, Mr Medicino and govt posts pictures of virtual meetings on the daily. India is IT hub, if you promised it Mr Mendicino it is high time you delivered."
Canada	2021-07-15	"Shame on the government for making excuses. We are over a year into the pandemic. While our government officials are with their families worry free, we struggle daily with anxiety and despair at the thought of whether or not we will ever see our families again."
Canada	2021-07-15	"This is Shameful a unkept promise by the liberals off reuniting families ☹️. New Dheli visa office is forcefully seperating families and processing out off order . Voices4Families will take you up on this remeber we have the power to Vote elections around the corner."
New Zealand	2021-07-15	"I am waiting to reunite with my wife in canada. Shame on immigration officer and prime minister"
Canada	2021-07-15	"I am one of them suffering from this"
Canada	2021-07-15	"I'm signing because my application is still unattended from last 3 years. Catching rust and dust at Etobicoke office. Ruins our future plans."
Canada	2021-07-15	"NDVO and liberals are ruining life's of many. No vote for liberals in future"
India	2021-07-15	"Affected by covid...qued for interview...2.5 years of processing"
Canada	2021-07-15	"I Am signing because my spouse is in India and i urge NDVO to process the spousal PR applications faster and clear the backlog"
Canada	2021-07-15	"Such a discriminatory immigration process. I'm appalled."
India	2021-07-15	"I've been waiting to reunite with my husband and my son with his father for more than 24+ months... My spouses sponsorship permanent resident processing for more than 1 years"

		"Been away from husband since one and half year. Visitor visa rejected twice How the marriage can be strained because of immigration? We cannot even think of being together because of pandemic. Why the travel exempt enquiry is submitted? IRCC says we will get back to you in 14business day. I have not heard reply for last 3 months on webform. New Delhi Visa office is not processing the application after the application is being received by them after 3months.
India	2021-07-15	Please help us reunited with our families there in Canada."
		"The government should treat all human beings in a humane manner. Family is important. Prioritize virtual interviews to ease the backlog piling up on a daily basis."
Kenya	2021-07-15	
India	2021-07-15	"I am not getting my visa and so depressed plz unite us"
		"NDVO are holding Canadians and their families like hostages in this process, all the whole welcoming thousands of others in other \$\$ streams along with their spouses. Shame on you NDVO and shame on this government for ignoring our pleas for more than one year!!!"
Canada	2021-07-15	
		"I have been waiting 14 months for my Spouse's application to go through. He has tried 2 times to come here on a TRV and was denied twice because of article 179 and his "strong ties" to Canada. If we hadn't ordered his GCMS Notes, we would never have even found out that they requested a medical in January 2020. They requested the medical but never sent us an email, it never showed up on his GCKEY or ECAS. So he ended up waiting until July 1 to get his medical. I'm concerned about if IRCC will request an interview, because I've heard that the wait can be extremely long. It's ridiculous that he can't be here right now. He's developed an anxiety disorder and gets pain in his stomach from the stress of waiting. I'm suffering from stress because I can't help him when he's so far away, plus I'm depressed. I'm having surgery in 2 weeks and I'm going to need someone to help me with my recovery. It's a sad situation when you have to rely on your 80 year old parents to help you, when it s"
Canada	2021-07-15	
India	2021-07-15	"I have waiting since 2019"
		"They're not working 2019 family spouse pr files very bad immigration Canada"
India	2021-07-15	

India	2021-07-15	"I've not met my husband since 2019, please help us get status on our application soon"
Canada	2021-07-15	"The federal government should take immediate actions to unify broken hearted Canadian families. What is happening with the spousal imigration is wrong. Thousands of Canadians are stripped away from their loved ones for no reason at all...this is Canada. Things can and must be fixed. I was seperated from my family for two years and i can imagine whay is happening to those families with this unfair and broken system that can be fixed"
India	2021-07-15	"It is very important for the family to be togethar"
Canada	2021-07-15	"It's been 18months since submitting my application and nothing... almost three years apart from my family, through a time I really needed them. Covid-19 has been a tough time to see through alone!!"
India	2021-07-15	"Please speed up the proces"
Canada	2021-07-15	"I am suffering more than 1and half years till now I can not meeting my wife . I have applied for her work permit tourist visa and PR.They rejected trv with no special reason.No work on anything yet"
Canada	2021-07-15	"Totally unfair and system failure. Government not taking any action to solve this problem. There is two week quarantine when you reach Canada. I resigned from my job to go India because my company didn't approve my 3 week vacation(1 week vacation and two week quarantine). So i suffered financial and emotionally. We don't deserve this."
Canada	2021-07-15	"This is unfair treatment by liberals and IRCC towards families"
Canada	2021-07-15	"I had to be separated from my wife for 20 months. It should not have taken this long"
India	2021-07-15	"You can't play with our emotions...we are facing mental traumas.."
India	2021-07-15	"2019 ApplicantFamily Reunification or Family Separation..what does the Liberal Party of Canada value?"
Canada	2021-07-15	"I am signing in my application is not touched since Jan 2021"
Canada	2021-07-15	"Ma demande date de mars 2020 et j'ai toujours pas de demande d'examens médicaux ni de sécurité. On a pas eu de nouvelles depuis décembre 2020. Merci"
India	2021-07-15	"Want to live with my husband"
India	2021-07-15	"Please start giving visa to spouse sponsorship . We have been waiting since January 2020 . We are depressed now"

		"Family Reunification is must.Spouses are separated for last 22 months which is very bad to imagine. Children are fairway from their beloved parents. I urge Canadian immigration department to consider this issue seriously and look into seriously in making family reunification."
India	2021-07-15	
		"Pargat singh Nandha is my brother and my sister-in-law is in Canada .She is pregnant and she needs support of my brother and moreover this is precious time they are loosing by staying far . She is in her last trimester and also she is permanent resident of Canada so I request you to please process my brother's visa as soon as possible ."
India	2021-07-15	
Sri Lanka	2021-07-15	"This is long overdue"
		"I'm signing because today is my 4 year wedding anniversary. Another year has been lost due to immigration. Being together 12 years total is not enough for immigration. Canada is a multicultural country. When we fall in love and begin our lives with someone from another country/ culture, we are scrutinized more harshly than any other immigration stream. Are we a multicultural country of not?"
Canada	2021-07-15	
		"There is no end this pandemic, so we need to move on and try to live with that. It's high time now, loved ones cannot be separated more than this. Now that enough vaccination is going on Canadian government should take a decision on spousal reunification. We have lost our precious time of the life."
Canada	2021-07-15	
		"This is really affecting our mental health. Imagine being away with your spouse for almost 2 years? Students and express entry is open. How about our families?"
Canada	2021-07-15	
		"Since 2018 our application has bin processing.... we wanted to have had children by now but no .. We have plan an goals we want to accomplish.. Today's is our 4yr anniversary..... an its just all sad to me ..."
St. Vincent & Grenadines	2021-07-15	
		"Currently My wife is in india and we're living apart from each other from 1.5 years."
Canada	2021-07-15	
		"I'm signing because I applied pr since September 2019 through interim pathway caregivers and it's still on process,so devastating and heartbreaking"
Canada	2021-07-15	
Canada	2021-07-15	"My family is suffering"
		"Waiting for almost 2 years of my PR application.Interim Pathway second batch."
Canada	2021-07-15	
India	2021-07-15	"Savi mehra"
		"I am also waiting for my wife for reunification,she is in India.we are so depressed."
Canada	2021-07-15	

Canada	2021-07-15	"I am signing because my application is delayed too..i have been waiting since aug 2019..it's still in process...it's so frustrating and also depressions.."
Canada	2021-07-15	"I am suffering from this too"
Canada	2021-07-16	"I am signing this petition to reunite with my wife. It's been one year since I applied for my wife's sponsorship. Got our decision made in March 2021 and it's been 4 months just to issue PPR. Moreover We applied for visitor visa application under dual intent in august. Complete silence on that for 11 months. My wife specially travelled to other country just for submitting her biometrics for visitor visa application and no reply on that application for 11 months. It's mental and emotional torture effecting both of us personally and professionally."
Canada	2021-07-16	"I am affected by the delays"
Canada	2021-07-16	"I applied in November 2019 . My husband medical and biometric done in dec 2019 and medical got cleared on Jan 2020 . After that I don't got any single update . I missed our previous memories like birthday , anniversary , new year . Not able to visit back home as got caught by coronavirus and then travel restrictions. I am Canadian citizen don't have india visa. Please help to process my husband file quickly . It's already going to 2 years"
India	2021-07-16	"I am Principal Applicant under outland spousal visa process"
Canada	2021-07-16	"I'm stuck in horrible mental health without being united with my husband"
Canada	2021-07-16	"My paper also stucked in I RCc applied Pr under HM N in March 2019"
Canada	2021-07-16	"Reunification of family"
Canada	2021-07-16	"Me and my wife have been stuck in different countries for 20+ months due to IRCC delays. Frustrated and disheartened by the lack of support from the government towards families in a similar situation. Good people are being ignored by the people meant to help."
Colombia	2021-07-16	"Estoy firmando porque llevo esperando mucho tiempo." "Been separated with my husband for more than 1n half year.he is in Canada,me in india.Govt is not doing anything and family sponsorship is taking forever.ive recieved no update yet."
India	2021-07-16	"It is just human to do so"
India	2021-07-17	"I applied my spousal sponsership application on jan 2020 its already 19 months still waiting"
Canada	2021-07-17	

India	2021-07-17	"Extreme delay"
		"Im signing because I been away to my kids for 16yrs.working abroad until my husband passed away last 2 years..Been working in Canada for 2 yrs.and yet my ECA is the problem i dont know If there is a chance to be a PR here as the stream i
Canada	2021-07-17	am applying for was closed."
		"Canada has been inhumane and irresponsible in the
Canada	2021-07-17	treatment of PR applicants"
India	2021-07-17	"Please start the applications"
		"I am also stuck since 16 months apart from my husband. It's difficult to be away from family for such a long time. We need
India	2021-07-18	justice."
		"Thank You for your support this systemic discrimination against families needs to stop specially hardest hit are families from Visa required countries. ❖. How is it reasonable for young families or children to be separated its
Canada	2021-07-18	been 5 years for myself sons almost as tall as his mom ."
India	2021-07-19	"Waiting ..."
		"we want justice ... me and my 11 month old daughter living
India	2021-07-19	alone in india. my whole family is in canada."
		"Spouse immigration system is at awful state. People and their families are suffering a lot and ircc is extremely unorganized people are really in need of help but kind of
Canada	2021-07-20	helpless."
		"my family members stuck in canada because direct flights
India	2021-07-20	not open"
Canada	2021-07-21	"Family needs to be together."
		"It's important to process files as first come first serve basis!
Canada	2021-07-21	Not forget the pile and start wherever you want."
		"It has been 2 years since I got married and we are still waiting for my wife's visa. It has been a lot of mental and
Canada	2021-07-21	emotional trouble."
Canada	2021-07-21	"It's been 17 months waiting for my husband"
India	2021-07-21	"I am living away for 16 months.. it's taking me in depression"
		"I am awaiting my PR for the past 18 months.Totally
India	2021-07-21	exhausted and can't withstand the pressure any more."
		"I haven't see my daughter and wife from last 22 months..All
India	2021-07-21	because of the delay in file processing at IRCC."
India	2021-07-21	"Please help everyone reunite with their family soon"
		"I am waiting to unite with my wife.18 months have
Canada	2021-07-21	passed.CIC is destroying our lives."

India	2021-07-22	"This resonates with me."
India	2021-07-22	"I am also going though all this"
		"NDVO- Please, we ask your understanding as this just isn't fair for us who are waiting since a long time .. Please handle 2019 and early 2020 applications. Seems like these applications are just left untouched which is unfair to all of us."
Canada	2021-07-22	"Hello sir,plz understand as this just isn't fair for us,me and my wife waiting since a long time .. Please handle sep 2020 applications. Seems like these applications are just left untouched which is unfair to all of us..family needs to be together .."
India	2021-07-22	"I am waiting for the updates since 3months. I am nov 2020 applicant"
India	2021-07-22	"I have applied for SOWP and dying to meet my husband. He is currently feeling depressed without me."
		"New comer Living alone since 2018 Nov. Application is with IRCC since Dec 2019. My wife and ai have been married for 3 yrs and lived together for only 6 months. I have had enough of IRCC's excuse of Covid19. Many many people who applied after me got thier spouses PR. I have been paying my taxes and am Law abiding citizen with no wrongful acts yet this is how I am being treated. I keep working even in Covid19 to meet my clients expectations. Shows how badly IRCC is managed. Shame on you guys ! Its a scam saying that Canada helps in uniting families. It helps more in destruction. Im on the verge of a mental breakdown and divorce. Thanks to IRCC and this government"
Canada	2021-07-22	"My spousal application is delayed and I am giving away from husband from past 1 year"
Canada	2021-07-23	"I have been waiting since December. I want to be with husband soon."
India	2021-07-23	"We are waiting from years and months without our partner in this pandemic situation. Kindly understand what we go through and process asap. Covid can't be the reason all the time. Everyone is affected by Covid. People are getting vaccinated its time to uplift the travel ban too."
India	2021-07-23	"I applied for spousal application in 2020"
Canada	2021-07-23	"I have submitted my Outland spousal sponsorship in April 2020 and I have received only temporary file no in November 2020 after date no update"
India	2021-07-23	

"I'm signing this coz it's almost 2 years since I'm separated from my husband and this immigration minister does nothing at all in his office. I want to ask him if he could live without his wife and children for that long. He doesn't have heart at all. We have no life without our partners minister Marco Mendicino. U have no idea how much every eye that cries prays that u would leave this post soon and will never be re-elected again, as U're not capable for any ministership. U better sit home and do nothing rather than pretending to be

India	2021-07-24	working and getting paid."
India	2021-07-24	"I am waiting for my husband. My application in the system from last 28 months"
India	2021-07-24	"Waiting for my spousal visa 18 month passed so stressful"
India	2021-07-25	"18 month passed no response of spousal visa"
Canada	2021-07-25	"to reunite family"
India	2021-07-25	"My spousal file has not yet approved even after crossing 12 months deadline"
Canada	2021-07-25	"My application has over 27 months still been ignored by IRCC"
Canada	2021-07-26	"I am signing because i wait for my family since April 2019"
India	2021-07-26	"Please help and expedite PR application process.."
Ghana	2021-07-27	"I am signing because my application is still pending no movement at all"
US	2021-07-27	"Irc is failing in its duty...the mental pressure and stress we face everyday is unimaginable"
Canada	2021-07-27	"Irc needs to put their ass in gear."
India	2021-07-29	"This is much required from IRCC."
Canada	2021-07-29	"I am signing this because its been more than a year since we filed for spousal sponsorship application and no decision have been made yet. We are suffering bcs of the unfair system of files not getting processed in FIFO order. Please show some compassion. We are suffering mentally bcs of this injustice."
Canada	2021-07-30	"I cannot tolerate the long distance anymore It's been so hard for us to be apart All the 2021 applicants are going really fast but for 2020 applicants we are still waiting...I am depressed & alone I need my husband by my side in this hard days"

		"It's unfortunate that some people don't get to see their spouse during the times we need them the most .Immigration should come up with visa for spouse as they spend their anniversaries all by themselves,which is broken immigration and not needed ,they can follow USA system and grant conditions on the visitor visa but should urge for uniting families faster ."
Canada	2021-08-01	
		"This is so insane. I want to revoke my immigration status back to Work Permit and get back my Wife easily in 2 weeks by applying student or OWP. IRCC is literally harassing Citizens and Permanent Residents. We cannot plan anything and really everything is at stalemate."
Canada	2021-08-02	
Canada	2021-08-02	"Queue for interview new delhi 18 months"
Canada	2021-08-02	"To create an impact and make processing faster."
Mexico	2021-08-03	"6 años esperando proceso"
		"Minister of immigration is destroying lives of thousands of people...by not issuing final approval(ppr)"
US	2021-08-04	
Canada	2021-08-04	"My file is pending for 2 years. Not able to be with my wife!"
		"I have been waiting for more than 8 months with no response on my spousal application."
India	2021-08-04	
		"My Spouse is waiting for the visa since more than seven months now. Act now!"
Canada	2021-08-04	
India	2021-08-05	"Satwinder singh"
India	2021-08-05	"I am waiting for my spousal visa for so long."
		"I would like to stay with my husband. And its not crime to stay with family like all MP's and PM. If you can stay with your family then why not for us?"
Bangladesh	2021-08-06	
Egypt	2021-08-08	"Has the same issue"
Canada	2021-08-09	"It's unfair please let people be happy"
		"Our relationship is hurting due to this long wait for the application. We wanna start our life 27 months since marriage."
Canada	2021-08-20	
India	2021-08-20	"Because I am one of the victims of IRCC"
		"My bhai bhabhi is facing it from last 2yrs . It is very difficult to dry fruits away. It is effecting both emotionally and mentally ."
India	2021-08-20	
		"I applied process for my wife on November 21, 2017. It is such a painful experience I don't want anyone to experience what I am experiencing."
Canada	2021-08-23	

"My wife pr application is in limbo. Medicals completed in March. Not a peep since then. Living on phone calls and video chats. This persists, I'll likely pack my bags and say goodbye to my home here, of 30 years"

Canada 2021-08-25

Canada 2021-08-27 "Marie Marthe Lindor"

India 2021-08-27 "Waiting for decision from last year"

India 2021-08-27 "i lot of miss my wife and we don't live each other"

India 2021-08-27 "Clear backlogs for spouse open work permit"

India 2021-08-27 "Clear back log people are in stress"

India 2021-08-27 "Hardeep Singh kamboh"

India 2021-08-27 "I have lodged my file on sep2020"

"Please first complete the SOWP files backlogs. I have also applied the SOWP visa on 20jan2021.but till date nouupdate, please reunite us. Thanks"

India 2021-08-27

India 2021-08-27 "Very bad icrcc"

"I am dalbir singh from India. I am waiting for my file response since 1 year"

India 2021-08-27

"My husband's file has not been processed yet and we are staying away from each other for so long now."

India 2021-08-27

India 2021-08-28 "Clear sowp backlock"

India 2021-08-28 "Plz clear backlog."

"I am still awaiting a decision on my application which has been in process for almost 10 months now. We have been away from each other since the last year. My wife is living alone in Canada and she needs my love and support. We want to be together and take care of each other. She is working with Amazon Canada under the essential services. It has been quite stressful as I haven't seen my spouse, Mrs. Sangeeta, for over a year now and it would tremendously benefit us both emotionally to be together. In the meanwhile, I have not heard back since even though the application processing time on CIC's website is 17 weeks and we both are suffering from huge stress"

India 2021-08-28

India 2021-08-28 "Damanpreet kaur janjua"

"Leaving apart frome each other for more than two years. Getting ubnormal"

Canada 2021-08-28

India 2021-08-28 "Complete the backlog files"

"Because we are apart from 2 years . Please let us reunite . We are already frustrated by covid , long distance as well ."

India 2021-08-28

India 2021-08-28 "Please clear baclog i want to see my 9month baby ."

India 2021-08-28 "I'm singing this, because of the delay from the IRCC."

Canada 2021-08-28 "My wife is waiting for 1.5 years to see me."

Canada	2021-08-28	"Its been more than 5 months since we have applied for spouse open work permit. No updates , no correspondence.Please we cannot stay apart like this"
India	2021-08-28	"If elections can be held during pandemic why not process visas and clear the backlogs. Covid is just an excuse and they cannot be causing distress to families. They should treat us with respect and let us know the plan."
Canada	2021-08-29	"I am signing because they are taking so much time just giving the reason of COVID 19 .we need our families here."
India	2021-08-29	"Its been 10 month my file stuck in embassy ,they didn't gave me any ans of my sowp nd its been 2 yrs of meeting my husband who is in canada ."
Canada	2021-08-29	"I m signing becoz i filed for sowp for my husband in aug 2020 and didn't get any response yet..."
Canada	2021-08-30	"Pawandeep kaut"
India	2021-08-30	"Dil ne lagda kalyan"
Canada	2021-08-30	"My wife application is still in process since 19months. Shame on immigration"
India	2021-08-30	"I have been waiting for my spousal visa from august 2020 . Now days are above normal processing time period but no response. Shame on ircc"
India	2021-08-30	"My friend is suffering for past 2 years... Still he waiting to join his family..... And I am waiting from 2020 November Imia based closed work permit after my biometrics till now no updates"
Canada	2021-08-30	"I have a family member who is waiting forever"
India	2021-08-30	"I applied for spouse visa application on 6th November 2020. N still it's pending."
India	2021-08-31	"I am applying for SOWP"
Canada	2021-09-01	"I am Akash Preet kaur.."
Canada	2021-09-07	"Stop backlog"
India	2021-09-16	"Please sir clear the backlogs of spousevisa application and give fastest results to new spousevisa application because its very difficult for husband and wife to live without eachother"
India	2021-09-16	"Harpreet kaur"
India	2021-09-17	"my file no result above six month"
India	2021-09-23	"I am sept 2019 applicant and yet i got nothing."
India	2021-09-24	"Please clear backlog.....we are suffering...."
India	2021-09-24	"Plz clear backlog"
India	2021-09-24	"I waiting for meet my spouse form March 2021"
India	2021-09-24	"I am July 2019 applicant Please clear Backlog"
Canada	2021-09-24	"IRCC is lazy and do want to work for tax payers"

"I am sponsoring my husband, we are living away since December 2020. I felt this is very unfortunate that we applied on February 2021, but people who applied after us is getting passport request and some are reached here. I am not sure why it is getting delay for application or why is not considering who applied first. I requested please fast up the processing as we would like to reunite as fast as we can. As you give work permit for people whose spouse are here with work permit or study permit. But why dont consider spouse with permanent resident. Why dont you give those kind of work permit for them until they get PR?Thank you"

Canada
India

2021-09-27

2021-09-29

"Please clear backlog we are suffering 💎"

"I and my wife have not seen each other since March 2021 and it is difficult for us to go through this separation. So, please clear the sowp files and help the family to be reunited."

India

2021-09-29

"I have been waiting for my file to get approved from last 6 months and wife is in Canada . My kids are missing her mother very badly."

India

2021-09-29

India

2021-09-29

"I am waiting for my spouse since june 2021"

"My wife living alone in Canada and having very difficult time with her health. We married in Nov 2020 and she had to go back to canada after a month.since then we have been trying to get together and nothing happened till now. Please process valid application at the earliest"

India

2021-09-29

"My husband is stuck in India because of inefficiency of ircc in processing visa files"

Canada

2021-09-29

"Pls process sowp asap. Wa r dying to wait fr such a long time. Pls, we beg u."

India

2021-09-29

Canada

2021-09-30

"Harmandeep kaur"

"We applied in Nov 2019. Our daughter was born this August in Canada without her father near. No amount of us reaching out to IRCC, updating our files or addressing their archaic areas of concern (I'm 4 years older, they don't believe the number of wedding attendees) have helped demonstrate

Canada

2021-10-12

India

2021-10-12

"Genuinly it should be worked on."

Canada

2021-10-12

"Living separate from my spouse"

Canada

2021-10-12

"It's been 3 YEARS - 1096 DAYS in the process. Cruel and inhumane."

		"My minor daughters application was sent to a visa office that is not a regular VO to her country of citizenship . She is 9 years old and her application is sitting in a pile . Medical is finished , sponsor approval done yet still sitting there . She is 9 years old , and yet it still sits in a wrong visa office . A visa office that refuses to answer web forms and refuses to
Canada	2021-10-13	prioritize minors"
India	2021-10-13	"Shaloo Manchanda"
India	2021-10-13	"I'm signing this petition because she deserves it."
		"It is sickening, that the wait time has been like this, believe it or not it's broken alot of families mentally and many have lost
Canada	2021-10-13	hope! There needs to be a change."
Pakistan	2021-10-13	"I'm signing because I'm stuck may 2020 waiting for a decision for 18 months"
		"My wife applied in March 2020. We had to wait 8 months before we even got an acknowledgement letter. Now after passing her medicals in April 2021, its been 6 months with no update waiting on an interview. To ask what? My wife and I already spent 2 years apart in a long distance relationship before we got married and now almost another 2. People can't even commit to a 30 day diet and yet you question a 4 year long relationship? Disgusting. Every morning I wake up thinking today we might here from them and every night I go to sleep sad for even hoping. IRCC gotta do better OR AT
Canada	2021-10-13	LEAST SOMETHING!"
		"IRCC just not getting the pain of family separation. We are suffering all day and night by hoping one day ircc will finalized
Canada	2021-10-14	the application."
		"Because I've been in immigration for 20 months Separated from my husband for 24 months and it's hard I cry all the time
Canada	2021-10-14	I just want him here"
		"We got marriage 2017 we apply in July 2019. Medical and biometric done Sep 2019 after that no any update now almost going to finish 6 years for marriage. still we are living separat just we are talking on the video call my wife is in canadian citizen now she is in depression she need there
India	2021-10-14	please help us please 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏"
UK	2021-10-15	"My family are effected by this."
		"I applied in June for spousal application, till date I have only
Pakistan	2021-10-15	received AOR nothing else!"
Canada	2021-10-15	"It's wrong to keep families apart..."
India	2021-10-17	"Lovepreet kaur"

		"I am stuck in India and my wife is in Canada..she have never been alone in her life this decision on Canadian education is getting tough on us"
India	2021-10-17	
Canada	2021-10-17	"Poonam"
		"I am far from my wife Its too much now ircc not work properly Work on spouse visa files Please understand the family feeling Now we are too much depressed"
India	2021-10-17	
India	2021-10-17	"Jaskarn Singh"
		"My spouse is in Canada. Applied SOWP 5 months ago. Till now no update. It's mentally and physically affecting us this separation."
India	2021-10-17	
		"I have been waiting for a decision to be made since July 2019. This waiting is unbearable, when you have made future plans with your partner but the plans are impossible to reach because of this backlog!"
Canada	2021-10-17	
Canada	2021-10-17	"Not priority no sequence... no follow of first come first serve"
		"I'm January 2019 applicant waiting for my husband's spousal sponsorship case. Please help me. Thanks,Tabinda"
Pakistan	2021-10-17	
		"I applied on October 2020 for my husband. Its a year that I am waiting for getting atleast an AOR.Not even that is received .I dont know what to do."
Canada	2021-10-17	
		"Plz clear backlog spouse open work permit files waiting for 1 year"
India	2021-10-17	
		"i am sign this petition .because my spouse also live in far from me .i am waiting every day .they do anyupdate"
Canada	2021-10-18	
		"Please do start fast process of sows application. We are waiting for long time"
India	2021-10-18	
		"Canadian embassy not give my result. Waiting from 9 months"
India	2021-10-18	
Canada	2021-10-18	"Please look into this concerns"
		"I had applied in 2020 still separated! Working on bounded work permit . Not welcomed by good paying jobs"
India	2021-10-18	
		"Il faut une amélioration des procédures et des délais d'immigration... un système déshumanisant !"
Canada	2021-10-18	
		"I am signing because my application has approved 33 months after my marriage"
Canada	2021-10-18	
		"I applied in may 2020 and file didn't move after medical. TRV application refused"
Canada	2021-10-18	
		"Same with LVO. Have been stuck since Oct 2019. More than 18 months wait for the interview date"
Canada	2021-10-18	

India	2021-10-18	"I'm signing because I have applied for open work permit under spouse visa and work permit on July 2020 but still the application status is in process. I'm ready to submit additional documents if required.."
Canada	2021-10-19	"Relationship build good healthy society which is a need of our human being. And staying far from our soul partner affect us a lot . So please go ahead discard this barrier between evenry spouse . Thank you."
India	2021-10-20	"Iam signing because my brother n sister in law are facing this issue.."
Canada	2021-10-24	"It's disgusted by how the Trudeau Gov't continues to lie. My husband and I are 20 months waiting. Enough excuses get them here and quit patting yourselves on the back."
Canada	2021-10-27	"I am singing becoause i have been waiting my to come past 36 mnths"
India	2021-10-27	"I want to reunite with my spouse as we were apart from years. It is a very painful situation for us."
Lebanon	2021-10-27	"I am applying to sponsor my husband, while the file is suppose to be going at a well enough speed, two months ago they asked us for the csq and NEVER sent us the necessary paper to file it. When we called, the few times that we did, their response was to "be patient" although in their requirements they asked us not to surpass 30 days! We've been apart for over a year now, he would be here by now if it weren't for that one task they can't seem to complete:/"
Canada	2021-11-02	"Iam signing because I have also applied for my wife's spousal visa ,and it gas been taking forever more than 16 months.Iam happy for the people who are getting their permanent visas very quick ,but at the same time this is totally unfair to the other applicants. I hope they will start clearing backlog of piled up applications."
India	2021-11-02	"I'm waiting my passport request in Spouse permanent residency category."
Canada	2021-11-02	"Harbans Singh Deol"
Canada	2021-11-02	"D"
Canada	2021-11-02	"It's been near about 2 years my sister-in-law is waiting for her passport request and it's so depressing to see my brother juggle in this everyday situation fighting anxiety..!!"
India	2021-11-05	"I am the victim"
India	2021-11-08	"I am the victim"
Canada	2021-11-08	"Family should not be separated"

Canada	2021-12-03	"My step son and his wife has been separated for more then 3 years. They need to start living there lives together instead of being separated by politics"
Canada	2021-12-06	"I need my husband here with me and being apart is just unbearable ☹"
Canada	2021-12-06	"I believe married couples should be reunited and in fact need to be together, especially in these hard times. Nothing should separate a husband from his wife and a wife from her husband."
Canada	2021-12-11	"I am married but separated from my wife for more than a year and a half now due to long wait with NDVO processing our spousal application sincerely wish NDVO speeds up their process"
Canada	2021-12-11	"The process for family sponsorship is too long"
India	2021-12-11	"Sept 2021 outland online applicant...itz been 3mnths still waiting for an AOR"
Canada	2021-12-11	"Very long process"
Canada	2021-12-11	"I'm signing to reunite with my wife and son back home in India. My SA letter is still not been issued after 6 months due to confirmation from Ontario on my social assistance check!! Is not crazy to even think that someone will apply for social assistance when he is applying for family sponsorship? This archaic process needs to change. Guys please remember these jokers when you are voting in the next elections when most of you will be eligible to vote. Trudeau is just playing vote politics. We need to form a group which will campaign against these guys during next elections when they again come with up some election promises on reforming the family sponsorship process. These liberals should be thrown out of power for sure and we have to work towards it"
India	2021-12-11	"Because my husband is in Canada from last 4 n half years n I miss him very very much each and every day !! Please help us to reunite as soon as possible ☹☹"
Canada	2021-12-11	"Iam a Canadian who gave birth alone due to the immigration process taking so long and iam having to travel with my new born and my daughter who will have to do online schooling from Morocco"
Australia	2021-12-11	"I will like to reunite with my spouse"
Canada	2021-12-11	"Je signe parce que je suis à bout de souffre"
Pakistan	2021-12-11	"My Spouse and Daughters application has finished approximately 12 months time and nothing has progressed after medicals."
Canada	2021-12-13	"The file processing time takes to too longer than usual. It's so hard to live without a partner in canada."

Canada	2021-12-15	"Families are losing valuable time staying apart. Life is short as it is."
India	2021-12-16	"My kid was born in India after I came to Canada, Now she is 2 years old. Still I did not meet her yet because of delay in processing applications. My family is suffering in India due to my absence. This delay is effecting my daily life, my plans in canada and my career. My two daughters are growing with a single parent. I hope this petition may get addressed and help to reduce the backlog applications"
India	2021-12-16	"Signing, because I feel the pain too. 18 months into the application, and no updates since May 2021. All the response we received is "We appreciate your patience.", at the end of a very short and useless reply. Very well,we have been extremely patient, but we do NOT appreciate the indifference that we are being subjected to. Someone NEEDS to be held responsible for all the precious time that we have lost, time that we could have spent with our loved ones."
India	2021-12-16	"Applied for Outland Spousal Sponsorship in May 2020. New Delhi VO requested CSQ and "religious wedding photos" in March 2021. These were promptly provided by our representatives (proof of submission in email). In August 2021, they reached out saying we had not previously submitted the documents and asked for them again. Our representatives submitted them again. No response since then. In October, our representatives sent another email, submitting the documents for the 3rd time(unprompted this time) and requested the VO to respond.Both our representatives and I personally have sent multiple webform requests to IRCC but have been met with cold silence and what can only be inferred as complete negligence."
India	2021-12-21	"I am waiting for my SOWP.."
Canada	2022-01-16	"This is my own experience and I wanted to take the ownership of this movement."
India	2022-01-16	"To reunite with my husband"
India	2022-01-16	"Visitor visa backlogs"
India	2022-01-16	"Way too much time to reunite close family like husband, brother & sister."
India	2022-01-16	"IRCC is the only responsible to ruin couples life and they don't have that right to act against this human rights"
Canada	2022-01-16	"sandesh"
Canada	2022-01-16	"Amandeep Kaur"

Canada	2022-01-16	"Gagandeep kaur"
		"I'm signing because my spousal file is in progress since last
Canada	2022-01-16	march"
India	2022-01-16	"Signed"
		"Waiting for my family's visa for 11 months and cannot bear
India	2022-01-16	the pain of separation anymore."
		"I came as a student & my wife's SOWP & kid's Visa is in
		process since May'21.. now after 8+ months wait my kid also
		started getting emotional on video calls..Can't stay this long
India	2022-01-16	away from family anymore.."
India	2022-01-16	"My son needs me please approve and clear the backlog"
India	2022-01-16	"Complete the backlog"
		"Its almost year and my husband didn't get visa yet. This is
		too slow procedure and there is no rule like first in first out.
Canada	2022-01-16	This is very disappointing."
		"I'm signing this because even I have applied for it and I'm
		away from my husband. It's an emotional torture. We have
		missed our first anniversary. Not right!! Not done!! Didn't
India	2022-01-17	expect this! Please understand and make it happen quickly!!"
		"I have not seen my spouse for more than two years...."
India	2022-01-17	Distance is unbearable"
		"I am staying away from my wife Every min i think of her. Her
		visitor visa was rejected recently. I hope this forms bring
Canada	2022-01-17	positive change for all"
		"Totally stressed waiting from last 16months for my wife's
Canada	2022-01-17	visa and not seen her from last 2 year."
		"I filed the same but no response from anybody. I have been
India	2022-01-17	away from my child since 9 months."
India	2022-01-17	"Please help"
		"I am depressed here without my husband. It is really hard to
Canada	2022-01-17	live alone far away from spouse."
India	2022-01-17	"I'm away from my wife for 2 years now."
		"bcoz my application of spouse open work permit is still in
India	2022-01-17	process from last 4 month"
India	2022-01-17	"The process is punishment"
Canada	2022-01-17	"Palwinder Kaur"
		"I am separated from my family because of the delay in visa
Canada	2022-01-17	document processing"
		"bcoz my application of spouse open work permit is still in
		process from last one year I am depressed hre without my
India	2022-01-17	wife. It is really hard to live alone far away from spouse."

"I request the IRCC to process the SOWP backlog prior to any other visa, this is been dragging so long and it leads to emotional anxiety and depression as not able to be with the spouse. Please consider and save us from this problem.

India 2022-01-17 Thanks"

"I have applied spouse open work permit on september 24 it has been 4 months.I have 2 years old kid who is badly need her mother"

Canada 2022-01-17

India 2022-01-17 "Please clear the backlogs for SOWP"

"Somewhere someone is separated because of these shitty rules"

Canada 2022-01-17

India 2022-01-17 "My file lodged on 10 march 2021 and still waiting"

"I'm waiting in hope, but they are killing our hopes. Don't do this to us. Visa is very important thing in our life now. Don't play with our emotions"

India 2022-01-17

"I'm staying away from my husband and he has applied for SOWP"

India 2022-01-17

"I have not received any response on my wife's visa. A few months back my father passed away and I could not travel due to the ban. Now due to studies I cannot travel. Feels like all my family is ruined while searching for career growth"

Canada 2022-01-17

India 2022-01-17 "Waiting for my result since 9 month"

"My self Anil kumar Rana from hoshiarpur punjab. I am signing this petition because i have applied for SOWP in canada immigration 7 month ago and still there is no update on application."

India 2022-01-17

India 2022-01-17 "Pls sowp backlog clear?"

"I'm also stuck without my husband. This carelessness from IRCC has to end. They should start approving visitor visa to the spouses atleast by tgr time they are processing PR APPLICATIONS."

India 2022-01-17

"My wife is there for study and its been almost a year apart from her. We need each other"

India 2022-01-17

India 2022-01-17 "My wife's permanent residency file is pending"

"Almost 2 years I m waiting for my sowp visa to reunite with my family .my child is nw 2 years old .I haven't see my baby since his birth . Totally racism"

India 2022-01-17

India 2022-01-17 "Ircc is a mess"

Canada 2022-01-17 "Please process the files"

"My spouse is in Canada since 8 months.. This is hampering our relationship do clear back log MR Tradeau ASAP"

India 2022-01-17

Canada 2022-01-17 "Navjot Kaur"

"Please clear sowp backlog asap. It will effect on husband wife relationship and their daily life too."

India 2022-01-17

		"I signed it because, I am in Canada for studying. I am missing my kids and husband very much. I am not able to concentrate in my studies ☹"
India	2022-01-17	"Hi sir I am looking for job Driver Goods light and car or taxi travel mini truck Any Driving 20 year experience education 9 St my age 49"
India	2022-01-17	"please clear backlog"
India	2022-01-17	"My Daughter and Husband are there in India. Please allow them to come in. She can't stay without me"
India	2022-01-17	"Manpreet Singh"
		"I have applied my sowl in April 2021 and still waiting for my visa it's very for me to stay away from my wife since long time"
India	2022-01-17	"Gagandeep"
Qatar	2022-01-17	"I'm affected"
India	2022-01-17	"Nikhil"
		"I'm signing in because, I've applied for the sowl on Oct and didn't get a reply yet. My wife reached there in September and she needs support over there basically due to this pandemic situation."
India	2022-01-17	"Please process the application.... I want to see my family with me here..."
Canada	2022-01-17	"It's been 2 years almost I am separate from my husband. Please do open files for us too"
Canada	2022-01-17	"I applied for my spousal visa and still waiting. I haven't seen my family for 3 years"
Canada	2022-01-17	"Family reunification is must"
		"Our precious Time, Money, Relationship and Future is totally Uncertain due to Lack of Decision of our Spouse PR Application for Canada, please clear off the Backlog and rest us Free, Before we Rest-In-Peace !"
India	2022-01-17	"Need to take step immediately"
India	2022-01-17	"Navjot Kaur"
Canada	2022-01-17	"Prabhjot Kaur"
Canada	2022-01-17	"I want to join my wife. I am waiting for my file's response"
		"Processing is taking a long time and I want my spouse and child with me here in Canada as soon as possible under the family reunification grounds."
India	2022-01-18	"It's been more than 2 years I'm living far from my husband I'm very depressed here"
Canada	2022-01-18	"Navjot Singh My spouse is in Canada since ..2. Year .. This is hampering our relationship do clear back log MR PM Tradeau ASAP"
India	2022-01-18	

		"Since 2.5 yrs I m separated from my wife after marriage. Still not getting visa.who can separated spouse when God made them one..Ca govt must give shortly visa for all spouses"
India	2022-01-18	
India	2022-01-18	"Want to meet my family"
Canada	2022-01-18	"I have put my husband file in May 2021, still in process"
		"I have submitted complete application for my husband 164 days passed but still waiting .Marriage is wonderful gift but because of bad immigration system we have to live apart from each other. Why ? We are too depressed and just longing to see faces to each other .please please make processing time normal as it before covid ."
Canada	2022-01-19	
		"I am signing because spousal application for my husband to join us here has been over 13 months since it was received. Not progress has been recorded apart from medicals and biometrics. It has been dead silence. In that time , I have had a terrible miscarriage, an accident , my husband was in an accident that required me traveling to care for him . This is in addition to the emotional and psychologically as well as financial toll this has on us The wait , silence and total disregard for couples and families is inhumane. There seems to be no leadership and order, hence Vise offices do as they please."
Canada	2022-01-19	
		"I am signing because it has been about 13 months , since we submitted the spousal application for my husband to join us here in Canada. Application was received in December 2020. It is 2020 now, yet no progress has been recorded apart from the basics of medicals and biometrics. It has been dead silence. In that time , I have had a terrible miscarriage, an accident , husband in an accident that required me traveling to care for him . This is in addition to the emotional and psychologically as well as financial toll this has on the family. The wait , silence and total disregard for couples and families is inhumane. There seems to be no leadership and order, hence Visa offices do as they please.When couples decide to apply for TRV , it is either ignored or refused stating " family ties in Canada " So this is like being between the rock and a hard place."
Canada	2022-01-19	
Australia	2022-01-19	"Sandeep kaur"
		"It's been 1 year and 6 months m waiting for my husband. I want to be with him"
India	2022-01-20	

		"My moms application (super visa) has been on hold for too long"
Canada	2022-01-25	
Canada	2022-01-25	"Navjot Kaur"
Canada	2022-01-26	"Navjot Kaur"
Canada	2022-01-26	"Navjot Kaur , please clear the spouse backlog"
		"My SOWP in process and due to longer processing time it is very hard to live separated."
Canada	2022-01-26	
		"We have been stuck in "security" for six months now.1) our file has not been updated in any online account and data is stale2) I have to ask my MP for any updates3) I cannot get notes on my file even though I applied over 2 months ago4) No interview required, everything passed except security5) No answers to emails or webform to Mexico VO, just standard reply6) suspect I will be one of those waiting up to 2 years due to age difference7) seeing other files get processed in 5 months from same visa office in the time I have been waiting on "security in process""
Canada	2022-01-26	
India	2022-01-26	"I have my spouse and daughter vv pending since long"
Canada	2022-01-26	"Kuljeet kaur"
US	2022-01-26	"Please clear spouse dependent work permit visa application"
		"I am signing it because we are waiting for our families from long tym. It is difficult to live apart from your family. They have to thing about that."
Canada	2022-01-26	
Canada	2022-01-26	"Waiting to meet my spouse. It's been so long I am waiting."
		"My course is so hectic. I can't work more due to out break. Mentally and financially so depressed. Need help to overcome this bad situation"
Canada	2022-01-26	
		"I have been living away from my wife since 2.5 years , we have also feelings and emotions. Why canadian govt. Spoiling our lives. I agree to clear the backlog as soon as possible"
India	2022-01-27	
		"Fighting with my destination. Destination don't want to adopt me but still I am running to opt it."
India	2022-01-27	
		"I am waiting for my spouse's open work permit from June 2021"
Canada	2022-01-27	

"I am waiting for family sponsorship permanent residency for my spouse since august 2020 after that we applied for trv on immediate family member programme on January 2021 Bcz I am pregnant and alone in Canada . My doctor also wrote the letter to embassy to take decision on my application but no response on trv visa application also .e and my daughter lives alone and still waiting in this pandemic situation. Very unfortunate from Canadian embassy . Who dnt take any

India	2022-01-27	application seriously."
India	2022-01-27	"I m waiting for long time please clear backlog"
India	2022-01-27	"Jatinder pal"
Canada	2022-01-27	"These families need to be together!"
India	2022-01-28	"Have a friend waiting to be united with her husband.."
Canada	2022-01-30	"I'm in this process also!!"
Nigeria	2022-01-30	"Families should never be separated. This should be given special attention"
Nigeria	2022-01-30	"I am a principal applicant and my application is still in process"

"IRCC, please give us exact time lines or grant our PR. A happy family translates to a prosperous and happy Canada.I have a PR application since July 2019 via protected class. My spouse was granted PR in June 2021 and I was instructed to submitted further documents to Accra Visa office since April 2019. Since then no further correspondence from AVO. A webmail raised in August 2021 was acknowledged that my file is on queue for review. I was lucky to be granted a TRV in December 2021 and currently in Canada with my family. Unfortunately my wife contacted Corvid from the care home she's working caring for Canadian Citizens and was on isolation while I was helping out with the children and house chores. What if I was not around? I have already lost my job back home for staying longer than my approved leave dates.Please grant us pathway or the PR to enable us unite with our families. MY CHILDREN PLEAD WITH ME DAILY NOT TO LEAVE THEM. I wish they understand its not within my

Nigeria	2022-01-30	power as I must leave the country inline"
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"Changes has to be made, families are going through emotional trauma and anxiety, tiredness of waiting for Approval (PPR) especially Accra Ghana Visa office, in Africa. See fit in addressing this matter, if Accra Ghana Visa office can't handle both Nigeria Applications and other neighboring countries, they should ask for help, to enable them meet their estimated targets, thank you."

Nigeria 2022-01-30 "My application has been pending since 2019 is Ghana Visa office. No updates. All response received on enquiry is application is in queue for review"

Nigeria 2022-01-30 "I'm waiting for my spouse to join me after 2 years of separation"

Nigeria 2022-01-30 "Canada is immigration. Separating families is wrong and Canada 2022-01-30 cruel. Let's bring our families home 🙏🙏"

Canada 2022-01-31 "I'm signing because I hv been separated from my children for 2 years and their sponsorship application is taking forever"

Canada 2022-02-03 "I have been separated from my husband and 2 daughters for almost 4years and it's affecting my mental health."

Canada 2022-02-03 "I am signing because my family and I are affected been separated from them for 4year still date"

Canada 2022-02-03 "Yes I support it"

Canada 2022-02-03 "I am Also separated from my spouse"

India 2022-02-04 "Please reduce the Spouse Work Open permit time"

Nigeria 2022-02-05 "I am signing because the whole process is beginning to lose it's humanity angle"

Canada 2022-02-12 "My husband can't even get a simple visitor visa and I sympathize with people who want their loved ones with them in Canada"

Canada 2022-02-13 "Spouse application in process since March 2019 having hard time raising baby because of my leg amputation. Contacted ircc infinite times"

Canada 2022-02-18 "I'm also a product of wrongfully refused work permit LMIA cause officer didn't even open application to review"