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TOWN OF VEGREVILLE

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister
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The Honourable John McCallum
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
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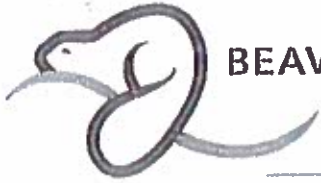
The Honourable Judy Foote
Minister of Public Services and Procurement
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Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Right Honourable Prime Minister and Honourable Ministers:

RE: Relocation of the Immigration Case Processing Centre in Vegreville

On behalf of Beaver County, we are respectfully asking that you reconsider your decision to move the Immigration Case Processing Centre from Vegreville to Edmonton.

The closure of this employer in Vegreville will have devastating effects to our neighboring community. The loss of 228 jobs within the Town of approximately 5800 people will impact not only the personnel that work at this location, but their families, schools, churches, businesses, retailers, and community clubs. The economic impact will be far reaching, into the surrounding communities as well. Rural communities play a vital role in Canada, and we need to ensure that our communities stay vibrant and strong.



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Our Council is expressing its deep concern for the Town of Vegreville and surrounding area on losing such a large employer. We advocate to you to keep this vital facility in the Town of Vegreville.

We look forward to hearing from you on this very pressing matter.

Sincerely,

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