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Honourable John McCallum
Minister of Immigration
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Honourable Minister:

Re: Closure of the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville

The County of Minburn received disturbing news that the Federal Government has announced the eventual closure of the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville, Alberta.

This would result in a devastating impact to Town of Vegreville and the County of Minburn. The 280 employees forced to leave or quit their jobs because of this bureaucratic move are minor when the entire community impact is examined. These employees have spouses, children, and relatives who are vital to the continued success and growth of both the Town of Vegreville and the County of Minburn. The announcement of the closure was done without holding consultations and has devastated our community. This decision by the Federal Government will force the loss of retailers, businesses, churches, schools, community clubs, societies, and cripple our rural community.

Our Council is expressing its deep concern that we are losing one of the community's largest employers. We advocate to you and the Honourable Minister of Public Service and Procurement Judy Foote to keep this vital facility in the Town of Vegreville.

Council looks forward to hearing from you on this very pressing matter.

Sincerely,

Roger Konieczny, Reeve

- c: Councillors
- c: David Marynowich, County Manager
- c: Mayor Myron Hayduk and Town Council
- c: Jessica Littlewood, MLA, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville Constituency
- c: Dr. Richard Starke, MLA, Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency
- c: MP Shannon Stubbs

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