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The Honourable John McCallum, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship
365 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1L1

November 7, 2016

Dear Minister McCallum:

Re: Relocation of the Vegreville Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre (CPC)

On behalf of members of the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville constituency of Alberta, I am respectfully asking that you reconsider your decision to move the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre (CPC) from Vegreville to Edmonton.

This action will have serious implications for the economy of this constituency, as approximately 280 jobs will be cut from a town with a population of 6,000. Not only would this be a devastating loss for the town of Vegreville, but the peripheral effects of these job losses would devastate the area. This area already has been very hard hit by the downturn in the energy and agriculture sectors and a further hit to our rural economy through the closure of the CPC likely would mean that Vegreville and the surrounding areas would see many families leave the area.

I look forward to your response.

Best regards,

David B. Hanson
MLA

Cc:

The Honourable Shannon Stubbs, M.P.

✓ Mayor Myron Hayduk