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The Honourable John McCallum, P.C., M.P.
365 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1L1

Honourable Minister McCallum,

I am writing to you today to voice my opposition to the recent decision to relocate the Vegreville Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre to Edmonton. This action, if implemented, will have serious consequences for the economic well-being of communities in central Alberta.

The total jobs you will be cutting in our area is approximately 280, in community of 6,000 people, and as His Worship of Vegreville correctly notes this is comparable to losing 35,000 jobs in Edmonton. The periphery effects could devastate this community if rapidly implemented. With potentially whole families moving all at once the tax base would shrink and the economy would be greatly impacted.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider your decision and leave the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre in Vegreville. In a community already suffering due to a downturn in the oil and gas sector, now is not the time to cut stable and depended on jobs.

Most Sincerely,

Scott Cyr, MLA

cc. Myron Hayduk, Mayor, Vegreville
Jessica Littlewood, MLA, Fort Saskatchewan - Vegreville
Brian Jean, Leader, Wildrose Official Opposition
Shannon Stubbs, MP, Lakeland