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October 31, 2016

Honourable John McCallum  
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada  
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Dear Minister McCallum,

I am writing you today on behalf of the Government of Alberta in regards to the Government of Canada's decision to relocate the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre from its current location in Vegreville, Alberta to a new location in Edmonton, Alberta by the end of 2018 when the lease expires.

I understand this decision is intended to improve efficiency and that employees at the centre will be given the opportunity to work in Edmonton, but this decision will have significant impacts on the workers, their families, and the community. These Albertans have built a life in one of Alberta's most vibrant communities, and asking them to leave their hometown and relocate is very concerning.

The loss of 280 jobs will have a profoundly negative impact on these workers, their families, and this community of approximately 6,000 people. I am asking you to reconsider your government's decision in light of the concerns raised by the federal employees, the Mayor of Vegreville, our provincial government, and members of the community. I hope to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,

Christina Gray  
Minister of Labour  
Responsible for Democratic Renewal  
Government of Alberta