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The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister
Hill Office House of Commons
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TOWN OF VEGREVILLE
via Email

Dear Prime Minister:

RE: Closure of Immigration Case Processing Center in Vegreville Alberta

On behalf of the Village of Mannville, I would like to express our concerns about the Federal Government's plan to close the Case Processing Center (CPC) in Vegreville Alberta and moving the facility to Edmonton Alberta.

This information was announced to staff with the CPC at the end of October 2016 and has raised concerns in Vegreville and throughout the region. The justification given to staff about the proposed closure was better accessibility to bi-lingual people, post-secondary education centers, and the availability of Crown owned or leased facilities in Edmonton. During the announcement to staff it was communicated that the decision has already been made and the move will be completed by December 2018.

No prior consultation took place between all the people this decision has and will affect moving forward. We have been informed that there are close to 280 employees that currently work at this facility which will have a dramatic effect on the Town of Vegreville's population and economy. Not only will this directly affect the Town of Vegreville, other surrounding communities such as ours, the Village of Mannville, will be affected, which I believe we have residents that live in our community that currently work at the facility as well.

Vegreville is in the heart of central Alberta, on the twinned Trans-Canada Yellowhead Highway. Highway 36, a few miles east of Town, is a major north-south corridor in eastern Alberta. Vegreville is a vibrant community; rich in cultural heritage and progressive in terms of facilities, municipal government, and above all, people. The Village of Mannville would like the Federal Government to re-evaluate their current decision to close the Immigration Case Processing Center in the Town of Vegreville. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at 780-763-3500 or via email at dhuppertz@mannville.com.

Sincerely,



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