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Hon. Sean Fraser  
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship  
Office of the Minister  
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada  
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Dear Minister Fraser,

As you and your Cabinet colleagues gather with the Prime Minister over the next three days to consider “efforts to build an economy that works for all Canadians”, WES offers the following recommendations and observations as they relate to your ministerial mandate and to the social, educational, and economic inclusion of newcomers to Canada:

1. In a recent [submission](#) to your department, WES provides general and category-specific recommendations to help shape the new category-based selection process within Express Entry to accelerate Canada’s economic recovery and to support Canadian nation-building, including the development a nurturing society and resilient welcoming communities.
2. WES encourages you to examine our October 2022 [recommendations](#) concerning regularizing the immigration status of potentially 500,000 undocumented persons who are contributing to communities across Canada.
3. We encourage your government to support the recommendations offered by WES to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM) to support the success of international students by (i) providing accurate information before arrival in Canada, (ii) ensuring equitable access to settlement and employment services, (iii) providing them the opportunity to gain Canadian work experience through different work integrated programs, and (iv) providing them with transparent and consistent information on study permit criteria and immigration pathways.

WES looks forward to continuing to work with you, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, and sector stakeholders to remove the barriers faced by immigrants, refugees, and international students and to co-develop innovative and practical solutions that can leverage the skills and experience of all newcomers to Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shamira Madhany', is positioned above the printed name.

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