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Via Email: minister@cic.gc.ca

The Honourable Ahmed D. Hussen MP
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
365 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Hussen:

Re: The Closure of the Immigration Case Processing Centre in the Town of Vegreville

On behalf of the City of Cold Lake, I am writing to ask that you consider the impacts of the federal government's decision to close the Immigration Case Processing Centre in the Town of Vegreville.

It is our understanding that the closure of the Immigration Case Processing Centre in the Town of Vegreville will affect 228 jobs. In a town of 5,800 people, this will undoubtedly have a large and negative impact, both economically and socially.

The City of Cold Lake respectfully asks that you consider your decision in light of the impact that it may have on the town. We feel that the town's elected officials should be heard before the decision is finalized.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Craig Copeland,
Mayor

cc: Mayor Myron Hayduk and Vegreville Town Council
Shannon Stubbs, MP
Council
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