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Wildrose Shadow Minister for Human Services and Status of Women

December 2, 2016

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Closure of the Immigration, Refugee & Citizenship Case Processing Centre in Vegreville, Alberta

I just recently heard about the decision to close the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville, Alberta. I support the efforts of the Town of Vegreville to reconsider this decision.

This Case Processing Center is a major employer in the town of about 6,000 people. Losing about 280 positions will certainly have a devastating impact on the community. And should the present employees decide to move to Edmonton to continue employment one can only imagine the impact on this rural community. Small rural communities already struggle to survive.

I ask that your government meet with the Town of Vegreville to discuss options that would allow the Case Processing Centre to remain in that community.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Pitt
MLA, Airdrie

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