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**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: Immigration Refugee, Citizenship Case Processing Centre**

Congratulation on your new role as the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. Canada has been a beacon of hope for people from all over the world as being a place where you can create a new life for your family and be accepted as part of our diverse community.

It is my with sincere concern for the workers and families of Vegreville that I write to you regarding the recent decision to relocate the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Case Processing Centre, currently in Vegreville, to Edmonton.

Public Sector jobs such as those with the Federal government bring economic security, family stability, and local purchasing power. This is especially noticeable during the economic downturn that Alberta is currently, and is acutely felt in rural Alberta. The loss of 280 jobs in a community of 6,000 people is comparable to losing 35,000 jobs in a city the size of Edmonton. The knock on economic effects would be devastating to families that could be uprooted, loss of revenue to local small businesses, and loss of taxes to the municipality.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider your decision to close this centre, and to renew your consultation with the local workers through PSAC (Public Service Alliance of Canada) and the Town of Vegreville.

With hope,

  
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cc: Mayor Myron Hayduk, Town of Vegreville  
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