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Member of Parliament
St. Albert — Edmonton

Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

March 3, 2017

Dear Minister Hussen:

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Your contributions to the Justice Committee will be missed.

I am writing to you regarding the Government's decision to close down the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville, Alberta.

Without more, the decision to shut down the Case Processing Centre will be devastating to Vegreville. It is the largest employer in the Town; employing 280 people. These employees pay taxes, and help support the local economy. It is projected that the Vegreville community will lose \$16 million in revenue, as a result of the closure.

I find it is concerning that this decision was made without a business case being made. Moreover, Town officials have indicated that they were not consulted.

As the newly appointed Minister, I respectfully urge you to reverse this ill-advised decision, and keep the Centre open.

Yours truly,

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