



December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Honourable John McCallum P.C., M.P.  
Minster of Immigration  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Minister McCallum,

**RE: Relocation of the Immigration Case Processing Centre in Vegreville**

On behalf of the Tofield and District Chamber of Commerce, we are respectfully asking that you reconsider your decision to move the Immigration Case Processing Centre from Vegreville to Edmonton.

The closure of this employer in Vegreville will have devastating effects to our neighboring community. The loss of 228 jobs within the Town of approximately 5800 people will impact not only the personnel that work at this location, but their families, schools, churches, businesses, retailers, and community clubs. The economic impact will be far reaching, into the surrounding communities as well. Rural communities play a vital role in Canada, and we need to ensure that our communities stay vibrant and strong.

Our Executive Committee is expressing its deep concern for the Town of Vegreville and surrounding area on losing such a large employer. We advocate to you the Honorable Minister of Immigration or to keep this vital facility in the Town of Vegreville.

We look forward to hearing from you on this very pressing matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JEFF EDWARDS".

Jeff Edwards  
Vice President  
Tofield and District Chamber of Commerce

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CC: Mayor Myron Hayduk and Town Council