

Template letter

Title: Permanent residence status for all migrants now

Dear MP [name],

I am writing to you today to urge you to act and ensure permanent resident status on arrival for all migrant workers.

Migrant workers, also referred to as Temporary Foreign Workers, contribute enormously to Nova Scotia communities and the economy. They are our neighbors, friends and coworkers in workplaces such as farms, seafood plants, restaurants, grocery stores, and more.

The migrant support organization No one is illegal - Nova Scotia (NOII-NS) recently launched a poster campaign entitled “We are not temporary,” which amplifies the voices of migrant workers calling for permanent residence status. The poster campaign is based on a recent poll of migrant workers in which 99% of the 141 respondents indicated that they are in favour of permanent residence status for all migrants. These are the key reasons:

- Although migrant workers are only granted temporary immigration status in Canada, they are not temporary. Many come to Canada annually - even for decades.
- Permanent residence would enable migrant workers to be united with their families and to have access to the same rights, benefits, and essential services as Canadians.

In Nova Scotia, there have been two important cases in the news this past year which highlight the vulnerability faced by migrant workers due to their temporary immigration status. Firstly, there's the case of migrant farm worker [Kerian Burnett](#), who lost her housing, private health insurance and income when she was diagnosed with cancer. Secondly, there's the case of migrant worker [Orlando Rosas](#), who spoke out about unsafe living conditions in employer.

Other migrant communities, including migrant students, refugees, undocumented people, are also made vulnerable due to their lack of immigration status or precarious immigration status. Permanent residence for all migrants is the solution.

Sincerely,

[Name]