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PETITION

Subject: Major delays in finalize having Permanent Residency Application (CEC, PNP, FSW Class) For Applicants in Canada with Dependent spouses/children outside of Canada

We are a category of PR applicants (CEC, PNP, FSW class) currently in Canada with accompanying dependents outside of Canada in our applications for Permanent Residence. The Acknowledgement Of Receipts (AOR) for some of us were received from 2019, 2018 and 2017; all process stages for most of us are marked as “PASSED” and files are being held on purpose according to GCMS notes and confirmation from IRCC call center agents.

Many of us have not seen our families for over **12, 15, 19, and 24+ months** as current travel restrictions put a ban on non-essential travel and do not allow primary applicants to leave Canada. Despite IRCC declaration of family reunification measures, our spouses and children are **being denied visas** to join us in Canada. Applying for temporary visas or authorization letters, they get refusals in contravention of the announced IRCC plan to bring families together. Namely, the common ground for rejection is **“Purpose of travel”** or **“Travel is non-optional”**. However, if our families coming to join us in Canada under IRCC family reunification policy are not considered to be travelling with the right purpose, what other obscure meaning for family reunification does IRCC imply?

The worst part is that as per the last IRCC procedural provisions the PR files of our category are not finalized due to being **labeled “inability of overseas dependents to travel”**. In fact, it is just the opposite. As per June and October 8, 2020 travel exemptions, overseas dependents are able to enter Canada as the immediate family members of permanent Canadian residents. This means that when the PR application is approved, the primary applicant will get a Confirmation of Permanent Residency (COPR). Therefore, the dependents as his/her immediate family, will immediately fall under the latest travel exemptions and having PRVs and COPRs will be able to travel to Canada and land without an issue at the port of entry.

Contradictorily, our PR files and lives have been put on hold due to this apparently artificial “inability of dependents to travel”. A common IRCC reply to the request on PR application status is as follows: **“Regarding your application, as your dependents are overseas, the application will be placed on hold as we are only processing applications for Permanent Residency if all family members are in Canada. Unfortunately, we cannot be sure when travel restrictions will be lifted”**. A vicious painful cycle. Visitor’s visa on family reunification ground refused, while PR file is not finalized due to family overseas. Is this family reunification policy in place?

Moreover, despite the existing travel restrictions, we have currently observed numerous PPRs issued by IRCC to applicants outside of Canada for FSW and PNP EE streams. It turns out that currently, we are the only EE and PNP category neglected by the IRCC in terms of finalizing our PR files. **To underline, we are the sole Express Entry and PNP based category separated for years from our families.** All this sounds so inhuman towards the sufferings this process is causing to our marriages and our families.

PR finalization is the only and much-awaited way to reunite with our families. We plead you to reconsider the IRCC provision that holds PR files of applicants that are currently in Canada with their accompanying dependents overseas from finalization as our families are to be authorized to enter Canada per travel exemptions and will comply with every safety requirement in place.