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The Honourable John McCallum, P.C. M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
365 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: International Students

Dear Minister McCallum,

On behalf of the members of CERC, I am writing to express our support of your recent announcement to ease the path to permanent residency for international students. This change will deliver significant economic benefit and position Canada as a more attractive and competitive destination in attracting international students, while developing a highly skilled workforce.

We agree completely with your observation that “International students have been shortchanged by the Express Entry system.” We made this case strongly to the previous government without success.

Improving the pathway to permanent residency was also a key recommendation contained in our report of December 2015, and we are very pleased to see this has been acted upon so promptly.

We do hope these additional applicants will be considered outside of the global target set for economic class immigrants in 2016, which has been reduced from 181,300 to 160,600, a reduction 11 per cent.

Minister, we look forward to working with you and your officials to build a robust, effective, and efficient immigration system, which is critical to Canada’s long-term economic growth.

Sincerely,

Stephen Cryne
President and CEO, Canadian Employee Relocation Council