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Via email: dominic.leblanc@parl.gc.ca

The Honorable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs
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Dear Minister LeBlanc:

On behalf of the Immigration Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA Section), we congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs. The CBA Section looks forward to continuing a constructive working relationship with your department. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to continue the dialogue and help find creative solutions to migration and border crossings challenges.¹

The Canadian Bar Association is a national association of 37,000 members, including lawyers, judges, notaries, academics and law students, with a 120-year-old mandate to seek improvements in the law and the administration of justice. The CBA Section is comprised of over 1,200 lawyers, practicing in all aspects of immigration, refugee and citizenship law and rendering professional advice and representation in the Canadian immigration system to clients in Canada and abroad.

Multiple world crises, fast-changing technology and the processing backlogs following the COVID-19 pandemic have brought sweeping changes to Canada's immigration system, many of which have brought new challenges for government departments and agencies like the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). The CBA Section applauds the federal government's efforts to position Canada as a safe and welcoming land, particularly for members of marginalized communities.

We also wish to invite you to our annual Immigration Law Conference in Montreal from May 9-11, 2024. Every year, we are grateful to have the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship address the audience of approximately 600 immigration lawyers, judges and paralegals, and we would be pleased if you could also participate.

Yours truly,

(original letter signed by Véronique Morissette for Lisa Middlemiss)

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¹ For recent CBA Section input related to your portfolio, see Submission on Bill C-20: Public Complaints and Review Commission Act, [online](#), and Letter on Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulation amendments, [online](#).