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Dear Mr. Beatty:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 14, 2018, with which you enclose a copy of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Policy Session Resolutions, approved at the Chamber's 89<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Thunder Bay.

I appreciate you taking the time to provide the Chamber's comments and feedback on economic immigration, in particular, areas of settlement programming, regional services, the Express Entry system and the Global Skills Strategy.

Canadian workers are among the most highly educated and highly skilled in the world. However, we know that to succeed in the global marketplace, we must also attract the best and the brightest minds out there to help Canadian businesses innovate and grow.

The Government of Canada has adopted a historic multi-year levels plan to responsibly grow our annual immigration levels. Growing immigration levels, particularly in the Economic Class, will help us sustain our labour force, support economic growth and spur innovation. The multi-year levels plan is boosting Canada's economic potential in the face of slow labour force growth and an aging population, and we continue to take great strides towards improving our economic immigration programs.

The 2019 - 2021 plan focuses on these economic goals with the majority of the increase allotted to high-skilled economic immigration - 72% of the growth in 2021 is in economic programs. My officials will fully consider the information and recommendations contained in the Chamber's resolutions in the context of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's commitment to an immigration system that is fair and efficient, and embraces flexibility and innovation.

Changes to Express Entry to reward candidates with strong French language skills, the Atlantic Immigration Pilot, and continued growth of the Provincial Nominee Program, are part of a number of improvements the Government is making on a continual basis, in order to bring about a fair and responsive immigration system that will address emerging needs and ensure long-term economic growth for the middle class.

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The improvements support the Global Skills Strategy and will help contribute to Canada's economic growth, drive innovation leading to new businesses, and assist employers in meeting labour market needs.

The feedback provided by valued stakeholders like the Canadian Chamber of Commerce will be carefully considered as we move forward with a view to continuous improvement of Canada's immigration policies.

Thank you for bringing these important issues to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ahmed Hussen', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ahmed Hussen, P.C., M.P.  
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