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February 10, 2017

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Dear **[Name of Representative]**:

My name is **[Name]**, and I am a constituent in your riding. I am writing to ask you to provide a strong voice **[in Parliament / at Queen's Park]** against the dangerous actions and statements from the Trump administration.

If, as Canadians, we are going to pride ourselves on the diversity and vibrancy of our population, we have to stand up for that ideal. As my representative, please speak out on behalf of myself and the many Canadians who stand opposed to everything the Trump administration stands for. We cannot afford to remain silent: the actions that we take today – or our lack of action - will define us in the years to come.

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One troubling example of this trend is the US government's attempted prohibition of persons holding passports from the Muslim-majority countries of Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, and Libya. This unacceptable order discriminates against people based on their country of origin and their faith. Although this ban is currently being examined by the courts, the fact remains that the current American administration has demonstrated open hostility towards immigrants and refugees, and we need to be unafraid to speak out against such clear discrimination.

I believe that Canadians have a role to play in resisting both the decisions and the rhetoric of the Trump administration. In particular, I think that we should **[include your ideas for how to support immigrants/refugees or ways to actively resist Trump's administration]**. While I recognize that we have strong ties with the US, it is crucial that we take a stand against discrimination and injustice, wherever and whenever it occurs.

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Dear **[Name of Representative]**:

My name is **[Name]**, and I am a constituent in your riding. I am writing to advocate for the parliamentary repeal of the “Safe Third Country” agreement with the US.

Under this agreement, refugee claims are denied to persons who entered the US prior to coming to Canada. In the time since this agreement was passed, no other country has been accorded this status. Thus, this bill functions as an agreement on refugee claims between the US and Canada, and President Trump’s recent and discriminatory order attempting to ban immigrants and refugees from particular countries is counter to Canada’s long-standing policies on asylum.

The US government’s prohibition of persons holding passports from Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, and Libya from entering/transitioning through the US means that the US is no longer a safe country for these persons. As such, they should be allowed entry to Canada. Although this ban is currently being examined by the courts, the fact remains that the current American administration has demonstrated an open hostility to immigrants and refugees, and we need to speak out against such clear discrimination.

I am writing to request that the Safe Third Country agreement be repealed, or that the United States no longer be considered a safe country for refugee claimants from these countries. Additionally, we should take further measures to provide asylum in Canada to any person whose freedom of mobility has been compromised by the actions of the US government, including **[your suggestions here]**.

I ask that you strongly consider my stance on this issue, as you are my representative in a country that prides itself on its diverse and vibrant population – if we are going to make such a claim, we need to stand up against intolerance whenever it occurs, even in countries with whom we have strong partnerships.

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Dear **[Name of Representative]**:

Paragraph 1 – Introduce yourself and identify why you're writing.

Paragraph 2 – Provide some specifics about your concerns related to the travel ban, the current rhetoric about immigrants and refugees, or the American government's actions in general. Be clear and concise and identify precisely why you think it's a problem. You could also suggest potential solutions or strategies for moving forward.

Paragraph 3 – In your closing, provide a clear statement showing why you believe this issue is important and what it is you would like your representative to do.

Thanks,

[Name]