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The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
Immigration and Citizenship Canada
365 Laurier Ave W,
Ottawa, ON, K1P 6A6

Re: The expansion of the Hong Kong Pathway Stream B for HongKongers

Dear Minister,

I am writing to express my personal appreciation to you and your staff at Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship for the recent extension and expansion of Canada's Open Work Permit scheme for young HongKongers.

This expansion and extension will ensure many vulnerable HongKongers who are unable to benefit from the UK's BNO Visa scheme can find safe haven and start new lives in Canada. It is a clear demonstration that Canada continues to stand with the people of Hong Kong and support those whose basic human rights are being systematically and brutally curtailed by the authoritarian National Security Law.

The announcement for the expansion and extension of the Hong Kong Pathway Open Work Permit, however, has been seen as a disappointment by some Hong Kong graduates who are now working in Canada. In particular they have noted the lack of an announcement regarding the expansion of the immigration scheme "Stream B" for these graduates to apply for permanent residency, which leaves these individuals facing continued uncertainty about their future in Canada.

[Research](#) by Hong Kong Watch, the NGO of which I am a patron, has found that there are a sizable number of Hong Kongers in this situation who urgently need clarity from Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship regarding the extension and expansion of the Stream B pathway.

I hope that you will look into this matter and make an announcement as soon as it is materially possible to offer those HongKongers already in Canada the assurance they need.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lord Patten of Barnes", written over a light yellow rectangular background.

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