



## The Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association

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The Honourable Ahmed Hussen  
Minister, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada  
365 Laurier Ave. W.  
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Dear Minister Hussen,

We are writing to congratulate you on your new appointment as Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. As the elected Council of the Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAH) Association, which represents Sponsorship Agreement Holders across Canada, we celebrate your impressive accomplishments and are heartened by your personal understanding of and commitment to refugee issues. We offer our enthusiastic support as you address the specific and immediate needs of Canada's refugee resettlement programs.

We are confirming dates (likely towards the end of March) to be in Ottawa for meetings of the NGO-Government Committee on the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program, which is the consultative forum for the Department to interact with the SAH Council as representatives of the community of Sponsorship Agreement Holders. We had the opportunity to meet with the Honourable John McCallum at such a meeting when he first became Minister of IRCC. We hope we can also meet with you and build a foundation for collaboration on our mutual goal, to bring many more refugees to safety in Canada in timely way.

We look forward to sharing our concerns and ideas with you in the near future.

Yours truly,  
The SAH Council

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