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Via Email: minister@cic.gc.ca

The Honourable Lena M. Diab
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Dear Minister Diab,

I write on behalf of the Canadian Immigration Lawyers Association (CILA) to respectfully bring a matter of growing concern to your attention regarding the Temporary Resident to Permanent Resident (TR to PR) Program.

CILA is comprised of some 540 immigration lawyers across Canada dedicated to promoting access to justice and fairness in the immigration system. Since our inception in 2020, we have enjoyed constructive dialogue with various Ministers and Deputy Ministers at IRCC.

CILA members are concerned that details of the TR to PR Program—which was first referenced in Budget 2025—are being released piecemeal through social media and informal interviews rather than through official IRCC channels. Our members, who speak daily with the prospective newcomers, have observed a marked rise in confusion, anxiety, and inquiries concerning criteria, timing, and eligibility that cannot presently be answered with reference to any authoritative source.

This fragmented communication has led to:

- **Misinformation:** Inconsistent program signals are reaching the public through commercial and monetized social media platforms before being verified by the IRCC. For instance, your [recent interview](#) on the *I'm Canada* YouTube channel has been used to promote legal services offering a “100% success guarantee” to prospective newcomers. The same legal services are being marketed in relation to a program that has not yet launched, on the basis that prospective newcomers should “get ready” to file as soon as the TR to PR Program is opened.
- **Exploitation Risks:** This information gap creates opportunities for actors to potentially behave unscrupulously to take advantage of vulnerable individuals. The risk is heightened when the information in circulation carries the apparent authority of a ministerial appearance but lacks the completeness that a formal IRCC publication would provide.
- **Irreversible Decisions:** Applicants may make premature life decisions or pay for unauthorized representation based on incomplete information, leading to harm that is often difficult to undo. These individuals should not be put in a position to base important life decisions on speculation.



- **Increased Anxiety:** Prospective newcomers are experiencing distress and uncertainty, especially those with expiring temporary status. For individuals whose ability to remain in Canada turns on the timing of a future pathway, the absence of authoritative information is not an abstract concern; it is a concrete obstacle to planning their lives and the lives of their families.

CILA is also concerned by the frequency of these ministerial appearances and the unusual level of engagement with commercial immigration service providers in circumstances where the TR to PR Program itself has not been officially confirmed or publicly explained in full. The practical effect is that prospective newcomers are receiving partial and at times inconsistent program signals through commercial platforms before the same information reaches the broader public through IRCC's own formal communications.

Our Recommendations

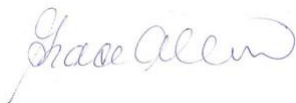
CILA is committed to public protection and the integrity of the immigration system. We encourage IRCC to ensure that all future program details are accurate, complete, and equally accessible to the entire public, regardless of their social media engagement.

To restore clarity, CILA recommends that IRCC issue a public statement to:

1. Confirm whether the TR to PR program has officially launched.
2. If not launched, provide a clear expected launch date.
3. Indicate when full eligibility criteria will be published on the official IRCC website.
4. Confirm it does not have a relationship with *I'm Canada* and its legal services.

We raise these points in a constructive spirit and value our ongoing working relationship with the IRCC. We welcome the opportunity to further discuss these issues at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Grace Allen
Director

