

October 27, 2015

Honorable Lena Diab
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Dear Minister Diab,

Re: Federal Cap on Provincial Nominees.

The Chamber fully supports your plan to request that the federal government remove the cap on the number of provincial nominees that Nova Scotia can recommend for permanent residency each year. Promoting immigration is a major part of the Halifax Chamber's 2013-2018 Strategic Plan and we will continue to support your government's efforts to address Nova Scotia's demographic challenges through increased immigration.

The Ivany Report's goal of 7,000 new permanent residents for Nova Scotia each year is ambitious, but in light of our province's recent progress in this area we feel that it is achievable. New provincial nominee streams for entrepreneurs and skilled labour have provided more options for aspiring Nova Scotians and business looking for talent. Furthermore, securing major increases to Nova Scotia's allotment of provincial nominees is a major step forward.

A more flexible immigration system will help Nova Scotia improve its overall demographic situation and will help us become a more vibrant and diverse province. We will continue to support your government's work in this area and will press the federal government for changes at every opportunity.

Respectfully Yours,



Valerie Payn, President and CEO
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