

To: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada

The Honourable Marco Mendicino, P.C., M.P., Minister of Immigration, Citizenship, and Refugees

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Honourable Omar Alghabra, P.C., M.P., Minister of Transport

As the largest member-driven Iranian Canadian organization in Canada, the Iranian Canadian Congress (ICC) would like to express our endless gratitude and appreciation regarding the Canadian government's decision last May to grant Canadian permanent residency to the families of the victims of the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 (PS752), who were citizens or permanent residents of Canada at the time. We believe that this is a positive step toward helping those who have suffered immensely from this tragedy. Granting the families of victims the opportunity to settle in Canada will also advance our shared objective of pursuing justice, transparency and accountability for the Flight PS752 tragedy.

While we welcome and support this timely initiative, we believe that it could be further strengthened if it also includes the family members of the Iranian international students who, at the time, were studying at Canadian universities. Considering that a majority of Iranian students seek Canadian permanent residency after completion of their studies, it is crucial and even moral for the Government of Canada to recognize it and complement its newly launched program with an inclusion of the family members of the international students who lost their lives in this tragedy. It is important to note that it is a common practice within our community to sponsor our family members in Iran to immigrate to Canada once we earn our permanent residency or citizenship status. And this would have probably been the same path taken by the Iranian students but their lives were cut short by that tragic event as they were flying back to Canada.

It is our strong belief that this is a critical opportunity to further demonstrate Canada's strong compassion as is the stated goal of this arrangement. The addition of the families of the international students aboard flight PS752 to the permanent residency program will comply with the wishes of the Iranian Canadian community as well as the benevolent tradition of Canada more broadly.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Noori", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Moslem Noori

President, Iranian Canadian Congress