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Dear Mr. Kriek,

Thank you for your letter dated May 23, 2017 to Minister Albanese. We are responding on her behalf and apologize for the delay in our response.

We understand your concerns that you have outlined and would like to share some of the recent changes that the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has made to help employers meet their labour market needs.

On May 31, 2017, the OINP launched a new Express Entry Skilled Trades Stream which is designed for skilled workers with work experience in an eligible skilled trade who want to live and work permanently in Ontario. This stream enables the OINP to nominate individuals who have the skilled work experience, skilled trades' certification (if required), language ability, and other characteristics to help them successfully integrate into Ontario's labour market and communities. Occupations in eligible skilled trades include those listed in **Minor Group 633** (Butchers and bakers), **Major Group 72** (Industrial, electrical and construction trades), **Major Group 73** (Maintenance and equipment operation trades), or **Major Group 82** (Supervisors and technical jobs in natural resources, agriculture and related production) of the National Occupational Classification (NOC).

In addition, in response to feedback from stakeholders, the OINP's job offer streams were streamlined to make it easier for employers to hire the workers they need. On May 31, 2017, the OINP launched what is now called the Employer Job Offer Stream, where the nominee (instead of the employer) leads the application process and is responsible for preparing their application. Less documentation is required upfront from the employer, however, the program may request additional documents from employer applicants.

Furthermore, on August 16, 2017, the OINP launched a new Employer Job Offer Stream – In-Demand Skills, which targets applicants who have job offers in the agricultural and construction sectors in one of seven **NOC Skill Level C or D** occupations. Employers must provide all required supporting documentation at the time of application for the Employer Job Offer In-Demand Skills stream.

Ontario cannot comment on the minimum CRS score required for a federal draw from the Express Entry pool as this is determined by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). However, we can confirm that for Ontario's Express Entry Human Capital Priorities Stream, applicants who were sent a Notification of Interest (NOI) from Ontario required a minimum CRS score of 400. The program has, in the past, issued sector-specific NOIs where we have found there is evidence of a labour market need. For example, in June 2017, the OINP conducted a specific draw for occupations in the Communications Technology (ICT) sector where the program lowered the required minimum CRS score below 400.

We hope that these changes will further help employers meet their labour market needs and thank you for taking the opportunity to express your concerns.

Sincerely,

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