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Dear Mr. Kriek:

I am replying to your letter of October 27, 2010, addressed to the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, concerning the service provided by the visa office at the Canadian High Commission in Pretoria, South Africa. I apologize for the delay in responding.

I noted your concern about a requirement specified on the Application for a Study Permit – Checklist used by this visa office to process study permit applications. This checklist indicated that third-party funds were not accepted as evidence of sufficient funds to pay for studies in Canada. However, Paragraph 7.7 of Citizenship and Immigration Canada's (CIC) Overseas Processing Manual (OP) 12 makes it clear that financial support from relatives in Canada may be taken into consideration when assessing a study permit application.

This issue was brought to the attention of the Immigration Program Manager in Pretoria. He confirmed that the visa office in Pretoria and all other visa offices overseas accept third-party funds as evidence of sufficient funds when processing study permit applications. The checklist you made reference to has since been updated to reflect the Departmental policy specified in Paragraph 7.7 of OP 12. Please find attached a copy of the current checklist for your reference.

Let me assure you that CIC is dedicated to processing all applications in a fair, equitable, and efficient manner, and in compliance with the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.

Thank you for taking the time to bring your concerns to our attention. I trust that this information is helpful.

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