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Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 2017, concerning Temporary Resident Visas (TRVs), and Private Members Bill C-255, *An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (appeal process for temporary resident visa applicants)*.

The *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* gives designated officers the authority to review applications for temporary entry and to accept or reject them, based on criteria outlined in the Act and its accompanying *Regulations*. These officers are trained in the review and assessment of applications in accordance with legislation and policy.

I can assure you that each application is assessed, thoroughly and fairly, based on the information submitted by the applicant. The onus is on the applicant to provide convincing evidence that he or she meets all the requirements for temporary entry.

With regard to Bill C-255, the Government of Canada does not intend to develop or implement an appeal process for foreign nationals applying to come to Canada as temporary residents. Creating such a system would unnecessarily cost Canadian taxpayers millions of dollars. The Government intends to use this money to increase the security of our immigration system.

While there is no formal appeal process for failed TRV applicants, the reasons for refusal are provided in writing. Failed applicants are able to reapply for temporary entry and address the reasons cited for refusal. Applicants may also seek leave and a Judicial Review by the Federal Court of Canada. If an applicant reapplies or if a Judicial Review is granted, a different visa officer will review the application, where possible.

I am sorry I could not give you a more positive response. However, I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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