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The Honourable Sean Fraser
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
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Dear Minister Fraser:

In follow-up to my previous letter sent February 24, 2022, I wish to reiterate the Government of Saskatchewan's willingness to assist with the impending Ukrainian refugee crisis.

The Government of Saskatchewan is ready to open our doors to welcome an unlimited number of Ukrainian refugees to our province. We are prepared to work collaboratively with the Government of Canada in order to quickly translate our open door into a new home for thousands of Ukrainians forced from their country by Putin's horrific attack. We believe we are uniquely positioned in this regard.

As you know, Ukrainian culture and traditions are deeply embedded in Saskatchewan, as approximately 15 per cent of our province's residents trace all or part of their ancestry to Ukraine. It is our time to pay back our debt to the generations of Ukrainians that have helped build our province, by giving refuge to their ancestors who are now being viciously attacked by the Putin regime. Those refugees will find a welcoming environment, supportive communities and many who share their culture and speak their language, which will assist in ensuring long-term settlement success in Saskatchewan.

As Canada's longest serving provincial immigration minister, I call on you to convene a meeting with provincial and territorial immigration ministers, just as Hon. John McCallum did in 2015 regarding the settlement of Syrian refugees to develop a Pan-Canadian refugee resettlement plan.

I am willing to meet with you via phone to discuss this urgent issue at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Harrison

Minister of Immigration and Career Training

cc: Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Clint Repski, Deputy Minister, Immigration and Career Training