



August 20, 2020

To the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Health, of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship:

My name is Dr. David Edward-Ooi Poon, a Canadian citizen and founder of Advocacy for Family Reunification at the Canadian Border. The official House of Commons petition I started, e-2657, gained the support of over 5300 voting Canadian and residents over the course of a month.

We do not want open borders. We just want to be together.

The undersigned non-partisan Members of Parliament have kindly offered their support for the following:

1. The expansion of the term immediate family as defined in the family reunification travel exemptions, according to Orders in Council 2020-0549 and 2020-0538, to include adult children and committed partners of all Canadian citizens and residents. We are not advocating for any changes to the existing IRCC definitions of immediate family.
2. A unified approach so that the family reunification exemptions are applied consistently with all Canadian Border Services Agency agents
3. A feasibility study looking into alternatives to the existing 14-day quarantine for foreign nationals, including, but not limited to, regular testing or family bubbles.

The health of Canadians during this unprecedented pandemic is paramount, and therefore the undersigned want to make it abundantly clear that only a safe, consistent, and compassionate approach to family reunification must be taken.

Given the political climate and uncertainty, we ask that a decision, along with rationale behind that decision, be provided before September 23rd 2020.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Dr. David Edward-Ooi Poon, and the undersigned.
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