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The Honourable John McCallum, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
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Dear Minister:

We are one of the many Constituency Groups which responded to the government's call for help in settling Syrian refugees. We have worked hard in our small city to gather the funds and establish a home for a refugee family. The citizens of Port Alberni have been very generous in their support.

Now we want to receive a family. Our funding and housing has been in place since January. Those who donated household goods, linens, furniture and funds are expecting to see a family. We are frustrated. We have a rental home, completely furnished and equipped, sitting empty while many refugee families continue to languish in hotels in Canadian cities or even worse in Refugee Camps where they have no future. Surely this cannot continue.

We urge you to expedite the process and send us a family.

Sincerely,

Leslie Wright
Port Alberni Refugee Sponsorship Committee

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