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The Hon. Diane Finley  
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

**RE: Lives On Hold: Nationals of Moratoria Countries**

Dear Minister,

In May 2006, the former Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Hon. Monte Solberg, met with a delegation of people from moratoria countries who are living in limbo and was open to hearing from them. I ask you, as his successor, to continue searching for solutions to address the situation of people from moratoria countries who are living in limbo.

As you know, the Canadian government recognizes that people should not be deported to situations of generalized insecurity. Yet nationals of these countries, while protected against deportation by the moratorium on removals, are often left for years in limbo, unable to get on with their lives. People are kept separated from their families overseas, including spouse and children. Students are unable to pursue post-secondary education. Workers face limited employment opportunities. Only emergency medical care is available.

Keeping people in long-term limbo is both cruel to the people and bad for Canada, since our country is not able to benefit from their full participation. I am therefore writing to urge you to introduce measures to grant permanent residence to nationals of moratoria countries living in Canada for three years or more. Adopting this recommendation will allow people to get on with their lives.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about and resolve challenges that too many of our fellow residents face here in Canada. I hope that we will soon hear of your concrete, favourable actions to allow nationals of moratoria countries to get their lives off hold.

Yours sincerely,

(signature)  
(your name)