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Dear Yevhenii Omelchuk:

The Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta, forwarded copies of your petitions requesting a dedicated Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) stream for Ukrainians in Alberta under the Canadian-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program. As Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration, responsible for immigration, I appreciate the opportunity to respond. This response may be shared with those who signed the petition.

AAIP is an economic immigration program that operates in conjunction with the Government of Canada. Ottawa provides AAIP with a limited number of nominations to issue each year, which is 6,403 in 2025. The demand for AAIP far outstrips the nomination allocations made available to Alberta by Ottawa. AAIP uses its limited nominations to address labour priorities and Alberta's economic development needs.

I appreciate the contributions members of the Ukrainian community are making to Alberta and the challenges faced with returning to Ukraine. As an economic immigration program, and to ensure fair access to the program for all foreign nationals regardless of country of origin, AAIP cannot adjust procedures or criteria based on humanitarian and compassionate considerations. Ukrainians will continue to be invited to apply and may qualify for nomination based on provincial economic priorities and existing AAIP criteria.

You may also be interested to know that on February 27, 2025, Ottawa announced that Ukrainians and their family members who arrived in Canada under the CUAET on or before March 31, 2024, will have until March 31, 2026, to extend or apply for a new open work permit or study permit valid for up to three years. These temporary measures are expected to allow most Ukrainian evacuees an opportunity to continue to remain in Canada through 2029.

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Ukrainian nationals are encouraged to continue exploring all immigration options available through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. The Come to Canada tool at www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/come-canada-tool.html provides a way to explore options to work or live permanently in Canada.

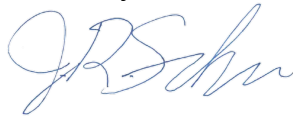
Ukrainian nationals concerned with nomination allocation limits or immigration pathways for Ukrainian evacuees may also wish to contact the Government of Canada Minister responsible for immigration, the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, at:

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Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JRSchow', is positioned above the printed name of the Minister.

Honourable Joseph Schow
Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration

cc: Honourable Danielle Smith
Premier of Alberta