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Dear Minister Jason Kenney

I have been in Canada since March 1993 and I am self employed in sign and printing business. I studied architecture in France. I came to Canada not for a more comfortable life, not for working more hours than I used to do and not for the cold weather. You should be aware better than anyone else that life is not very easy in this country. All immigrants make a lot of sacrifice, have to leave a lot behind and make themselves detached from what they used to have and adapt themselves with the new conditions and environment.

I came to Canada with a lot of pleasure and I don't regret it at all. In contrary, I am proud of what I did. Freedom is priceless. To be respected and respect others as human beings is worth more than whatever we endure.

I know personally Jalaluddin Mahtash, and I understand him perfectly. He came to Canada with the same feeling and hope as myself. Unfortunately, he is not as lucky as I was. Your administration rejected his asylum refugee claim and he is going to be deported on Saturday March 31, leaving behind his wife and his young son in Canada. He hopes to apply again and have a chance to be admitted later to Canada. With all that is happening in Iran and the changes that we are witnessing in immigration laws in Canada God only knows when this will happen and when this family will be united again.

For me as a Canadian citizen, it is very difficult to stay quiet and witness such an act that maybe appears legal but without any doubt is against human rights. I dare to say that this is not my Canada and I feel ashamed that this is happening in my country. Human rights are natural rights, and should not be defined by laws.

Dear Jason Kenney, I beg you to use your power to stop this deportation not only for the sake of Jalaluddin, his family and friends, but also for allowing Canada to be the pure, innocent dreamland of all oppressed people who seek refuge.

I appreciate your understanding and consideration.

Sincerely,
Medi Shams