

**To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province
of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled**

The petition of the undersigned, states that:

- A review and revision of immigration policies regarding family class sponsorship.
- To introduce a probationary period for marriages associated with the Sponsorship Program.
- To view passport marriage or sham marriage as a serious offense.
- Introduce a policy that would acknowledge the vulnerability of women sponsors to spousal assault and violence, and that would better protect the safety of women who are actual or potential victims of sham marriage.
- A review of the Sponsorship Default Recovery Project.
- Introduce a clause in the Sponsorship Default Recovery Project so that where a default occurs due to passport marriage or sham marriage or due to domestic violence and sexual assault, the woman sponsor will not be liable for expenses incurred by the sponsored individuals.
- Ensure better communication between the Enforcement Unit and other levels of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, especially in cases involving fraudulent applications for residency through the Sponsorship Program.
- Revoke the sponsorship agreement and deport Convicted Abusive Sponsored Spouse.

Therefore, your petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House urge the Canadian government and Canadian Immigration and Citizenship to reform the Sponsorship Program and review of the Sponsorship Default Recovery Project, to acknowledge the vulnerability of women sponsors to spousal assault and violence, and protection and safety of women who are actual or potential victims of sham marriage.

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