

November 15, 2024

The Honourable Marc Miller, P.C., M.P.
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Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
Government of Canada
House of Commons
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Dear Minister:

Re: International Student Asylum Claimants

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 2024, and your acknowledgement of the strong action that the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants has taken against Unauthorized Practitioners (UAPs).

Our work to combat social media pages and websites promoting the illegal activities of UAPs continues and we have successfully shut down nearly 4,000 to date.

I share your concerns about reports of international students who may be fraudulently claiming asylum in Canada. While asylum claims may be made as part of a legal pathway to remain in Canada, any licensee who advises or assists a client to misrepresent themselves on any Canadian immigration application would be in breach of the College's Code of Professional Conduct.

We will continue to work diligently with IRCC to protect the public interest and will remind all licensees of their obligations under the Code. The College is taking additional steps to identify any licensees who may be advising international students to make false declarations.

The College takes misconduct by licensees seriously, and those who breach the Code may be subject to regulatory penalties, up to and including licence revocation. I encourage anyone who has evidence of a licensee breaching the Code to file a complaint with the College.

Sincerely,



John Murray

cc: Stan Belevici, Chair, Board of Directors