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**BY MAIL – March 11, 2009**

The Honourable Jason Kenney, P.C., M.P.  
Citizenship and Immigration Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1L1

Dear Minister Kenny:

**Re: CFAA advocates continued open immigration into Canada**

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The Canadian Federation of Apartment Associations (“CFAA”) represents the owners and managers of close to one million residential rental homes in Canada, through 17 associations from coast to coast across Canada. CFAA is the sole national organization representing the interests of Canada’s private for-profit rental housing industry, which houses more than seven million Canadians.

Given the recent deterioration of Canada’s economy, there have been calls for restrictions on immigration in Canada. CFAA believes that immigration has played a major role in Canada’s past economic development and that it should continue to do so in the future. Given a low birth rate and the changing age structure of the population, continued immigration will help Canada avoid the negative changes in the population structure that will wreak economic havoc in Japan and Europe in the coming decades.

Maintaining current immigration rates is also of vital importance to Canada’s rental housing sector. New immigrants help maintain a steady demand for rental housing in Canada in the face of the long term increased trend toward home ownership. Immigrants also ensure a sufficient labour supply for the rental housing industry, since they take jobs that other Canadians often reject.

CFAA and our member associations urge you to continue to pursue policies that promote immigration to Canada. This is important to ensure the stability of Canada’s rental housing industry and to guarantee that Canada experiences continued economic health in the future.

Yours truly,

John Dickie,  
President, CFAA-FCAPI

**CFAA Member Associations:**

British Columbia Apartment Owners and Managers Association  
Calgary Apartment Association  
Eastern Ontario Landlord Organization  
Edmonton Apartment Association  
Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario

Greater Toronto Apartment Association  
Hamilton & District Apartment Association  
Investment Property Owners Association of Nova Scotia  
Kingston Rental Property Owners Association  
London Property Management Association  
Mobile Home Park Owners Association of British Columbia  
Multiple Dwelling Standards Association (of Toronto, Ontario)  
New Brunswick Apartment Owners Association  
Professional Property Managers' Association (of Manitoba)  
Rental Owners and Managers Society of B.C.  
Saskatchewan Rental Housing Industry Association  
Waterloo Regional Apartment Management Association