Template letter for affected individual waiting for family reunification

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Mr./Mrs./Ms./Mx. (full name), M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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[If the MP is or was a Minister, you should put (instead of Mr/Mrs etc): The Honourable (full name), P.C., M.P.]

Dear Mr./Mrs./Ms./Mx. (surname):

I am writing to you as a resident of your constituency and a refugee who has been accepted in Canada to ask for your support in helping me, and others like me, to reunite with immediate family members.

[The next three paragraphs are critical!]

[Say a bit about yourself and your situation of family separation – for example you could adapt the following text.] I am a refugee from XXX. I arrived in Canada in XXX and was recognized as a refugee by the Immigration and Refugee Board in XXX, so I am now a Protected Person.

I am separated from [list your family members – for example, my spouse and my two daughters XXX, aged XXX and XXX, and my son, aged XXX. Say something about where they are, and the difficulties that you and they are suffering because of the separation.]

In [month / year] I applied for permanent residence, including my family members in the application. According to the [processing times published by IRCC](https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html#immigration), we can expect to wait **51 months** before we are reunited.

We cannot wait this long! [Briefly, repeat or amplify message regarding the challenges, the distress experienced, etc.]

One solution to this problem is to issue Temporary Resident Permits (TRPs) in order to allow family members of refugees, including my family, to live in Canada while they wait for their Permanent Residence application to be processed. This policy change would be an immense help to me and my family.

Attached to my letter is a document provided by the Refugee Family Reunification Project (<https://refugeefamilyreunification.ca/en/advocacy>). The document explains this recommendation. You can see in it that many organizations are recommending to the Minister that TRPs be issued to overseas family members of accepted refugees.

I would be grateful for a face-to-face meeting with you to discuss how you could support me and my family to be reunited in a timely way but also how to solve this problem for other families through TRPs.

It is extremely important that the government address the extraordinarily long delays in family reunification that are causing unnecessary suffering to us and to many others.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue.

Yours sincerely,

Your name

Address and email contact

Attach to your letter this document: <https://refugeefamilyreunification.ca/sites/default/files/rfr-advocacy-campaign-document.pdf>