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Dear Mr. Mayor et al:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the City of Prince George's offer of support in response to the situation in Ukraine.

I am pleased to note your readiness to welcome and offer support for those affected by the situation in Ukraine. As a result of events unfolding in Ukraine, Canadians and stakeholders across the country, including settlement organizations and employers, have been reaching out to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to request and offer assistance. To facilitate coordination with civil society and the private sector, as well as to ensure adequate support is provided to Ukrainians who arrive in Canada over the coming months, IRCC is and will be engaging with key partners in the community. This support will be key to help Ukrainians to settle temporarily, or perhaps even permanently.

IRCC officials work closely with the local settlement services provider, the Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society of Prince George, and will contact the organization to discuss what additional support can be offered in the community.

As the situation in Ukraine evolves, IRCC is monitoring developments, tracking application processing closely, and bolstering its actions where needed to [support Ukrainians and their families](#), including [one-time financial assistance](#) for those eligible under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) to facilitate and ease their transition to Canada. The Province of British Columbia has also established a [website to welcome Ukrainians](#). Partner organizations [Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance – Alliance canadienne du secteur de l'établissement des immigrants \(CISSA-ACSEI\)](#) and [Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC \(AMSSA\)](#) have also created websites to share information and gather donations. Canada's [Job Bank](#) also has a web page dedicated to information for employers and Ukrainians seeking employment.

Thank you for taking the time to write; I appreciate your support and offer of assistance to help Ukrainians settle in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

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