

Lucene Charles Needs Your Help NOW to Keep Her Family Together In Canada

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Dear Minister Kenney,

For a young minister, your accomplishments are amazing. For years, you have worked so tirelessly to build trust among Canada's multicultural communities that they turned to your party in unprecedented numbers during the last election, making possible your party's first majority victory.

You and your government have made ethics and transparency your badge of honour. Your government passed extremely tough ethics legislation to control lobbying. You yourself have spoken out like a lion against intolerance abroad.

Mr. Minister, the job of a political leader is more than winning elections and opposing tyranny abroad. A politician of merit must also do whatever he can to protect ordinary citizens and Canadians here at home from cruel and unfair decisions made without any justification. Where are you, Mr. Minister, and where have you been?

Hundreds of people who know and work with Lucene Charles benefit from her wondrous work, worship with her at her church, and know Lucene as one of the most hardworking, decent, law abiding, taxpaying citizens that Canada could ever attract and welcome.

Lucene has been a victim of faceless bureaucrats seeking her deportation without just cause. She and her young daughter face deportation on February 20th, ironically family day. The reason: she was not permitted by her abusive husband to apply for permanent residence. This order will force her 3 Canadian born sons into foster care because they cannot be cared for by their Canadian father who, by his own admission, acknowledges he is not capable of becoming their guardian.

Bureaucrats can make horrendous decisions because they are just human. That is why we elect politicians—as a counterweight to arbitrariness in the bureaucracy. Where are you, Mr. Minister, when Canadians need you to do what good politicians do well, that is protect ordinary people from the unfair exercise of power by bureaucrats? Where are you?

Lucene is a good person and exemplary taxpaying citizen. Lucene's transparent decency is why her church, her co-workers, and her friends have been trying to get your attention. But you don't respond. Where are you, Mr. Minister?

Lucene's MP, Conservative David Sweet, claimed that you were considering the unfairness of her treatment and would make the bureaucrats "do the right thing." But we have heard nothing from you. Where have you been, Mr. Minister?

Mr. Minister, you understand fairness, liberty, and democracy extremely well. Your good sense comes through in your speeches. But there is no evidence of fairness, liberty, or democracy in the conduct of bureaucrats under your Ministerial authority. You know better than most that it is a first principle of democracy that every accused has a right to know what he/she is accused of, a right to see the evidence, and a right to criticize the evidence. Lucene has been deprived of every such right.

Mr. Minister, you are a man who cares about ethics. You must surely know that all the speeches in the world will not make up for the moral disaster if you remain silent in the face of this great miscarriage of justice.

Mr. Minister, you are also a practical man. You must surely know that fine words and fine speeches are quickly forgotten. But good deeds don't disappear. Good deeds are etched forever in the hearts and minds of a Canadian public that cares.

Mr. Minister, don't disappear on Canadians. Be there for us. Do the right thing and stop this bureaucratic madness. Let Lucene stay and keep her family intact in Canada. Canadians will remember you and your good deed for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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