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Dear :

RE: SPONSORSHIP OBLIGATIONS - APPLICANT

The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction has information that you and/or your family members were sponsored to Canada under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* or its predecessor legislation, the *Immigration Act*. The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you are aware of the commitment your sponsor made in a sponsorship undertaking with the federal government at the time he/she applied to sponsor you and/or your family members to Canada.

In the undertaking, your sponsor made a written commitment to provide for the essential needs (such as food, shelter and clothing) of sponsored relative(s) so that they would not have to rely upon social assistance programs while the undertaking is in effect.

By signing the undertaking, your sponsor became bound by the federal immigration legislation which says that any social assistance payments paid to or for sponsored relatives may be recovered on demand from the sponsor as a debt due to both the federal and provincial governments.

This means that if your sponsorship undertaking is still in effect, and you obtain social assistance from the province because your sponsor will not provide for your essential needs, the amount of assistance you receive may be recovered on demand from your sponsor.

You may wish to discuss these sponsorship commitments and obligations with your sponsor. If you then decide that you no longer wish to receive social assistance, we ask that you contact your Employment and Assistance office so that your file may be closed.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction .

Sincerely,

Ministry Worker

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