

June 30, 2020

The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, PC, MP
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Prime Minister:

On behalf of the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE), which represents over 390,000 workers across the country, I am writing in regard to the security certificate process that is still in place in Canada.

Security certificates have allowed for the detention of non-citizens in Canada without charges being laid, or transparent justification or evidence provided for the detention, all while these individuals face the threat of deportation.

As you know, a Supreme Court of Canada ruling in 2007 found that security certificates were unconstitutional. The Harper government then made modifications to the security certificate system, but it remains flawed. Although the Supreme Court upheld the revised system in 2014, human rights advocates have pointed out that, given the minimal changes, the process still fails to provide for a fair and transparent process.

For years, NUPGE has spoken out against security certificates and secret trials in Canada. We believe the security certificate process is undemocratic and stands in direct opposition to our commitment to justice.

I urge you to once and for all eliminate the problematic security certificate process. It has no place in our democratic country that purports to be committed to human rights.

Sincerely,

Larry Brown
President

cc: Bert Blundon, Secretary-Treasurer
National Executive Board

