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Alexa McDonough, NDP Candidate for Halifax, today released the following statement regarding the plight of Abdelkader Belaouni:

“Mr. Belaouni is a blind, diabetic Algerian man who has sought sanctuary in a Montreal church from an order of deportation issued by this uncaring Liberal government.

“I am aghast at Minister McLellan’s rejection of pleas from countless community organizations and individuals who have testified to Mr. Belaouni’s positive contribution to his community. This man has overcome tremendous obstacles to build a life of value to himself and to others in Montreal, and this Liberal government has responded by demanding he leave.

I call on the Minister to immediately cancel the deportation order and find a solution that allows Abdelkader Belaouni to stay in Canada.”