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The Hon. Diane Finley, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration  
Citizenship and Immigration  
Jean Edmonds Building, Tower South, 21st Floor  
365 Laurier Street West  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1L1

Re: Abdelkader Belaoui, I.D. 5265-1093

Dear Minister Finley,

I am writing to you concerning the case of Abdelkhader Belaoui, an Algerian born refugee who is currently taking sanctuary in St. Gabriel's Presbytery in Pointe-Saint-Charles, Québec.

Mr. Belaoui, who fled Algeria during the civil war, is a person with total vision impairment. His application for Permanent Residence on Humanitarian and Compassionate grounds was rejected in 2006 and he has since taken up refuge at St. Gabriel's to avoid deportation back to Algeria via the United States.

Mr. Belaoui strongly believes that he faces uncertainty and insecurity if returned to Algeria and his physical condition adds to the complexity of his case. He has gained considerable support from many organizations and individuals, including five individuals who are prepared to lend him their economic support.

In keeping with this country's tradition of helping and receiving genuine refugees whose aim is to live in dignity and with self respect, I urge you to re-examine this case, and find a prompt solution.

Sincerely,

Omar Alghabra  
Member of Parliament for Mississauga-Erindale  
Critic for Citizenship and Immigration