Social Media Summary

Hashtags: #A2J #stopLAOcuts

Direct people to: <u>https://act.leadnow.ca/tell-your-mp-push-pause-on-unjust-</u> <u>deportations/</u> Primary Political Targets: @justintrudeau

Secondary Political Targets: @MinJusticeEn, @HonAhmedHussen, @fordnation

Background:

On April 11th, the Government of Ontario instructed Legal Aid Ontario to stop all provincial funding to refugee and immigration services, as a part of a 30% cut to the province's legal aid budget. Days later, Legal Aid Ontario discontinued all immigration and refugee services, with extremely limited exceptions.

While reminding the Province of Ontario of its funding obligations, we ask that the Government of Canada act now to guard against the serious and irreversible effects of these cuts by:

- 1. Pausing the removals for individuals who need legal aid, but cannot access it because of the legal aid crisis in Ontario
- 2. Urgently work with the Province of Ontario to find a new funding formula for legal services to end the legal aid crisis

This is a crisis that puts people's lives and liberty at risk. Canadians are fortunate to live in a country shaped, over the centuries, by the dreams and hard work of millions of immigrants who have helped shape core values of this country: fairness, justice, diversity. The Government of Ontario's recent cuts to legal aid services to immigrants and refugees stand in conflict with these principles.

Ask:

On June 12, the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL) and the Refugee Lawyers Association (RLA) will call on the federal government to act. We need your help to show that Canadians support federal government action to prevent the harm of Ontario's budget cuts.

You can act by:

- On June 12th (or soon thereafter!) Tweet at the federal government so Prime Minister Trudeau hears loudly from Canadians about the need for immediate action to prevent harm from Ontario's budget cuts.
- Take action and write to your MP to stop the cuts to Legal Aid Ontario at: <u>https://act.leadnow.ca/tell-your-mp-push-pause-on-unjust-deportations/</u>

Twitter:

I want to live in a Canada that stands with refugees, #a2j, and human rights. #stopLAOcuts! @JustinTrudeau @MinJusticeEn @HonAhmedHussen @fordnation

Facebook:

I want to live in a Canada that stands with refugees and for human rights. Immediately #stopLAOcuts! @justin trudeau @ontarioPC. Tell your MP no deportations and stop the LAO cuts at <u>https://act.leadnow.ca/tell-your-</u> <u>mp-push-pause-on-unjust-deportations/</u>.



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