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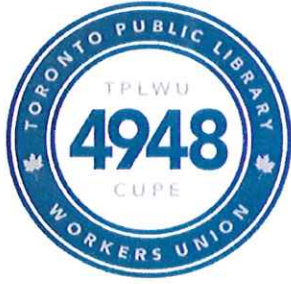
Honourable Jason Kenny
Minister of Immigration
Government of Canada

Dear Mr. Kenney

I am writing to you on behalf of the Toronto Public Library Workers Union (TPLWU) Local 4948 CUPE, representing 2300 library workers at the Toronto Public Library. We are asking you to use your ministerial discretion under Section 25 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to grant Gary Freeman a temporary resident permit in order that Mr. Freeman May return from the United States to Canada to be reunited with his family.

Mr. Freeman, a member of our Union for over 15 years, has been denied entry into Canada as a result of events which took place over 40 years ago in Chicago, at a time of very ugly and volatile racial tensions in that city. Since arriving in Canada, he lived an exemplary life as a husband and father with a Canadian family, and he server as a mentor and role-model for many African-Canadian youth in our community. As a library worker, he was well respected by our members, who requested of us assistance in returning Mr. Freeman to his job at the library and to his family.

Mr. Freeman poses no threat to anyone in Canada, and the United States Government has posed no objection to his returning to Canada. We are requesting that you exercise your discretion in this matter, on humanitarian and compassionate



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grounds, to grant Gary Freeman a temporary resident permit that will allow him to be reunited with his Canadian wife and children.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Brendan Haley

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Cc Paul Moist , CUPE National President