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Via Email: [carna@nurses.ab.ca](mailto:carna@nurses.ab.ca)

College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta  
11120 178 Street  
Edmonton, AB T5S 1P2

Dear Council:

**Re: Letter of Support for Fast Tracking Immigrant Nurses for Certification in Alberta**

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Council respectfully requests that the College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta consider fast tracking immigrant nurses to qualify to work in Alberta in all communities currently facing nursing shortages.

Our current health crisis has clearly demonstrated the need for additional nurses to support and enhance our current caregivers that are overworked and stretched to capacity when there are many immigrant nurses sitting on the sidelines forced to work in underemployed positions to make ends meet.

We recognize that it is a great responsibility to ensure that foreign educated nurses are qualified to Canadian standards, but it appears that the current process is too cumbersome and that as a country we are losing out on this virtually untapped pool of skilled medical professionals.

We thank you for your kind consideration and hope that we can all work together to find a solution to this problem, or at the very least to make improvements to the current accreditation process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blair Painter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: The Honorable Jason Copping, Minister of Health  
Alberta Municipalities  
Rural Municipalities Association