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Dear Mr. Mohammed and Mr. Muscati:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 27, 2021, outlining the findings and recommendations in your organizations' report on immigration detention in Canada, and your request for a meeting to discuss this issue.

I would like to assure you that the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) takes the findings of this report very seriously. While the Agency is not in a position to respond on behalf of other organizations and stakeholders mentioned in the report, we will conduct a detailed review of each of your CBSA-specific concerns and recommendations and assess how we can address them. To this end, I have asked my officials to contact your respective offices to schedule a meeting with Mr. Scott Harris, Vice-President of the CBSA's Intelligence and Enforcement Branch.

I would also like to take this opportunity to assure you that the CBSA is committed to upholding the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as well as relevant international standards set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Agency is committed to ensuring the dignified and humane treatment of all persons detained pursuant to immigration legislation.

I would like to conclude by thanking you again for your findings and recommendations on this important issue. I look forward to our continued collaboration through our respective offices.

Yours sincerely,

June 15, 2021

John Ossowski

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