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Letter of the day

MLAs urged to assist the Maeng family**To The Editor:**

The following was sent Monday to Metro Moncton MLAs and Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe Member of Parliament Robert Goguen:

As you are aware, the citizens of Greater Moncton and New Brunswick are deeply concerned about the possible expulsion of the Maeng family.

First and foremost, let me say that I am more than aware that every one of you are sympathetic to this cause. This letter is written on the basis of an effort to assist in providing information that may be of assistance in convincing the federal authorities to

reverse or postpone their decision.

The youngest child in the Maeng family apparently is much better in the last two years. His services are from provincial resources, being a teacher's assistant and a respite worker from Social Development. It may be somewhat "convincing" to the federal government to reverse this decision if they were aware that the provincial government is more than willing to forego these expenses for the future.

As you are aware, we need immigrants in New Brunswick and soon. I understand this family is

part of a provincial nominee program. They have been here eight years. The family, with the medical situation as it was, were admitted in 2003. That was the time for the federal government to refuse and not now when they have become part of our society. Just on the costs alone, I think we can all be in agreement that this family and other immigrants like them will more than pay back the financial requirements.

I am hopeful that you will all agree to a unanimous motion from the Legislative Assembly requesting an immediate exemption order from the federal

minister, Jason Kenny. It is my understanding that our new MP, Robert Goguen is working on this matter and favourable to a positive resolution for the benefit of the family and community. I am confident that he is doing his utmost.

If Mr. Goguen is not successful then I do believe the motion above noted would help provide a final convincing argument to the federal government. I look forward to being of any assistance myself and other members of the community may be.

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