



HON DAVID CARTER

National Member of Parliament

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Hon David Cunliffe
Minister of Immigration
Executive Wing
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Dear Minister

Re: Harmon Wilfred
Date of Birth: 29 May 1949

I wish to record my interest in the application of Mr Harmon Wilfred for him to become a New Zealand resident.

He is currently challenging a decision of the Removal Review Authority, and has made application to the High Court for a judicial review of this decision.

I have known Mr Wilfred since he arrived in New Zealand in 2001, and observed him and his wife, Carolyn Dare-Wilfred as committed, contributing members of our Christchurch community.

Mr Wilfred has established considerable business interests in New Zealand, specialising in communication technology. He has freely given his time and his family's significant financial resources to philanthropic organisations, such as the Champion Centre, a well regarded facility that assists young children with special needs.

To further demonstrate their commitment to New Zealand, a charitable trust La Famia Foundation NZ has been established, which is working to assist those families in need that have been identified in the Canterbury Region. Hon Lianne Dalziel is well aware of the work of the La Famia Foundation NZ.

He and his wife Carolyn are popular, and well regarded residents of the Sumner community, the suburb in which they have established and renovated their beautiful home. Carolyn has already been granted a business visa by New Zealand Immigration Service, recognising her personal financial contribution to the business interests that they have established, and which are actively managed by her husband.

Whilst I accept there is little that you as Minister will want to do whilst legal proceedings are underway, I want to advise that if Mr Wilfred is unsuccessful then I will be making strong representations to you, seeking your intervention to ensure that Harmon and Carolyn Wilfred are able to make New Zealand their permanent home.

Yours sincerely

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