

## **Motion on Solidarity Statement for Migrant Justice**

**Whereas** - The statement below and the calls for action against Bill C-2 from Migrant Rights Network align with our values as an organization

**Be it resolved that** - The Vancouver Tenants Union publicly endorses the joint group statement written by Migrant Rights Network calling for the withdrawal of Bill C-2, and encourages individual union members to participate in the campaign against Bill C-2.

### **Deport hate not people: stop Bill C-2!**

By giving borders and state agents unchecked powers to cancel immigration documents, invade our privacy and limit drastically the possibility to apply for asylum, Mark Carney's Bill C-2 - also known as the "Strong Borders Act" - continues a long and sordid history of scapegoating migrants within Canada for conditions created by the interrelated systems of capitalism and imperialism that our government reproduces and expands.

As tenants, we reject any argument which attempts to shift blame for the rent crisis from the ruling capitalist and political classes to refugees, migrants, or any other minority group. This crisis is caused by developers, who destroy our homes for their profits, and by the governments which give them free reign after bringing the construction of social housing to a halt in the 1990's and 2000's.

We condemn the Canadian government which strengthens its colonial policies by continuing to impose its illegitimate borders and forced migrations on Indigenous nations as it plunders and destroys their lands.

We condemn the Canadian war machine which targets migrants and refugees through increased policing and surveillance while it chooses to continue exporting tens of millions of dollars worth of military supplies and equipment that directly facilitates the genocide of Palestinians.

We condemn the Canadian capitalist and political classes for perpetuating the system of unequal exchange between the global north and south that drives mass migration<sup>[1]</sup>.

The Vancouver Tenants Union stands with all refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and racialized people who will be targeted by this bill. It concerns all of us.

*Please read the call from Migrants Rights Network below:*

Bill C-2 is a cruel and violent law that aims to create a mass deportation machine:

**One-Year Refugee Deadline**

Bill C-2 blocks anyone in Canada over one year from claiming refugee status—even if their home country becomes dangerous after arrival. This applies retroactively to everyone since June 2020, abandoning international humanitarian law.

**Eliminates US Border Exception**

Previously, migrants crossing from the US between official ports could apply for refugee status after 14 days. Bill C-2 removes this completely, trapping vulnerable people under Trump's xenophobic policies.

**Mass Deportation Powers**

The Immigration Minister gains authority to cancel permits for entire groups without due process—including revoking permanent residency applications already submitted. Migrants could lose status overnight with no legal recourse.

**Privacy Protections Removed**

The bill allows unrestricted information sharing about migrants across all government levels. Undocumented workers asserting labour rights could face deportation when employers report them to border enforcement.

**Impact on ALL Canadians**

Mass Surveillance Without Warrants: Police and CSIS can demand your online data, emails, and browsing history from any company based only on "reasonable suspicion"—no warrant required.

**Forced Corporate Spying**

Companies must monitor your personal data under secret government orders, with full immunity for privacy violations.

**Mail Surveillance**

Canada Post can open your mail without a warrant.

**Foreign Access to Your Data**

Bill C-2 prepares Canada to share your personal information with US authorities and other foreign governments, undermining constitutional protections.

**To take action and share the Migrants Rights Network statement, follow [this link](#).**

[1] <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S095937802200005X>