

Joint Submission on Medical Inadmissibility of Immigrants

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November 16, 2017 - OCASI - Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, together with Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic (CSALC) and South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO) made a joint submission to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, for their Study on Federal Government Policies and Guidelines Regarding Medical Inadmissibility of Immigrants.

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OCASI, CSALC and SALCO ask the Committee to recommend that **Section 38(1)(c)** of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) should be repealed. The joint submission points out that the medical inadmissibility rules discriminate against people with disabilities and people with medical conditions, the provision is applied inconsistently, and there are numerous exemptions that benefit only some applicants. The submission asks the Committee to recommend that the following groups should be exempt from the provision:

- Caregivers and other migrant workers with pathway to permanent residence status
- Applicants under the H&C application process; and
- Sponsored parents and grandparents