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## **Government Takes Action to Prevent Human Smugglers from Abusing Canada's Immigration System**

**Belleville, ON** – Today, Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, announced his support for Bill C-4, the *Preventing Human Smugglers from Abusing Canada's Immigration System Act*.

This important piece of legislation, introduced by the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, and the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety, aims to crack down on criminals and prevent human smugglers from abusing Canada's immigration system.

"This government continues to be absolutely clear. Human smuggling is a despicable crime and any attempts to abuse Canada's generosity for financial gain will not be tolerated," said Minister Toews. "By re-introducing this legislation we are sending a clear message that our doors are open to those who play by the rules - including all legitimate refugees. However, we will crack down on those who endanger human lives and threaten the integrity of our borders."

"Canadians gave us a strong Mandate to prevent the abuse of our generous immigration system," said Minister Kenney. "Canadians have told us this abuse of our generosity is a real problem that must be stopped. Canada is a compassionate nation of immigrants with a proud history and tradition of welcoming refugees. At the same time, every sovereign country has a responsibility to protect its borders, and no Canadian thinks it's acceptable for criminals to abuse Canada's immigration system for financial gain."

"I am proud to back this important legislation" said Mr. Kramp. "During the last election campaign, the constituents of Prince Edward-Hastings made it clear that they want our Government to take action to put an end to human smuggling. I am happy to be part of a Government that is delivering on its commitments."

Mr. Kramp also said, "Human trafficking is an issue about which I have always been deeply concerned. When I attended the Asia Pacific Forum I was able, in my role as spokesperson for the government, to communicate Canada's position on this heinous crime. "