Comparative Perspective from Canada

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Direct contact, interviewed and did referral cases of migrant workers, TFW and Live-in Caregivers who are victims of varied exploitations and abusive employers

- Denny's Restaurant TFW Food Services: Won 1.10 million lawsuit (30 workers)

- Tunnel Workers: Recruited by a 3rd party Agency with excessive agency fees and promised of Immigrant Status upon arrival in Canada: 16 of these Workers qualified for Provincial Nominee and were granted Skilled Worker Status

- 2010 Olympic Workers: laid-off after 3 months of employment left them all in debts from their recruiters

- Federal Live-in Caregivers: vulnerable to employer brutalities due to scope of living within the premises of employment

- Farm/Agricultural Workers, Bee Keepers, Chicken Catchers, Mushroom Growers, Cattle/Horse Groomers, Fish Cutters, Fruit Pickers and other Production Workers: Advocated in behalf of Workers Standard of Living Condition and Health Care Benefits

Recommendations:

For Canadian Federal Immigration to regulate or abolish the 3rd party Recruiters/Agencies collecting excessive fees from workers

Host Country accepting Migrant/ Foreign Workers to promulgate Stricter Rules and Laws for Employers of TFW/OFW and Federal Live-in Caregivers

For All Migrant workers Union/Non-Union/TFW/OFW/ Live-in Caregivers to be fully aware and be educated and know their rights

Stronger push and rally all forms of government agencies to recognize and accredit foreign professional credentials and international experience