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Dear Mr. Hickey:

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your correspondence of August 22, 2013, to the Honourable Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, concerning Mr. Deepan Budlakoti.

The *Privacy Act* prohibits me from commenting on this case or acknowledging whether or not information exists without the written authorization of Mr. Budlakoti. I am, however, able to provide you with the following general information.

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), as specified in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, has a statutory obligation to remove, as soon as possible, any foreign national who is inadmissible to Canada and has been issued a removal order that has come into force.

The ability to remove people is essential to maintaining the integrity of the immigration program and ensuring fairness for those who come to this country lawfully. Everyone ordered removed from Canada is entitled to due process before the law and has access to various levels of appeal, including judicial review. However, once a removal order becomes enforceable, individuals are expected to obey the law and leave Canada as directed.

I can assure you that the Government of Canada and the CBSA are committed to the fair and equitable application of Canada's immigration laws.

Thank you again for writing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Blaney".

Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness