

## News Release

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### MP Sahota calls Global Skills Strategy a Game Changer

12/06/2017 – Ottawa, Ontario – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, praises the Government of Canada’s new Global Skills Strategy, which gives employers a faster and more predictable process for bringing top talent and new skills into Canada.

This new Global Skills Strategy was developed as the result of Government consultations in which employers indicated that processing and permit requirements presented significant hardship in attracting highly-skilled workers. Without this Skills Strategy, we risk losing these employers and these highly-skilled workers to other competitive economies.

“The Global Skills Strategy will allow Canadian employers, who are investing in people and skills here in Canada, to continue to grow by attracting top talent from around the world,” remarks MP Sahota. “This Strategy will make it easier for companies doing business in Canada to hire highly trained people, both in Canada and abroad, and will position our country as a global innovation leader.”

The Global Skills Strategy includes four key pillars:

- a new Global Talent Stream of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program featuring enhanced client service and fast Labour Market Impact Assessment process times;
- two week work permit/temporary resident visa processing for highly-skilled International Mobility Program applicants and applicants through the Global Talent Stream of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program, as well as the partners and dependents of those applicants;
- work permit exemptions for highly-skilled workers coming to Canada for short-term work assignments and for researchers coming to Canada to participate in short duration research projects; and
- a dedicated service channel that will work with employers who are planning job-creating investments in Canada

This Strategy will create economic growth and more middle-class jobs for Canadians, and it is essential that we continue to invest in innovation, skills, and education as we build the foundation for a bright future for our economy.

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