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Committee Secretary, Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee, PO Box 6100,
Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600, Australia.

Dear Sir/ Madam,
Submission against the migration amendment (Visa capping bill)

I would like to forward my following request for your kind attention against the new migration amendment.

I arrived in Australia as an International student in 2006 with the hope of completing my studies and becoming a permanent resident in your great country. In order to do so I had to spend an extremely large amount of money and go through great turmoil as international student living alone.

My parents have spent a very large amount of money for my studies and my living expenses. I also spent a lot of time on my studies to complete my degree in order to meet the requirement criteria to apply for the permanent residency in your country. The whole reason for deciding to come and study in Australia was so that I could apply for permanent residency after completing my studies. Since submitting my application I have been patiently waiting for it to be approved for more than a year now.

So you can clearly understand my dismay in realising that I may not even be considered for permanent residency in your country. I think this is really unfair as it is a very important turning point in my life. As if I don't get permanent residency in your country even though I have met the criteria all the time and money I have spent would be wasted.

I hope you can kindly reconsider this bill and not make the visa capping amendment. Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully,

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