

October 15, 2025

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir or Madam,

The proposal to extend the residency requirement for naturalization from five to ten years, which aligns with the right-wing agenda spreading across Europe, is deeply concerning and contradicts the current welcoming stance of the Netherlands. As a skilled worker visa holder, I moved to the Netherlands after eight years in Sweden, where I was not granted residency despite continuous prolongations. The Netherlands well-thought-out migration rules were a key factor in my decision to relocate here. I was granted a five-year visa, with the expectation of applying for permanent residency and, eventually, full citizenship by 2030. However, this proposed law would drastically alter my plans and those of many other skilled workers who have chosen the Netherlands as their home.

This change would significantly impact my long-term decisions and may even force me to consider migrating again. For someone like me, who has been actively contributing to Dutch industry, this proposal feels profoundly unwelcoming. It risks deterring both those already integrating into Dutch society and prospective skilled workers who might choose the Netherlands for professional and personal reasons. I urge you to reconsider this proposal to maintain the Netherlands reputation as an attractive destination for global talent.

Regards,