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Hon. Lisa Raitt
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Minister Raitt,

I am writing to share the concerns of my community regarding overhead noise from air traffic heading to and from Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Since Nav Canada's 2012 change to flight paths in the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal corridor, and the subsequent increase in the night flight budget, my office has received an increase in complaints about the noise from these aircraft. Residents in the High Park area in particular are reporting great disturbance because of the increase in air traffic.

I understand that, earlier this month, you spoke at the annual general meeting of NavCanada and that you took the opportunity to raise community concerns. I would welcome to the opportunity to hear your thoughts on this issue as Transport Minister and to start a conversation about how we might find a greater balance between the needs of travelers and the comfort of residents in Toronto's west end.

I have also reached out directly to the GTAA and Nav Canada about this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Nash". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peggy Nash, MP
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cc. Hoang Mai, Official Opposition Transport Critic