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*Member of Parliament / députée – Toronto-St. Paul's*

Hon. Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport  
Transport Canada  
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March 2, 2015

Dear Minister Raitt,

I am writing to follow up with you regarding the ongoing issue of excessive aircraft noise over my riding of St. Paul's, resulting from the 2012 flight path changes at the Toronto International Airport. Specifically, I would like to highlight the efforts of local community groups, such as the Toronto Aviation Noise Group (T.A.N.G.), to identify effective ways to mitigate the negative impact that this chronic noise is having on my constituents' health and on the enjoyment of their homes and our neighborhood.

I understand that T.A.N.G. has provided your office with an independent report, the Inch Report, which outlines a number of recommendations that could potentially reduce the level and frequency of the aircraft noise impacting the residents of St. Paul's. I am also advised that an electronic version of this report is now available at the following internet address:  
<https://northtoronto.files.wordpress.com/2015/02/inch-report.pdf>

On behalf of my constituents, I urge you and your officials to review the Inch Report to see if any of the recommendations would indeed reduce the scope and/or frequency of the aircraft noise over St. Paul's and if it would be feasible to implement any of those effective recommendations.

I have also recently met with NAV Canada and, in addition to reviewing the recommendations in the Inch Report, they assure me that they are aggressively reviewing other possible mitigation measures related to aircraft noise over St. Paul's. I request that you explore the feasibility of those solutions, such as periodic runway rotations, with NAV Canada officials.

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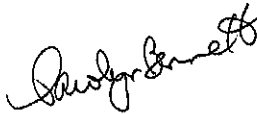
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This ongoing noise issue is not simply a nuisance for my constituents, but is having a significant impact on both the health and peace of mind of many residents of my community. I urge you to review the suggestions put forward by T.A.N.G., and the work being done by NAV Canada, regarding reasonable aircraft noise mitigation measures for the residents of St. Paul's. I also request the implementation of any viable solutions as soon as possible.

Please keep me up to date on actions or initiatives you are undertaking regarding this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Bennett', written in a cursive style.

Hon. Carolyn Bennett M.D., M.P.  
Toronto-St Paul's