



April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, M.P.

Minister of Transport

Ottawa

Dear Minister Raitt,

As we move into the remaining months of your government's mandate, The Toronto Aviation Noise Group would like to take this final opportunity to review the Objective and Benchmark of our now over three year effort to find relief from the excessive aviation noise under which we live, many kilometres from Pearson airport.

Our expectations, set out in our letter to you of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 remain appropriate in the context of the much enhanced technical proposals provided in recent months by our consultant, Captain David Inch.

These expectations, contained in our September letter, follow:

### ***"T.A.N.G.'s Objective***

T.A.N.G.'s fundamental objective is to achieve an amended air space design that adequately mitigates the disproportionate impact of the 2012 changes and that represents a more balanced and safe approach to flight traffic that is fair to all Toronto residents.

### ***Benchmark for Reduction of Over-flights***

We submit that a necessary benchmark to measure the effectiveness of any refinements to the flight path, whether those proposed below or others, would be a minimum 50% reduction in the frequency of flights passing over our homes as well as a significant reduction in the speed-brake whine of turning aircraft."

As you are aware Captain Inch has prepared and presented to your officials, and others, specific ways of achieving the above goals while at the same time enhancing:

Safety  
Efficiency/Cost Savings (Fuel and Time)  
Environmental Stewardship (Fuel/Emissions/Noise)  
Community Engagement (Noise)

We learned very early in our efforts that Nav Canada has an extremely poor record of engagement with the public. Captain Inch was told at an early meeting with Nav Canada at Pearson that “We have no responsibility for noise” and our observation of their corporate behaviour supports that position. All evidence to date would suggest that Nav Canada is unwilling to *voluntarily* entertain any solution to our noise problem. We have also learned that, although we are often advised to the contrary, CENAC has no mandate to effect any change in our situation of recurrent aircraft noise.

We therefore continue to look to you, Minister Raitt, to exercise the authority of your office in the service of citizens’ quality of life and health. We have provided workable solutions which have the significant advantage of being applicable to additional Pearson flight paths. There may be others. Our Objective and Benchmark are clear and, we believe, reasonable. We have done our part.

We look forward to your finding a way through the current jurisdictional quagmire to a place where a solution to the disastrous airspace design under which we live can be achieved.

Again we welcome the opportunity to meet with you as solutions are developed.

Sincerely

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