

February 24, 2015

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, M.P.
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Raitt,

As the newly elected Toronto City Councillor for Ward 26, Don Valley West, I wish to thank you for your active engagement with **The Toronto Aviation Noise Group (T.A.N.G.)** and the thousands of constituents they represent. What began with a handful of neighbours in the Leaside area has now expanded into a broad consensus of residents and multiple ratepayer associations from midtown Toronto communities negatively affected by the highly concentrated arrivals route at Toronto Pearson International Airport. The lack of effective consultation by Nav Canada prior to implementation has resulted in an aviation noise problem that has significantly affected the enjoyment of their homes and quality of life.

The current T.A.N.G. update indicates that you were presented with a November, 2014 submission referred to as **The Inch Report**, a technical document that provides in detail, safe solutions to the unacceptable noise under which they live. I have circulated the report and the February, 2015, T.A.N.G. update among my fellow councillors whose ward boundaries and constituents are affected by the new airspace design. We are all encouraged by the multi-party benefit, proposals that include reduced GHG emissions, relief from aircraft noise, savings for the airlines, and happy constituents.

As a result of this newly released report, a **coalition of Toronto city councillors** copied below, wish to acknowledge their official support of T.A.N.G. and the Inch Report. We ask that you give full consideration to the proposed recommendations that we believe are both innovative and effective solutions to the problem created by Nav Canada three years ago.

As meetings and deliberations take place with Transport Canada, Nav Canada and other industry decision makers we wish to thank you Minister Raitt as well as M.P. John Carmichael for facilitating these opportunities.

We look forward to learning that a safe, community sensitive resolution has been found and that swift implementation will follow.



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