

The Honourable Marc Garneau, M.P.

Minister of Transport

House of Commons

Ottawa, Ontario

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Dear Minister Garneau,

I write to you on behalf of a coalition of Toronto city councillors, copied below, that acknowledges official support for **The Toronto Aviation Noise Group (T.A.N.G.)** and the thousands of constituents they represent. For well over three years they have tirelessly advocated for midtown and lakefront wards in west Toronto that have been negatively affected by the new, highly concentrated arrivals route at Toronto Pearson International Airport. The lack of effective consultation prior to the 2012 implementation has resulted in an aviation noise "disaster" (MP Lisa Raitt, June, 2015) that has significantly affected the enjoyment of their homes and quality of life. Recent GTAA announcements and international hub projections indicate the current intolerable situation will worsen.

Despite the June 17, 2015 announcement of a new **Airspace Change Communications and Consultation Protocol** and community roundtable meetings conducted in the summer of 2015 constituents remain vulnerable, unprotected and without participation in their future. T.A.N.G. has reached out to newly elected representatives and others including MP Bennett, who has had a lengthy working relationship with the T.A.N.G. executive and more recently MP Oliphant.

In 2012, City Council passed a motion by Councillor Josh Matlow requesting NAV CANADA and then Minister of Transportation Infrastructure and Communities, review flight paths to reduce airplane related noise pollution. Minister Garneau, we respectfully ask that your ministry give consideration to familiarizing yourself with the issue of aviation noise in Toronto and work with affected Toronto caucus members on improving upon the deficiencies in the current voluntary protocol.

City of Toronto constituents are your federal constituents; they live under the same flight path, the same sky. Our coalition of Councillors is prepared to co-operatively work with you in finding a community sensitive resolution. We look forward to hearing from you as to how we can participate in bringing about this change.

Sincerely,

Jon Burnside – Ward 26 City Councillor

Christin Carmichael Greb – Ward 16 City Councillor

Sarah Doucette – Ward 13 City Councillor

Josh Matlow – Ward 22 City Councillor

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