

January 15, 2015

Hon. Lisa Raitt, P.C., MP
Minister of Transport
Transport Canada
330 Sparks Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Dear Minister Raitt:

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents in the riding of St. Paul's, following up on my previous letter sent February 7, 2014.

Once again, I am appealing to you to request that you advise your ministry and Nav Canada to provide assurances to communities in midtown and north Toronto that health and safety concerns will be appropriately addressed pertaining to recent flight-path changes for large jet aircrafts accessing Pearson International Airport. Furthermore, I urge your ministry to expand its community consultation process to implement one that is more open and transparent for community members to be more involved in future changes to Pearson International flight paths.

As I am sure you are aware, the amendment of flight paths approaching Pearson International Airport by Nav Canada in 2012 was performed with minimal community consultation. I feel that a more in-depth consultation process should have been considered as this is an issue that affects over two million Toronto residents.

Since our last correspondence on this issue, I have continued to receive many noise complaints relating to low-flying jet aircrafts. I am also troubled by the health concerns expressed by hundreds of community members. To my knowledge, neither Nav Canada, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority nor Transport Canada have responded to residents who have voiced their concerns. I wish to endorse the efforts of the Toronto Aviation Noise Group (TANG) as well as federal MP Carolyn Bennett in urging Nav Canada to engage in more thorough community consultations, as well as address the health and noise concerns of those affected by the changed flight path.

I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss these issues further. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Dr. Eric Hoskins, MPP
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cc. Toronto Aviation Noise Group; Dr. Carolyn Bennett, MP