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The Hon. Marc Garneau, M.P., Minister of Transport
Transport Canada
330 Sparks Street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Minister Garneau,

I am writing you on behalf of constituents in Don Valley West regarding low flying aircraft on the flight path to Pearson International Airport. As I am sure you are aware, NAV Canada changed the flight paths to Pearson Airport in February 2012. This change resulted in a dramatic increase in air traffic over neighbourhoods in my riding where traditionally there was very little. This has become a problem for many people in several of the neighbourhoods which make up my riding. Concerns have particularly been raised about the possible adverse effects on the physical and mental health of my constituents.

I support the efforts made by the Toronto Aviation Noise Group (T.A.N.G.) to help find ways to reduce noise in our communities. I understand that T.A.N.G. has provided you with a copy of the "Inch Report", an independent report authored by Captain David Inch. I have attached a link to the report below for your consideration. While I recognise that a significant portion of the responsibility for this issue is not within your direct control, or that of your department, I urge you to give this report full and fair consideration. As you will see, Captain Inch's recommendations will not only have a direct impact on the life of my constituents but will also decrease total flight times and fuel costs for the airlines.

This issue is not restricted to the communities of Don Valley West; it affects many neighbourhoods across north Toronto. Other Members of Parliament have expressed their concern with me over this issue, including your cabinet colleague the Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs. Minister Bennett and I would greatly appreciate if you, in your capacity as Minister of Transport, would be able to meet with us about this important issue and what might be able to be done to reduce aviation noise in our area.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.

Yours truly,

Robert Oliphant, M.P.
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The Inch Report: <https://northtoronto.files.wordpress.com/2015/02/inch-report.pdf>

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