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The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
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Dear Minister Garneau,

From our combined experience of aviation, both military and civil, since 1957, of many years of international regulatory experience and the current worldwide experience in civil commercial air transport of one of our number, we assess that there is something amiss with the air traffic control situation in Canada. Our letter to you dated December 6, 2015 is also relevant. As a result, we should appreciate your reaction to the following proposals:

We think that there should be a complete review of the progress, activities and governance of NAV CANADA, it now being twenty years since the formation of that body and no such review has ever been conducted. That a review is necessary is evidenced by the letting of the contract for an outside party to undertake a review of Toronto airspace. This Toronto Airspace Review resulted from a realization that there were deficiencies in terminal area procedures, a disregard of recognized international practices and a disregard of the need to inform and consult residents in the affected area. It is also apparent that the deficiencies affecting the Toronto Airspace can be found in terminal areas across Canada; and

with particular respect to one aspect of the governance of NAV CANADA, we suggest that the appointment and responsibilities of Directors on the Board should be changed such that a Member of Parliament, from one of the affected areas, could be appointed to the Board by the Minister to effectively represent the interests of residents. Such a Member of Parliament would have the benefit of direct access to the Minister and to other Members of Parliament representing similarly affected residents in areas surrounding other international airports in Canada.

We hope that you will give favourable consideration to these proposals since we are convinced of the absolute necessity of such a review and action.

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