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Dear Mr. Herner and Ms. Marshall,

Thank you for your response to my letter dated 24 December 2015. We heartily agree the GTAA has achieved an enviable record in the reduction of noise and emissions throughout the airport operations area and its immediate environs.

The problem, as outlined in my original letter, is further afield. When the 10 nautical-mile limit for reporting aircraft noise was changed, the GTAA was left in the untenable position of having to defend NAV CANADA's actions, not its own. The situation is made worse by the fact that such complaints are reported to the Community Environment and Noise Advisory Committee (CENAC), a body with no authority or power to make improvements or change to these particular noise issues.

We understand your desire to embrace the noise management protocol and consultation process referenced in your letter. Unfortunately the process described by the former Minister of Transportation as one that would provide those living under flight paths "... a place at the table – a big place" in fact, completely ignores them. NAV CANADA continues to propound its original six ideas even though they were opposed by many who attended the consultations. Several soundly-based alternatives were put forward, but appear to have been disregarded. Once again, the GTAA has been asked to fill a role as organizer and intermediary when indeed the issues at hand are not of its creation or within its realm to resolve.

We wonder if instead of acting as apologists for NAV CANADA the GTAA could assist the interests of the residents of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), in a more effective way? A meaningful exchange of ideas with our CENAC representatives and our Municipal GTAA representative would be an appropriate place to begin. I and at least one other member of our Executive can be available at almost any time. I should therefore be grateful if you would propose a time and date convenient to your selves.

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