

January 13, 2021

The Honourable Omar Alghabra, P.C.
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Alghabra,

On behalf of the almost 50,000 people employed by Canada's \$12.1 billion business aviation sector, the Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA) most sincerely congratulates you on your appointment as Minister of Transport.

By way of this letter, it is our honour to introduce you to the business aviation industry and open a dialogue on how our sector can contribute to Canada's economic recovery in both the long and short term.

Business aviation supports Canadian corporations and communities with the highest levels of personal safety and efficiency, transporting people and goods to their destinations, with minimal crowding, direct flights and full knowledge of all passengers' names and contact information. Over the last few months, business flights have repatriated Canadians from around the world, supplied countless flights to provide medical and emergency assistance to remote regions and finally, allowed our communities to stay connected in the face of a growing number of airline service cancellations to small airports.

Business aviation is an essential service that provides connectivity to remote locations and supplies and aid for Indigenous and rural communities. Using new aircraft and cutting-edge technologies, it is a responsible and committed steward of the environment, advancing important initiatives such as the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuels. It is an increasingly viable alternative to commercial airline travel for many Canadians from all walks of life and income levels, particularly with scheduled service reduced in Canada by as much as 90 percent or more.

Minister, we are eager to work with you on finding solutions that support aviation and the Canadian economy. Most critically, we ask you to act on the urgent challenge to introduce testing for the virus to a wider group of airports and the business aviation's fixed based operations locations, to allow us to reduce the 14-day quarantine requirement safely. As well, we ask that any sector-wide remediation efforts announced by your government include non-scheduled as well as scheduled flight operators, airports and air navigation service providers.

Mr. Alghabra, we are excited to have an opportunity to share more about our dynamic sector with you as we work together to find a way forward. Please be assured you have the full support of the business aviation community as you work to find the right way forward during the critical weeks ahead. We stand ready to help in any way we can.

Sincerely,



Anthony Norejko
President and CEO